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Foundation Supports WNC Jump Start, Seeks Donations for Textbooks

Carson City, Nev. (May 31, 2022) — The [Carson City Schools Foundation](#) (CCSF), in support of the Carson City School District, seeks community donors to match efforts to ‘Sponsor a Student’ for the [Western Nevada College](#) (WNC) Jump Start College program. From now through July 31, 2022, [WNC](#), [Harley Davidson Financial Service](#), [United Federal Credit Union](#) and [Carson Tahoe Health](#) will all match community sponsorships to help make up the cost of textbooks and materials for the up-coming school year.

Last year, the fundraising campaign raised nearly \$17,000, which exceeded the initial goal of \$12,500. This year, there are 25 additional students projected to enroll in the program. The approximate cost for Jump Start College materials for the projected enrollment of 150 students this year is expected to be \$24,000 or \$160 per student.

“The Jump Start program is a tremendous value to our students and our local workforce,” Steven Reynolds, chairperson of the CCSF Board, said. “We have a very generous community here in Carson City, and I know there are many businesses and community partners that would be more than willing to assist the Carson City Schools Foundation in supporting this effort. What I’ve found though, is many are unaware of specific needs such as these.”

The [Jump Start College program](#) is a dual-enrollment opportunity for high school students to experience college courses through WNC while simultaneously earning high school credits. Jump Start College participants are able to complete up to 60 college credits through WNC, often earning them an associate’s degree around the same time they earn their high school diploma. Earning an associate’s degree while simultaneously graduating from high school helps participants save nearly two years’ worth of money in college tuition.

The grant funding for the joint program with WNC ended 2021. Last year, the Carson City School District continued to support the program through the Distributive Student Account (DSA) as part of its commitment to College and Career Ready curriculum, but the support did not include the cost of books and materials. It plans to do the same again this year.

For its efforts last year, the foundation received several thank you cards from students with kind notes and several origami-folded swans.

“Thank you! I appreciated this because it means so much for me and my education,” read a thank you card last year from Nora Nunez, a Jump Start student from Pioneer High School. “This gives me the opportunity to be successful and opens more doors for me.”

To make a contribution to help 'Sponsor a Student' for the Jump Start College program, please [click here](#). For more information about the Carson City School's Foundation, visit ccschoolsfoundation.org.

CCSF is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting community involvement and investment in the public schools of Carson City. This project is one of the many results of the ["Empower Carson City 2022" Strategic Plan](#) – a five-year strategic plan for extraordinary schools built by the community of Carson City.

CCSF was created to increase student achievement through philanthropic investment and involvement. Established by the Carson City School District's Board of Trustees, the foundation promotes education programs that traditional funding sources may not be able to reach.

For more information about the CCSF, please visit ccschoolsfoundation.org. To make a contribution with your credit card, [click here](#), or you may also donate by sending a check to the Carson City Schools Foundation at P.O. Box 92, Carson City, Nevada 89702. To view an informational video, please [click here](#).

ABOUT Carson City School District

Located in Nevada's capital, Carson City School District offers public education to approximately 7,800 students throughout Carson City. The district includes 6 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, 1 alternative high school and 1 comprehensive high school. Carson City School District boasts many successes including impressive graduation rates, strict safety measures, programs for gifted students and advanced-placement classes, among several others. In a joint venture with Western Nevada College, the Carson City School District Jump Start College program allows students to complete their senior year of high school and freshman year of college simultaneously. For more information, visit carsoncityschools.com.