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College Application Week (Nov. 18 – Nov 22) - High School Students have the Opportunity to Apply to Certain Colleges for Free

Cary, NC, November 6, 2013 – As the deadlines to apply to college are around the corner, many high school seniors are working hard to finish submitting their college applications as soon as they can. In order to apply to a university in North Carolina, there is an application fee that a student must pay, which varies for each institution. This application fee usually ranges from \$40 to \$100 for each application a student submits. Applying to colleges is expensive since most prospective college students have a list of four to five colleges in which they apply and have to pay the application fee for each one. However, the U.S. Department of Education College Access Challenge Grant (P378A120017) allows high school seniors the opportunity to apply to certain academic institutions free-of-charge.

The U.S. Department of Education College Access Challenge Grant, which is co-sponsored by the College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC) and the Carolinas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (CACRAO), targets those students who are first in their generation to go to college or to seriously consider going to college. Also, it targets low-income families that have children who attend high school. Even though it targets certain students, this event is available to every student. Known as College Application Week, the North Carolina State government allows these high school students to apply to college within a matter of days. This year, College Application Week is from **November 18 at 7am to November 22 at 5pm** – this is the time when many students apply to waive their application fee.

Participating colleges include all 58 community colleges in North Carolina, the following University of North Carolina Universities; Elizabeth State University, Fayetteville State University, North Carolina A&T University, North Carolina Central University and Winston State University, and the following North Carolina Independent Colleges; Barton, Belmont Abbey, Bennett, Brevard, Cabarrus College of Health, Campbell, Catawba, Chowan, Davidson, Gardner-Webb, Guilford, Johnson C. Smith, Lees-McRae, Lenior-Rhyne, Louisburg, Mars Hill, Meredith, Methodist, Montreat, Mount Olive, NC Wesleyan, Pfeiffer, Queens University, Saint Augustine's, Salem, Shaw, St. Andrews, Wake Forest, Warren Wilson, William Peace, and Wingate. There are certain universities and community colleges who participate in this event – not every college or university waives their application fees.

Waiving a college application fee saves money, but that is not the main purpose of College Application Week. This event reaches out to all students in North Carolina, creating a fair opportunity for all. Most importantly, it motivates students to broaden their horizons in applying to colleges. Students will apply to more colleges than they expected so they will have a broader selection criteria to choose in the spring upon making their decision of which college they will attend.

About the NCSHP

The North Carolina Society of Hispanic Professionals is a 501(c)(3) statewide community-based non-profit organization, founded in February 1999, to enhance the integration and cooperation among the Hispanic professionals of North Carolina and concerned individuals (Hispanic, non-Hispanic, professionals, and non-professionals) and organizations to promote the education of Hispanic students at all levels in North Carolina.