CFNC wins national 'best practices' award for electronic high school transcripts system

Raleigh, N.C. – College Foundation of North Carolina's Electronic High School Transcript System is the winner of the 11 th Annual Best Practices Competition for 2009, sponsored by the Postsecondary Educational Standards Council. The Best Practices Competition is held each year to promote innovation and ingenuity in the application of technology standards.

Submitting electronic transcripts with online college applications saves time and money for both high schools and students. At its main data center, CFNC processes approximately 5,200 transcripts for 440 N.C. high schools per month.

"We are extremely proud of the CFNC partnership and this outstanding example of coordination between the N.C Department of Public Instruction, the N.C. Community College System, the University of North Carolina System and the North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities," said Robin Greene, senior associate director, CFNC technology and internet services with the UNC General Administration.

About CFNC

College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC) is a free service of the State of North Carolina that helps students plan, apply, and pay for college. CFNC is a partnership of Pathways, the N.C. State Education Assistance Authority, and College Foundation, Inc

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- Pathways, created by the N.C. General Assembly in 1999, is a state-wide initiative to increase the college-going rate of North Carolinians by providing: comprehensive college and career planning resources; electronic applications and transcripts accepted by all 110 North Carolina colleges and universities; and, information on student financial aid and college affordability. Pathways is administered by The University of North Carolina General Administration in collaboration with the N.C. Department of Public Instruction, the N.C. Community College System, and the N.C. Independent Colleges and Universities.
- The <u>North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (NCSEAA)</u>, established in 1965, is the State agency that promotes access to higher education by administering financial aid and savings programs, informing students and families about paying for college, teaching educators about financial aid administration, and advocating for resources to support students.
- <u>College Foundation, Inc. (CFI)</u>, a nonprofit corporation serving North Carolina students and families since 1955, administers a portfolio of more than \$4 billion, including low-interest federal education loans, the State's college grant programs, and the tax-free "529" college savings program on behalf of the N.C. State Education Assistance Authority. CFI also

delivers information to North Carolina students and families about paying for college and provides technology services for CFNC.org.

CFNC offers resources toll-free at 1-866-866-CFNC and at CFNC.org.

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