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Northeastern to Offer Students and Families Opportunity to Learn About Ways to Pay for College – February 9

This February, students and their parents can get one-on-one, expert advice from Northeastern State University about financial aid and planning for college during the upcoming statewide event, College Goal Sunday SM.

On Sunday, Feb. 13, students and their families can attend College Goal Sunday and visit with NSU financial aid counselors and college staff in person from 2-4 p.m., in the Senator Herb Rozell (University Center) Ballroom on the Tahlequah campus and in the Visitors Center Gallery in Broken Arrow. In a single afternoon, students and their families can become familiar with college entrance requirements, learn about planning for college, and obtain on-site assistance in filling out financial aid application forms. (Those interested in this service should bring their latest tax information to the event.) In addition, valuable information will be shared about the benefits of attending college, student support services, areas of study, and different degree programs.

“The College Goal Sunday event takes the fear out of planning for college by providing students and their families with sound information about enrollment requirements, financial aid opportunities, and more,” said NSU President Dr. Larry Williams. “We’re excited to offer this service to the community and look forward to showcasing the quality and affordability of a Northeastern education.”

For more information about the Tahlequah event, call Teri Cochran at 918-456-5511, ext 3410. For more information about the Broken Arrow event, call Patty Kitchen at 918-449-6127.

More than 30 higher education institutions are participating in College Goal Sunday. For a complete listing of participating colleges and universities, go to www.okhighered.org and click on College Goal Sunday or call 1-800-858-1840.

College Goal Sunday is sponsored in part by Lumina Foundation for Education; Oklahoma GEAR UP; the Oklahoma Guaranteed Student Loan Program; Oklahoma Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators; Sonic, America’s Drive-In; and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

“College Goal Sunday makes it easy and enjoyable for students and parents to learn about useful resources that can make attending college more affordable,” said Chancellor Paul G. Risser. “Parents can also find out how to encourage their kids to consider and prepare for college early.”

The College Goal Sunday SM program was created by the Indiana Student Financial Aid Association with funding from Lilly Endowment, Inc., and with supplemental support from Lumina Foundation for Education.

The U.S. Department of Education awarded Oklahoma with a state GEAR UP grant totaling \$20.5 million in August 1999. The grant has been matched by more than \$25 million from state and partner resources. With the addition of year six federal funding, Oklahoma’s GEAR UP program has received approximately \$25 million in federal funds since 1999. GEAR UP receives 50 percent of total funding from the federal government and 50 percent from other organizations.

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