

Featured Alumni - Lisa Powers (PLC '11)

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As a recent PLC alumna, Lisa Powers has just begun her career in education and working to improve the lives of students across the state of Colorado, where she originally grew up. She currently works for the Colorado Education Initiative, an organization that strives to accelerate education improvement and innovation across the state. Lisa specifically works to help create more AP classes for high schools and is grateful to be able to work with such inspiring individuals. Her organization is also partnered with CU Boulder and offers paid summer internships for current students through CU Boulder's PIIE program.

Lisa always enjoyed education and confirmed her love for teaching in college through her experiences as a First-Year and Multi-Level Issues CA for PLC. Though she was originally interested in law, after realizing how much she enjoyed developing meaningful connections with students, Lisa decided to further pursue her passion for education. She describes her time in PLC as one of the best parts of her college career, and credits being a CA as the best thing she ever did in college.

Lisa describes herself as someone who loves helping others be their best, and she plans to attend graduate school in the near future to fulfill this calling. She hopes to become a high school guidance counselor to be able to support students in their current academics, as well as prepare them for the future. In her free time, Lisa enjoys studying languages and is currently learning Spanish. She hopes to immerse herself in the language by moving to South America one day to expand her cultural knowledge and experience something new.

Lisa encourages students to know that uncertainty is common, and it is okay for your life plan to change trajectory over time as you experience new things, just as hers has along her journey.
