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Claremont McKenna College and Macalester College Join QuestBridge

Palo Alto, California (May 25, 2016) — QuestBridge is excited to announce the newest colleges to join as partners: Macalester College, located in St. Paul, Minnesota, and Claremont McKenna College, located in Claremont, California. The addition of these top colleges brings the total number of QuestBridge college partners to 39.

Along with its college partners, QuestBridge is committed to connecting academically outstanding students from low-income backgrounds with educational opportunities at highly selective liberal arts colleges and research universities, with the goal of increasing their presence on college campuses.

Claremont McKenna, the third Claremont College to join QuestBridge, allows students to benefit from a consortium of colleges, just an hour away from Los Angeles. "Our partnership with QuestBridge provides an exciting opportunity to work with a leading organization on identifying and recruiting talented, high-achieving students from modest-income families," said Georgette DeVeres, Associate Vice President and Dean of Admission and Financial Aid at Claremont McKenna College. "We are so thrilled to team up with QuestBridge as we continue to build an exceptionally strong and diverse student body who will make lasting contributions to our close-knit college community and the world beyond."

The addition of Macalester College offers students excellent experiential learning opportunities in the vibrant metropolitan area of St. Paul, Minnesota. Lorne Robinson, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid at Macalester College, says, "QuestBridge has been extraordinarily successful in helping outstanding low-income students realize their potential and attend wonderful colleges around the country. We're excited and looking forward to our partnership."

Macalester and Claremont McKenna, along with Duke University (who joined as a QuestBridge partner in January 2016), are the newest partners to offer full four-year scholarships and admission to outstanding high school seniors from low-income backgrounds through the 2016 QuestBridge National College Match. Qualified applicants must plan to enroll in college in the fall 2017. The free online application opens in summer 2016 and is due on September 27, 2016.



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"We are thrilled to welcome Claremont McKenna and Macalester into the QuestBridge partnership," says Ana McCullough, QuestBridge Co-Founder and CEO. "We are excited that our student applicants will have even more opportunities to find a world-class college that best fits their passions and interests, while ensuring that this deeply valuable education is well within their financial reach."

For more information about Macalester College and Claremont McKenna College, please visit www.questbridge.org.

About QuestBridge:

QuestBridge, a national non-profit based in Palo Alto, California, connects the nation's most exceptional, low-income youth with leading institutions of higher education and further life opportunities. By recruiting, developing, and motivating these students — beginning in high school through college to their first job — QuestBridge aims to increase the percentage of talented low-income students attending the nation's best colleges and to support them to achieve success in their respective careers and communities.

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