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CSLF Partners with Agencies to Launch College Resource Website

Rocky Hill, CT – September 21, 2006 – The Connecticut Student Loan Foundation (CSLF) is pleased to announce that it has teamed up with guaranty agencies nationwide to develop www.going2college.org, an online college and career planning resource for students and their families. Going2college.org brings together the extensive postsecondary education resources offered at the local, state, and national level in a central location.

Going2college.org features information about career planning, planning for postsecondary education, finding a college and paying for college. Details about the specific programs and services provided in Connecticut are available to students and families whenever they need it. Visitors just click on Connecticut to learn where to get help in filling out a FAFSA, the types of federal and state scholarships and grants available, and which organizations and schools offer early awareness and intervention programs for students, with a special emphasis on low-income and first-generation college students. This Website, developed in conjunction with Mapping Your Future, is designed to be a resource for students, families, guidance counselors, postsecondary institutions and community organizations.

“CSLF is committed to assisting students and their families by providing the most comprehensive college planning information available,” said Mark Valenti, President of CSLF. “We are pleased to partner with other guaranty agencies across the country to bring this information to families nationwide,” said Mr. Valenti.

In addition to general information about career planning resources, guidelines for students planning to attend college, and the federal and state financial aid available, the site provides details on:

- College resource centers in the state;
- College information and financial aid awareness events; and
- Assistance provided to low-income and first-generation college students through programs including Upward Bound, Talent Search, GEAR UP and Project Grad.

Going2college.org was developed as part of the College Access Initiative, which was included in the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, and formalizes a foundational role of guaranty agencies in promoting



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access to postsecondary education. CSLF is a non-profit entity that, through the administration of the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP), informs students and parents of educational and financial aid opportunities and administers loans to borrowers. As part of its public service mission, CSLF provides an extensive range of services and programs that increase awareness of the importance of higher education, the opportunities available, and the financial support offered.

***ABOUT CSLF** – The Connecticut Student Loan Foundation (CSLF) is a national, non-profit agency that guarantees and finances loans within the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) and other alternative student loan programs. CSLF has over 40 years of experience providing assistance to students and parents seeking to finance a higher education. CSLF promotes access to higher education by helping families plan for and pursue their postsecondary education and assuring that low-cost funding options remain available to eligible students and parents. Learn more about CSLF at www.cslf.com.*