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2015 National College Match Announcement

Palo Alto, California (June 30, 2015) – QuestBridge is pleased to announce the launch of the 2015 <u>National College Match</u>. The program is now in its twelfth year of connecting high-achieving low-income high school students with full scholarships at selective colleges and universities. QuestBridge is a non-profit program that works with with 36 <u>partner colleges</u>, all of which are committed to making college affordable for all students.

During the 2014 National College Match, 11,654 students applied through QuestBridge, and 4,180 were selected by QuestBridge as Finalists. Of the Finalists, 501 high school seniors were admitted to a partner college through the National College Match, each receiving a guaranteed full four-year scholarship. Around 1,500 additional students were also admitted to partner colleges through QuestBridge Regular Decision.

For the 2015 National College Match, QuestBridge has also added a new partner college: Colby College, located in Waterville, Maine. QuestBridge's partner colleges, which also include Columbia, MIT, Stanford, Williams and over 30 other outstanding colleges, form a diverse and geographically wide selection of top-tier colleges for prospective students to choose from.

To apply, high school seniors should carefully review QuestBridge's <u>selection criteria</u> to see if they might qualify. The online application requires detailed academic, extracurricular, personal, and financial information, as well as 2 teacher recommendations, a Secondary School Report, transcripts, and test scores. The application also requires two essays and short answer questions.

The application is now open, and the deadline is September 28, 2015 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time. QuestBridge will review applications and select Finalists by late October. Applicants will be notified of their status through their online QuestBridge account and National College Match recipients will be announced in December.

About QuestBridge:

Based in Palo Alto, California, QuestBridge is a national non-profit organization that connects exceptional students from low-income backgrounds with admission and full scholarships to selective colleges. By serving as the bridge between students and institutions of higher education, QuestBridge aims to increase the percentage of talented low-income students attending the nation's best universities. For more information, please visit www.questbridge.org.

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