PLC spent this year with a dedicated focus on improving aspects of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), mental health and wellness, and connection within our community despite our physical distance due to COVID. To this end, our professional staff and current students worked diligently to overhaul our outreach process, refine our academic experiences, and ensure students’ access to leadership development opportunities that promote increased levels of DEI and community engagement. Though this journey is far from over, we are incredibly proud of the progress made thus far. Through the continued dedication and ingenuity of our students, there is no doubt PLC will continue to set a high standard for leadership programming in the state of Colorado.

“I’m most proud of reaching out to the youth organization, Colorado Young Leaders. After introducing them to the program, we’ve begun to engineer an exciting new relationship between PLC and CYL that encourages joint service projects and recruitment collaboration.” - Abigail Brown; CORPS Team

“The mentor/mentee relationships that have formed are truly special. I have talked to them about struggles regarding leadership, friendships, family life, and any topic relevant to their lives. It has been amazing to learn from these young, brilliant minds. LEAD Colorado is a truly special program.” - Allie Reuter; Service Coordinator

“I’ve been working as a copy-editor for a team of educators at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, developing course materials for 4th year medical students. This has extended into a larger project where we are designing standardized open educational resources (OERs) to act as a national curriculum for all US medical schools.” - Bella Horton; ENLP 3100 CA

Project Deviate

“The following takeaways are presented in the spirit of acknowledging PLC’s genuine care and concern for students, alumni, staff, faculty, and board members, in seeking to foster a program and environment where all students can learn, thrive, and foster lasting relationships. PLC has also already begun taking important steps in this direction. Far from discounting these efforts, the findings will provide a foundation of understanding from which PLC can build meaningful change in DEI in its community.” - Sean Kenney & Kathryn Leslie

Service

We have taken a new approach that has been more conducive to pandemic-style service as well as has created an inclusive space to include service opportunities that reflect more diversity within our greater Boulder community.

7 Service Partners
- Active Minds
- Connecting Flight
- Colorado Young Leaders
- Ramble on Pearl
- Unmask the Racism
- The Technology Student Association
- The Center for African and African American Studies

Corps

The former R&S team was renamed and expanded to 6 members and shifted their focus to building relationships with schools and organizations working with students previously not reached by PLC emails and communication campaigns.

6 New Relationships
- Minds Matter
- A Precious Child
- Colorado Young Leaders
- Colorado Youth Congress
- I Have a Dream Foundation
- Denver Scholarship Foundation