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College Goal Oregon Free Help with Financial Aid Applications 24 sites to host event January 30, 2010

Eugene OR, January 2010. – The new year signals the time of year when college-bound students and their parents will complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine eligibility for financial aid. The process can be daunting, but help is available on Saturday, January 30, 2010 at College Goal Oregon, a one-day event scheduled at 24 different sites in Oregon. Financial aid experts will be available to help students and families complete the FAFSA worksheet and submit the application online.

The FAFSA determines eligibility for need-based federal, state and campus-based financial aid including the Oregon Opportunity Grant. Students are encouraged to file their FAFSA as soon as possible to determine eligibility for the Oregon Opportunity Grant, which has limited funding for 2010-11.

All sites include presentations on searching and applying for private scholarships. Bilingual volunteers will also be available at most sites. The event is planned for 9:00 until 2:00 p.m. at most sites below, but visit the website to verify location and hours at www.CollegeGoalOregon.org.

Locations:

Blue Mountain Community College
Burns High School
Central Oregon Community College
Chemeketa Community College
Clackamas Community College
Columbia Gorge Community College, Hood River
Columbia Gorge Community College, The Dalles
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Crook County High School
Hermiston High School
Klamath Community College
La Grande High School

Lane Community College
Linn-Benton Community College
Mt. Hood Community College
Portland Community College, Cascade Campus
Portland Community College, Rock Creek Campus
Portland Community College, Southeast Center
Portland Community College, Sylvania Campus
Southern Oregon University
Southwestern Oregon Community College
Treasure Valley Community College
Umpqua Community College
Waldport Community Learning Center

Students should bring along a parent/guardian if possible; student and parent(s) most recent completed federal income tax return; current value of assets, including cash,

checking, savings, investments, and value of business/farm, if any; social security numbers of student and parents or guardians; driver's license (if any); and alien registration card (if you are not a U.S. citizen).

For those unable to attend College Goal Oregon, the Oregon Student Assistance Commission has scheduled FAFSA Friday Webinars February through June. For dates and times, visit www.CollegeGoalOregon.org.

College Goal Oregon is part of the national College Goal Sunday program to help students access millions of available financial aid dollars. In 2009, over 2,400 Oregon students and 310 volunteers participated in College Goal Oregon at 28 sites. The event partners with the Oregon Student Assistance Commission, NELA Center for Student Learning, Oregon Assoc. of Student Financial Aid Administrators, YMCA and receives support from The Lumina Foundation for Education. For more information about College Goal Oregon, visit: www.CollegeGoalOregon.org.

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