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REBECCA CROWE IS NAMED AS NEXT

PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF CLAYTON EARLY LEARNING

Charlotte M. Brantley will step down after 13 years of leadership.

Denver, CO – Clayton Early Learning has named Rebecca (Becky) Crowe as the organization’s next president and chief executive officer, following an exhaustive national search. Crowe will assume her new role on June 10, 2019.

Ms. Crowe has an extensive leadership background in education including roles in management, strategic development, philanthropy, research, policy, and community engagement. Most recently, she served as a Fellow on the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative’s Education team, including responsibility for grant making, strategy, and research focused on child development. Prior to that, Crowe was a partner with Bellwether Education Partners where she launched the Talent Advising practice to increase clients’ organizational effectiveness while building a culture committed to diversity and inclusion. She provided targeted strategic counsel to numerous school districts and education nonprofit organizations, as well as corporate clients such as Microsoft and Google. Crowe also served as the Executive Director of Partners in School Innovation with a mission of transforming the quality of early literacy teaching and learning in San Francisco Bay Area schools.

“I’m honored to be selected as the next CEO of Clayton Early Learning,” Crowe said. “Clayton’s track record of directly impacting the learning and development of children while influencing systemic change through research, evaluation, professional development, and advocacy is truly inspiring. This unique combination has and will continue to transform early childhood education in Colorado and beyond, and I am thrilled to work with the community, our partner organizations, and our dedicated staff and Board to extend this important work.”

The leadership transition has been in process since Charlotte M. Brantley, Clayton’s president and CEO for the past 13 years, announced plans to step away several months ago. Brantley remains in place through June 30 to ensure a seamless transition.

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“As Clayton continues to provide access to quality early education and care for thousands of young children, I am gratified to know that the future of this important mission will be in such capable hands,” commented Brantley. “Becky Crowe is an exceptionally talented leader, with a demonstrated passion for education. It is an exciting time for Clayton Early Learning, and I have tremendous confidence that her leadership will sustain and enhance our work in every possible way.”

Ms. Crowe is a distinguished alumna of Stanford University, having earned a bachelor’s degree in English; a master’s degree in education from the Stanford School of Education; and a master’s degree in management from the Stanford Graduate School of Business.

Ms. Crowe will join Clayton Early Learning at a high point in the organization’s history. Nationally recognized as a leader in the field of early childhood education, Clayton impacts the school readiness of more than 20,000 children in Colorado each year through a wide range of services to children and families, research and evaluation, results-driven teacher training, and focused advocacy.

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About Clayton Early Learning

Clayton Early Learning, a 501(c)(3), is Colorado’s leading catalyst in providing early care and education to ensure optimal development for all children, especially those of limited opportunities. We harness the synergy of four dynamic initiatives – classroom and family-centered practices in our school, research and program evaluation, professional development of teachers and leaders, and effective policy advocacy – to spark improved early care and education approaches statewide in collaboration with other public and private entities. Visit www.claytonearlylearning.org for more information.