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MONEY FOR COLLEGE DOESN'T GET MUCH EASIER THAN THIS

College Goal SundaySM 2004 set to give away more than \$4,000 in scholarships

PHOENIX (Jan. 19, 2004) – Finding money for college is easier than it sounds. To prove that point, College Goal Sunday will award one lucky winner at each of its 21 sites throughout Arizona a \$150 scholarship just for showing up on Feb. 8.

“The scholarship awards are an exciting component to College Goal Sunday,” said Dr. April Osborn, executive director of the Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education.

“Thanks to our generous sponsor support, we are able to offer scholarships again with the 2004 program, furthering our mission to place students closer to fulfilling their educational dreams.”

The first venture into the scholarship program began in 2003 where one student from each site was selected to receive a \$150 College Goal Sunday Site Scholarship. These scholarship winners also were eligible to win one of two grand-prize \$500 scholarships. With the 2004 program, \$4,150 in scholarship funds will be awarded.

Parameters for scholarships include:

- The recipient must be enrolled or plan to enroll at any accredited postsecondary education institution at least halftime.
- Payment of the scholarship will be made directly to the student's postsecondary education institution.
- Enrollment must be verified with the institution before the funds will be released.

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- Each recipient must have a 2004-2005 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form on file with the institution they are attending or plan to attend.
- Scholarship funds may be applied toward tuition and qualified expenses, such as books, room and board, and other fees.
- Scholarship funds must be used within the 2004-2005 academic year and are not renewable.

In addition to scholarships, College Goal Sunday provides *free* information to Arizona students applying for financial aid. Students will receive support from volunteer financial-aid professionals, primarily from Arizona colleges and universities, at 21 sites across the state during this one-day event.

Since 1995, College Goal Sunday has been dedicated to providing a roadmap for students to navigate their way through the financial aid process. The program has helped nearly 16,000 people through the financial aid process.

College Goal Sunday 2004 is offered as a free service thanks to the following sponsors: Waddell & Reed, USA Funds and the Lumina Foundation for Education. The Arizona Association Commission for Postsecondary Education and the Arizona Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators coordinate the event.

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