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Boys Hope Girls Hope Scholars Engage in Educational Summer Program

Summer Programming for Boys Hope Girls Hope High School Scholars Provides Critical Support to Ensure a Successful Transition to Post-Secondary Education

July 23, 2024 – Summer proves to be a challenging, yet rewarding time for the seventy-five Colorado scholars affiliated with Boys Hope Girls Hope of Colorado. Throughout June and July, the dedicated staff at Boys Hope Girls Hope conducted educational programs aimed at providing continuous support and educational opportunities for scholars, preparing them for their rising high school years and guiding them towards a successful transition to post-secondary education. Scholars are expected to engage in a minimum of forty hours of summer programming to maintain their partnership with Boys Hope Girls Hope.

“Our scholars are engaged in their school communities, so often summer is our chance to do a deep dive into our Boys Hope Girls Hope curriculum. Having summer hours with our scholars, learning about advocacy, researching real-world issues, identifying ways they can address those issues or build awareness and then implementing that plan is a precious time. All those steps lead to a more college ready student who can make an impact in their community,” said Boys Hope Girls Hope Colorado Executive Director, Mary Fran Tharp.

Boys Hope Girls Hope not only equips high school scholars for the post-secondary path through ongoing programming and special enrichment activities, but also extends emotional, financial, and educational assistance to collegiate scholars. Boys Hope Girls Hope collegians benefit from networking opportunities, mentoring, career guidance, service initiatives, and leadership programs, ensuring their continued success during and after college. Boys Hope Girls Hope of Colorado support high school students at Aurora Central and Regis Jesuit. The post-secondary program in Colorado further aids students at local colleges, as well as those nationwide. The impact of this comprehensive support is evident in the fact that 100% of Boys Hope Girls Hope

scholars who graduate from high school proceed to college and/or an alternative post-secondary school.

Recent Boys Hope Girls Hope of Colorado Summer Programming:

College Application Bootcamp: This intensive four-day program for rising seniors, focused on common application college essay & activity list completion, identifying potential scholarships, and solidifying college selections. Presentations by college admission professionals helped scholars choose affordable pathways to college. Rising seniors received individualized editing support from experienced writing coaches.

Junior Achievement Dream Accelerator: Scholars participated in this interactive career exploration experience, which encouraged them to plan for a meaningful future by aligning their strengths and interests with various career pathways. Scholars benefitted from insights shared by entrepreneurs and Colorado visionaries, helping them envision their future career paths.

Leadership Tech Summit: Scholars visited the Denver location of World Wide Technology to learn about technological innovations, career opportunities in technology, artificial intelligence, and cybersecurity.

Youth Voice and Citizenship: Taking place on the campus of CSU Spur, Scholars participated in a five-day program to identify social justice issues that impact their communities. They participated in interactive workshops, learned about research methods and data analysis and implemented a policy proposal addressing needs surrounding an issue.

National Leadership Conference: Sponsored by the American Youth Foundation, this 8-day camp held in Miniwanka, Michigan, strived at developing confident leaders capable of making a positive impact on the world. Scholars from diverse backgrounds came together to enhance their leadership skills.

Career Readiness Seminar: Sponsored by WestMonroe, scholars participated in a one-day seminar aimed at how and when to use artificial intelligence (AI), resume building, and learning the ins and outs of successful interviewing tips for future jobs and internships.

Envision U: Rising High School seniors from across the Boys Hope Girls Hope network congregated at Santa Clara University in California for a week-long program aimed at providing essential information for their post-secondary journey. Activities included service-learning, career exploration, college fairs, networking opportunities, and interactions with admission representatives.

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About Boys Hope Girls Hope

The mission of Boys Hope Girls Hope is to nurture, and guide motivated young people in need to become well-educated, career-ready men and women for others. Boys Hope Girls Hope

addresses the opportunity gap at-risk youth entering high school face through provision of academic and personal support in a setting where all belong.

With fourteen locations spread across the United States, Mexico, and Guatemala, Boys Hope Girls Hope, including the Colorado affiliate, supports scholars through two programs which provide a continuum of care. The **Academy Program** connects with motivated high school scholars who navigate systemic barriers to opportunity through touchpoints four to five times a week, college-preparatory support, life skills training, scholarships, and access to internships. The close-knit sense of community creates a safety net and an environment where young men and women can thrive. The **College Program** tracks collegians through the postsecondary journey into the launch of their career postgrad.

All scholars and collegians are first-generation and/or low-income youth that participate in the program. For more information, please visit www.bhghcolorado.org