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James Dorsey Appointed New CEO of College Success Foundation

BELLEVUE, WASH., June 25, 2018— College Success Foundation today announced that its board of directors has chosen James Dorsey as the organization's next President and CEO. Dorsey, who until recently was Executive Director of Washington MESA and President of MESA USA, will be the third chief to lead the organization since its launch in 2000. He will succeed Michael Cheever, the organization's Interim President and Chief Advancement Officer, on August 1, 2018.

"After a comprehensive search process, we are pleased that James will lead College Success Foundation into its next stage of growth," said Robert Moser, CSF board chair. "James brings over 35 years of progressive leadership in improving educational equity for underserved students. 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."

Dorsey's tenure initiates an exciting next phase for CSF. CSF expanded into four new Washington state public school districts in 2016, dramatically increasing the number of underserved, low-income students served. Now the organization is investing in college transition and completion services to ensure equitable access to critical postsecondary resources and support. The new college support model will prioritize investments in technology, content and people that can support high-impact, cost-effective results and ensure that all CSF high school graduates complete college within six years.

CSF's vision is to break cycles of intergenerational poverty by providing equal opportunities for all students to access and complete a postsecondary education. Such a vision requires a leader with a deep understanding of the painstaking work to improve educational equity, plus the ability to provide strong leadership to provide continued positive results at an organization already succeeding at its mission. Dorsey is that leader.

Dorsey brings over 35 years of progressive experience in education reform and leading national, statewide and campus-based programs with a focus on promoting historically underrepresented communities into STEM fields. He has dedicated his career to helping close the operational and cultural gap between STEM-related undergraduate and pre-college programs. His leadership and expertise has led to over \$100 million in grants and driven strategic partnerships to improve educational outcomes for diverse student populations. With this track record of impact, Dorsey is well positioned to take College Success Foundation to the next level and help thousands more students to graduate from college.

"This is an exciting time for CSF, and I'm thrilled to be taking on the CEO role," said Dorsey. "CSF has developed a successful multi-year support model to inspire underserved students to finish high school, graduate from college and succeed in life. 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."

About College Success Foundation

The 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 with offices in Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane. The organization serves students in Washington state, Washington, D.C. and colleges in every state of the nation.