

College Goal Sunday Comes to Washington State in 2009!

We are pleased to announce that Washington State will continue their participation in College Goal Sunday. We are on our third year and aim to continue program expansion. During 2008 we had 15 designated CGS sites. We are currently recruiting leads who can host events for CGS 2009. The College Goal Sunday Washington website will be updated soon. Please visit www.collegegoalsundaywa.org to join CGS Washington.

College Goal Sunday began in Indiana in 1989, as a statewide collaborative intended to increase access to financial aid, especially for underserved populations. Since then, the program has grown to include 25 states, with 9 new states joining the program for 2007. The event is designed to provide hands-on assistance to students and families to enable them to complete the FAFSA during the event.

The Lumina Foundation provides funding and the model to help establish College Goal Sunday in new states, with program support from NASFAA. For more information about the national College Goal Sunday program, please see <http://www.collegegoalsundayusa.org/>

NELA serves as the lead agency for College Goal Sunday in Washington and is forming a CGS task force responsible for leading events across the state. We hope you will join us in helping more students complete the FAFSA and connect to the financial aid opportunities that can help them achieve their higher education goals.

If you are interested in assisting with this exciting event, please contact Danette Knudson by phone at 2-6.461.6491, or e-mail danette.knudson@nela.net.

For more information see: <http://www.collegegoalsundaywa.org/>