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MEDIA ALERT

Local Non-profit Hosts “Speed Networking” Career Exploration Events at DC Schools

WASHINGTON –To engage District of Columbia school students about education and career opportunities, College & Career Connections (CCC), a local non-profit organization, will host a series of “speed networking” events at area schools to help youth prepare for future success.

“This series of speed networking events is an innovative and proactive way for CCC to connect with students in Washington D.C. and get them excited about their academic and professional future,” said CCC Executive Director Keith Andrew Perry. “CCC is proud to lead this effort to motivate and inspire D.C. youth from low-income communities to graduate from high school, pursue higher education and meet their full potential.”

During the rapid career-exposure exercises, volunteers from a myriad of professional backgrounds will meet one-on-one with students, share their education and career experience and answer questions. The workshops are a way for CCC to promote early exposure to college and careers among eighth and ninth grade students in Wards 7 and 8. CCC’s award-winning “OnTrack!” program is an essential tool in the battle to eradicate an over 60% high school dropout rate in many D.C. neighborhoods.

The dates for the speed networking sessions are as follows:

Friday, January 6, 2012

8am - 9am

Cesar Chavez Public Charter School Parkside Campus (Middle School 6-8)
3701 Hayes Street, NE Washington, DC 20019

Friday, January 10, 2012

10:45am - 11:40am

Friendship Technical Preparatory Academy
620 Milwaukee Place, SE Washington, DC 20032

About College & Career Connections’ (www.collegeandcareerconnections.org):

College & Career Connections’ (CCC) was founded in 2006, in response to interest by two national nonprofits, USA Funds and Scholarship America, in establishing a program that would increase high

school graduation and college-going rates among the community's low-income youth. Over the past four years, CCC has provided early college and career exploration and planning programs to 1,600 eighth and ninth grade students from DC's lowest-income communities.

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