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COLLEGE SUCCESS FOUNDATION EMPOWERING YOUTH LUNCHEON INSPIRES
LOW-INCOME STUDENTS TO REALIZE THEIR DREAM OF A COLLEGE EDUCATION

ISSAQUAH, Wash. – The College Success Foundation (CSF) annual luncheon will be held on Oct. 28, 2015, at the Seattle Sheraton. This event raises money to inspire underserved, low-income students to finish high school, graduate from college and succeed in life.

The College Success Foundation addresses the challenge that only 70% of low-income students in Washington state will graduate from high school; and only 14% will graduate from college. CSF supports its students to excel – 97% graduate from high school and 61% graduate from college!

The luncheon will be emceed by Lori Matsukawa, KING 5 News and will feature an inspirational video with alumni success stories.

Dr. Freeman A. Hrabowski III, President of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) will deliver a thought-provoking keynote that will address how to prepare students of all backgrounds for college and career success. Hrabowski was named one of the 100 Most Influential People in the World by *TIME* (2012) and under his leadership has transformed UMBC into a model of academic innovation and inclusive excellence. [For more information.](#)

Gary and Jennifer Rubens will be honored at the luncheon with the Spirit of Philanthropy Award for helping thousands of underserved youth achieve their dreams of accessing college through the work of The Rubens Family Foundation. [For more information.](#)

Deborah J. Wilds, Ph.D., formerly the president and chief operation officer of CSF will be honored with the Distinguished Service Award for outstanding leadership and lifelong service to empowering generations of underserved students with the gift education. [For more information.](#)

Colin Nguyen, CSF Alumnus, will share his amazing success story with luncheon attendees. Nguyen was honored nationally in the top three percent of the real estate industry by the time he turned 30. A real estate agent and broker with John L. Scott, he received his degree in economics from the University of Washington in 2006.

For more information on attending this inspirational luncheon to empower low-income, high potential students visit collegesuccessfoundation.org or call 425.416.2000.

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About the College Success Foundation

The College Success Foundation provides a unique integrated system of supports and scholarships to inspire underserved, low-income student to finish high school, graduate from college and succeed in life. For more information, visit collegesuccessfoundation.org.