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### Gov. Jay Inslee and Former Gov. Gary Locke scheduled to participate in The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Governors' Cup Golf Tournament

ISSAQUAH, Wash.— Gov. Jay Inslee along with former Gov. Gary Locke are scheduled to participate in the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Governors' Cup Golf Tournament on September 21 at the TPC Snoqualmie Ridge. The tournament raises funds for scholarships benefitting Washington state foster youth.

Nationally, as low as two percent of foster youth enroll in college, and even fewer earn associate or bachelor's degrees. The College Success Foundation administers the Washington State Governors' Scholarship for Foster Youth, which provides financial support for these students to attend college as well as assistance with the transition from foster homes to college campuses.

Governor Inslee and First Lady Trudi Inslee, former Gov. Gary Locke and Mona Lee Locke and former Gov. Mike Lowry are scheduled to participate in the event. Other former governors have been invited to attend.

"Trudi and I always look forward to this event and enjoy participating. These scholarships are so important to helping Washington foster youth overcome economic and other barriers to college and help build a solid foundation for these students," Inslee said.

Earlier this year, 40 foster youth were honored for the Governors' Scholarship for Foster Youth during a ceremony at the Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma. These recipients will receive up to \$20,000 each over five years while enrolled at an eligible college or university. The scholarship program is primarily

funded by proceeds from the annual Governors' Cup Golf Tournament, which raises approximately \$400,000 per year.

"We thank Governor Inslee, along with all of the former Washington governors, for their continued support of this essential program," said Yolanda Watson Spiva, Ph.D., president and CEO of the College Success Foundation. "Every student has the right to earn a college education and achieve the American Dream. This Governors' Scholarship helps to ensure that foster youth in our state have an equal opportunity to accomplish that life-changing goal."

Former Gov. Gary Locke created the Governors' Scholarship for Foster Youth in 2001, and Gov. Inslee, along with the other former governors who succeeded Gov. Locke, continue to support and advocate for the program. The Governors' Scholarship was established to assist Washington youth who will transition from state or federally recognized foster, group or kinship care to enroll in and complete degrees or certificates at eligible colleges in Washington state.

Students can use their scholarships for up to six years to complete a bachelor's degree. Students receive on-campus mentoring to help them adjust to collegiate life. They are also advised of other available resources with CSF partner organizations.

KKR is the founding sponsor of the Governors' Cup and Nike is a legacy sponsor. To find out more about the scholarship program, please visit [collegesuccessfoundation.org/wa/scholarships/governors](https://collegesuccessfoundation.org/wa/scholarships/governors).

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