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FUNDRAISING FOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS IN TODAY'S ECONOMIC CLIMATE

Cascadia Community College's Annual Fundraising Breakfast

BOTHELL, Wash. – As Cascadia Community College sits down to its 6th annual 'Make Dreams Come True' breakfast on Wednesday, April 13th to raise scholarship money, it is anticipating a dramatic increase in student financial need next year.

The current economic crisis has created a paradox for community colleges. On the one hand, enrollment levels are at an all-time high because more people are turning to community college for an affordable, high quality education. On the other hand, state legislators are on the brink of making a third round of devastating cuts to community college budgets.

"The impact is such that everyone has to shoulder the burden of these budget cuts," explains Cascadia president Eric Murray. "For students, it means higher tuition rates, and we're deeply concerned about how this will impact our students at Cascadia. We are depending upon the generosity of our community to help support students in financial need to obtain their higher education goals."

Recently retired State Representative Allister ("Al") H. O'Brien, who has been named Honorary Chair for the event says, "I genuinely believe in Cascadia. It does a really great job of getting students ready to participate in the new economy and helping displaced workers retool for new careers. I am truly proud of my association with Cascadia over all these years."

Cascadia is hoping to raise more than \$60,000 at the breakfast to provide financial assistance to its students.

Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2011
Time: 7:00 a.m. Registration, 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. Breakfast and Program
Location: Global Learning and the Arts Building at Cascadia Community College
Speakers: Eric Murray, President of Cascadia
Andy Wappler, VP for Corporate Affairs at PSE
Cindy Rutstein, Recent Cascadia graduate

Cascadia Community College serves more than 5,000 students every year. Cascadia has gained a national reputation for its innovative programs in network and programming technologies, as well as its environmental technologies. Cascadia also boasts the highest transfer rate to four-year colleges in the state.

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