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WORKSHOP ON FINANCIAL AID FOR COLLEGE-BOUND LATINO STUDENTS SET FOR NOV. 4

(Hartford, Oct. 26, 2004) The Sallie Mae Fund, a national charitable organization, will offer a free workshop at Bulkeley High School, November 4, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. to discuss college financial aid opportunities for Latino students and their families.

“Many Latino students are not going to college because they aren’t aware that financial aid is available,” a Sallie Mae spokesman said. When more information is available, teenagers from Hispanic families are more likely to attend college, a 2004 Sallie Mae studied revealed.

The 90-minute workshop will be conducted in Spanish, with English translation, and will cover issues related to college costs. As an enticement to attend, the Sallie Mae Fund is offering a random drawing for a \$1,000 college scholarship.

The workshop will include:

- A 45-minute presentation in Spanish (with simultaneous English interpretation) on college preparation and financial aid.
- Advice on the admissions and financial aid process from financial aid administrators and admissions officers from local colleges.
- Information about services and programs from all local partnering organizations.
- College costs are both direct (tuition and housing) and indirect (books and transportation).
- Award of a \$1,000 college scholarship via a random drawing at each workshop to a participating high school student.

To register for this workshop, call 1-800-292-0688, or visit Sallie Mae online at www.thesalliemaefund.org.

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