

Ed and Beatriz Schweitzer Continue Investing in College Success Foundation Scholars

(May 21, 2018: Spokane Wash.) -- Ed and Beatriz Schweitzer have made a \$500,000 commitment to continue supporting the programs and scholarships of the College Success Foundation. Their investments in CSF programs have already helped more than 1,000 Spokane and Yakima College Success Foundation students working to finish high school, graduate from college and succeed in life.

Since 2015, the Schweitzers, have invested nearly \$1 million in CSF's holistic strategic approach to college access and completion. CSF delivers a unique integrated system of supports and scholarships to underserved students including young people from low-income families, foster youth and first-generation college students.

"It makes Beatriz and I so happy to see how students are using services provided by CSF to help fulfill their dreams of higher education," said Ed Schweitzer.

CSF's model is a continuum of student supports beginning in middle school, continuing through high school and college and extending into our scholars' post-college lives. At each transition point, CSF programs and supports provide students with academic, financial, social and emotional guidance to help them persist and succeed.

"Ed and Beatriz have a strong commitment to higher education and breaking the cycle of generational poverty that so many underserved students experience," said CSF Regional Executive Director Susan Joseph Nielsen. "They have met several of our CSF Scholars and have heard how their personal investment is changing the trajectory of entire families as each student begins and then graduates from college. Their philanthropic generosity and attention to educational equity and making college accessible and affordable to all students is a true gift for CSF students and families throughout eastern Washington."

It is through the philanthropy and generosity of private and public funding that the College Success Foundation has been able to support more than 9,500 students to graduate from college. Our multifaceted approach gives students the tools they need to overcome barriers and achieve their college degree.

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About College Success Foundation: *College Success Foundation is a Washington state non-profit that provides a unique integrated system of support and scholarships to inspire underserved, low-income students to finish high school, graduate from college and succeed in life. More than 9,500 CSF Scholars have graduated from college and CSF continues to serve more than 12,000 students annually in middle school, high school and college. For more information about CSF, visit www.collegesuccessfoundation.org. For information regarding this investment, contact Susan Joseph Nielsen, 509-742-5184, snielsen@collegesuccessfoundation.org.*