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Free Student Aid Workshop Available to South Carolina Students

Columbia, SC--The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (CHE), in partnership with the Lumina Foundation, is sponsoring a state-wide college financial aid event, “College Goal Sunday” (CGS) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at various locations around the state during the month of February. This free event will be hosted by Trident Technical College on February 3, Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College and USC Sumter on February 10 and Florence Darlington Technical College and Francis Marion University on February 17 respectively. Professional financial aid staff will be on hand at each site to assist students and parents with completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is the federal application that is required to receive federal financial aid including the Federal Pell Grant and student loans. Students and families participating are asked to bring their completed 2006 tax information.

“The FAFSA is a vital part of funding a college education and helping families combat the financial barriers that typically prevent students from attending,” says Dr. Karen Woodfaulk, Director of Student Services at CHE. Studies show that a student is 50% more likely to attend college when they complete the FAFSA.

South Carolina College Goal Sunday is a statewide volunteer program that provides free information and assistance to students and families who are applying for financial aid for post secondary education. College Goal Sunday brings together financial aid professionals from colleges and universities along with other volunteers to help college-bound students and their families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. This form is required for any student seeking federal and state financial aid, including grants and loans at all colleges in the country.