College Crusade to host first-ever gala in partnership with Centreville Bank to celebrate 30 years of student success

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (July 19, 2019): The College Crusade of Rhode Island will celebrate the success of 12,000 Crusaders over the last three decades with a 30th anniversary gala on Sept. 27 at the Pawtucket Armory Arts Center.

The College Crusade has inspired thousands of the state’s students to believe that a college education is within their reach and has provided them with the tools, programs and scholarships to help ensure they achieve it. The 30th Anniversary Gala will raise funds to ensure that the next generation of students have the support they need to succeed in high school and college. Centreville Bank has generously committed to serve as Host Sponsor, and Centreville President and CEO Harold M. Horvat will serve as honorary chair of the event.

“We are honored to support one of our state’s most impactful and consistent resources to help lower-income students attain high school, college and career success,” said Horvat. “This donation signifies Centreville Bank’s commitment to Rhode Island students and aligns with our mission to support nonprofits in Rhode Island.”

At the event, the Crusade also will announce its plans to make even greater impact on equitable high school and college success for Rhode Island students in the years to come.

“We are truly grateful and excited to have Centreville Bank as our host sponsor and partner in our mission,” said Andrew Bramson, president and CEO of the College Crusade of Rhode Island. “Centreville Bank’s support will help ensure that the next generation of Rhode Island students have equitable opportunities and support to become successful, contributing members of our communities.”

The event, which will begin at 6:30, will include inspirational stories, a silent auction, hors d’oeuvres and food stations, entertainment and more. For more information, for sponsorship information or to purchase tickets, visit thecollegecrusade.org/30years.

Other event sponsors are Junior Sponsor: University of Rhode Island; Sophomore Sponsor: Rhode Island College; and Freshman Sponsors: Blue Cross Blue Shield Rhode Island; Cox; Collette; City of Central Falls; Webster Bank; New England Institute of Technology; Roger Williams University; and Pawtucket Credit Union.

The College Crusade, Rhode Island’s largest college access program, supports about 4,000 first-generation, low-income students in middle school, high school and college each year with the one-on-one advising and year-round programs that focus on academic enrichment, social and
emotional development, career education, and postsecondary preparation. The College Crusade also has awarded over $43 million in college scholarships to more than 5,000 Rhode Island students since 2001. Sixth-graders who attend traditional public schools and select public charter schools in Providence, Cranston, Pawtucket, Central Falls, Woonsocket and West Warwick are eligible to enroll in the College Crusade.

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