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CSF Board Expands

CINCINNATI, OH May 30, 2008 - The Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation (CSF) congratulates Mark Hester and Nikela Owens on their newly elected positions on the CSF Board of Trustees.

Hester is an assistant vice president of Western & Southern Financial Group and celebrated 25 years with the company in September of 2007. He has more than 36 years experience in the life insurance, publishing, advertising, sales promotion, and meeting planning businesses. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Hester has been married to his wife, Carol, for 36 years and the couple have three children as well as three grandchildren.

Dr. Nikela Owens is a native Cincinnati, a proud Purcell Marian graduate and a former Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation recipient. Dr. Owens' professional career in education spans student advising and advocacy, as well as coordinating, developing and directing programs dedicated to preparing students for high school and post-secondary educational success. With her research centered on college preparation programs and the socio-academic development of urban students, Dr. Owens has presented her work at local, regional and national conferences. Dr. Owens also writes curriculum and provides leadership direction to various local pre-college programs. In addition to her work with high school students, Dr. Owens has also taught extensively at the College of Mount St. Joseph, Northern Kentucky University and the University of Cincinnati, in various academic disciplines. She is currently an educational consultant and a law student. Dr. Owens describes one of her greatest professional accomplishments as seeing former students who enroll, excel and graduate from college, pursue successful careers and become actively engaged in their communities.

The CSF staff is grateful for the qualities each bring with them and look forward to their leadership on the CSF Board. The foundation will celebrate 90 years of helping educate Cincinnati youth through scholarships on October 9, 2008 at Music Hall. Call 513.345.6701 with questions and to reserve your tickets.

The 2008-2009 CSF Board of Trustees also includes: Jeff Pasquale, Dean Gregory, Thomas Hayden, Shannan Schmitt, Terrance Ashanta-Barker, Paula Kollstedt, James R. Cullen, Jan-Michelle Lemon Kearney, Amy Reed, Nancy Rhoads-Meiller, Mary Ronan, David Taylor, and David Pepper

About Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation

Since 1918, CSF has been assisting financially needy, yet academically worthy, Greater Cincinnati students in continuing their education and rewarding those students who show promise, dedication, and commitment. The Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation mission is to continue to be the premier scholarship foundation in Greater Cincinnati, administering college scholarships on behalf of local businesses, corporations, individuals and other area foundations.* By reaching out to motivated and deserving students who have limited financial resources, CSF helps provide the means to attend college and the opportunity to realize dreams.

*Scholarships include the Anthony Muñoz Scholarship Fund, the Johnny Bench Scholarship Fund and the Marvin Lewis Scholarship Fund. Please visit the website for a complete listing
www.cincinnati-scholarship-foundation.org

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