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College Signing Day Celebrates Local Underserved Students Committed to Education Beyond High School

Spokane, Wash., May 3, 2019 – College Success Foundation will host a celebration highlighting how a college education profoundly changes the lives of underserved students on May 14 at Gonzaga University. More than 200 high school seniors from five Spokane high schools who have committed to attend college this fall will participate.

The College Signing Day event will be emceed by KHQ TV News Anchor Sean Owsley, himself a first-generation college graduate. The evening will feature a banner that each student will sign signifying their intention to attend college this fall, representatives from regional colleges and universities, college scholarship drawings, a photo booth and refreshments. Students from Ferris, Lewis and Clark, North Central, Rogers and Shadle Park High Schools will be joined by their families, school representatives, advisors and other invited guests to celebrate. Each student will receive College Success Foundation honor cords to wear during their high school graduation ceremonies.

“This is a family celebration that honors and recognizes each student and their commitment to pursue a college degree and create new opportunities to succeed in life,” said College Success Foundation Regional Program Manager Shannon Demant. “This event is significant because our scholars come from low-income families, and 68 percent are the first in their family to go to college.”

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Five \$500 scholarships will be drawn randomly during the event. Eastern Washington University, Spokane Community College, Spokane Falls Community College, University of Washington and Washington State University will match scholarships for students planning to attend one of these colleges.

College Success Foundation will accept a Mayor's Proclamation stating that May 14, 2019 is officially College Success Foundation College Signing Day at the May 6 Spokane City Council Meeting. The May 14 College Signing Day event is by invitation only and will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Hemmingson Center at Gonzaga University.

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About College Success Foundation

College Success Foundation (CSF) provides a unique integrated system of supports and scholarships to inspire underserved, low-income students to finish high school, graduate from college and succeed in life. CSF is a 501(c)3 nonprofit headquartered in Bellevue, Washington and serving students in ten public school districts in Washington state and Washington, D.C.