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California Student Aid Commission & EDFUND Fundraiser Nets \$30,000 For College-Bound Children of Migrant Workers

RANCHO CORDOVA—A charity golf tournament sponsored by the California Student Aid Commission and EDFUND, the Commission's student loan services auxiliary, has raised \$30,000 to provide college assistance to the children of migrant workers. The May 31 tournament benefited California State University, Sacramento's, College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP), which provides scholarship and counseling support for students whose families are migrant farmworkers.

CAMP is designed to help students with migrant backgrounds, one of the most underrepresented groups in higher education, successfully get into college and graduate. Since its establishment in 1981, CAMP has helped more than 700 students reach their academic goals at CSUS. More than 90 high schools and 20 community service agencies work with CAMP to provide an extensive system of academic, financial and personal support to CAMP students in their first year of school.

"We are delighted to make this contribution for a second consecutive year," said Commission Executive Director Wally Boeck. "CAMP's retention rate of 85 percent for students who enter the program makes the program not only effective but a worthwhile charitable endeavor for the Commission and EDFUND."

The \$30,000 donation was generated by the 4th Annual CSAC/EDFUND Charity Golf Tournament, held Friday, May 31 at the Apple Mountain Golf Resort in Camino. The tournament is jointly sponsored by the two organizations to raise money in support of postsecondary educational opportunities. Last year's tournament raised \$15,000 for CAMP.

"Our primary mission is to help students get to college, whether that means educating them about financial aid programs or creating scholarships for students in need," said EDFUND President Becky Stilling. "To help the children of migrant farmworkers, who contribute to our economy but have few resources for higher education, is particularly gratifying."

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“The CSAC and EDFUND donation of \$30,000 will once again open more doors and create greater opportunities for CAMP students,” said CAMP’s director Marcos Sanchez.

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The California Student Aid Commission is the state’s principal provider of intersegmental statewide grant aid to postsecondary students. Founded in 1955 as the California State Scholarship Commission, the Commission’s primary programmatic responsibilities include operation of the Cal Grant program, which will distribute nearly \$68 0 million to California’s college students during the 2002-2003 school year, and several targeted state scholarship and loan forgiveness programs. The 15-member Commission oversees the activities of its nonprofit student loan services auxiliary, EDFUND. The Commission is headquartered in Rancho Cordova, California.

EDFUND, a nonprofit public benefit corporation, is the nation’s second largest provider of student loan guarantee services under the Federal Family Education Loan Program. EDFUND offers students a wide range of financial aid and debt management information, while supporting schools with advanced loan processing solutions and default prevention techniques. Operating as an auxiliary corporation of the California Student Aid Commission, EDFUND processes more than \$3.3 billion in student loans annually (including consolidation loans) and manages a portfolio of outstanding loans valued at \$14 billion. EDFUND is headquartered in Rancho Cordova, California with regional offices located in Los Angeles; Sacramento; San Diego/Orange County; the San Francisco Bay area; Seattle, Washington; Phoenix, Arizona and the Eastern U.S.

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