

# College Success Foundation appoints James Dorsey as CEO

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James Dorsey was appointed president and CEO of College Success Foundation and will start Aug. 1.

Dorsey recently ended his term as executive director of Washington Math, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) and two-year appointment as president of MESA USA, which provides college and career support to students from backgrounds underrepresented in STEM fields.

Dorsey has been a leader of educational reform and representation in STEM fields for 35 years, according to a news release. In that time he has helped raise more than \$100 million in grants and from partnerships to close the gap in STEM undergraduate and pre-college programs.

As CSF president and CEO, Dorsey will lead the Bellevue-based nonprofit organization that provides underserved, low-income students in Washington state and Washington, D.C., with resources they need to graduate from high school, get into college and succeed there.

“James brings over 35 years of progressive leadership in improving educational equity for underserved students,” CSF board chair Robert Moser, who is the CEO of Laird Norton Wealth Management, said in a news release. “CSF has inspired more than 9,500 underserved students to graduate from college, and we are confident that James will continue CSF’s positive momentum as we approach our 20th year.”

CSF works with students across nine school districts in Washington state and two in Washington, D.C., according to its website.

Dorsey’s appointment follows a major CSF expansion in 2016, when the organization nearly doubled the number of Washington state

districts it works with, according to the news release. CSF is looking to invest in more technology and personnel to ensure its students graduate within six years.

“CSF has developed a successful multi-year support model to inspire underserved students to finish high school, graduate from college and succeed in life,” Dorsey said. “CSF has made significant inroads in helping to foster educational equity and make college accessible and affordable to underserved students. I’m eager to take CSF to the next level building upon the great work of its dedicated staff and strong Board of Directors to help thousands more students to graduate from college.”

Dorsey will be the third CEO of College Success Foundation in its 18 years of operation, succeeding Interim President and Chief Advancement Officer Michael Cheever. Cheever will be returning full-time to his role as chief advancement officer.



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