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College and Career Planning Articles Added to IowaCollegeAid.gov *New Web Content Gives Students On-Demand Access to Important Information*

Des Moines, IA, January 19, 2012 – Today the Iowa College Student Aid Commission (Iowa College Aid) announced the addition of *News You Can Use* to the *Tools for Students* section of www.IowaCollegeAid.gov. This new page will host articles about a variety of topics important to Iowa high school and college students. Current articles include:

- 10 New Year’s Resolutions for a College Student
- Secrets to a Successful Interview
- Why Volunteerism Matters on a College Admission Application

“Iowa College Aid employs staff with expertise in many diverse areas,” explained Karen Misjak, Executive Director of Iowa College Aid. “Through *News You Can Use*, we are harnessing that knowledge and delivering it to Iowa’s students and families. Because we are a state agency, Iowa students and families can be sure they’re receiving accurate information from a knowledgeable, unbiased source.”

Students and families are encouraged to visit www.IowaCollegeAid.gov to access current articles under the Tools for Students section and check back often for new information they can use to succeed in high school, college and beyond.

Students and families who are interested in learning more about the resources available through Iowa College Aid can contact the Information Service Center at 877-272-4456. Additional resources for Iowa families as they plan, prepare and pay for college are available on Iowa College Aid’s website, www.IowaCollegeAid.gov.

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About the Iowa College Student Aid Commission

Iowa College Aid provides college access, financial literacy, and outreach services to Iowa’s students and families as they prepare, plan and pay for college. Iowa College Aid also administers state scholarship, grant, work study, and loan forgiveness programs totaling nearly \$60.0 million annually, administers the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP), provides borrowers with assistance to avoid the serious consequences of default, conducts research and distributes higher education data, and offers Iowans assistance in obtaining student financial aid and college-related information. Through its role, Iowa College Aid also serves as the state-designated administrator of the U.S. Department of Education’s College Access Challenge Grant, which is designed to increase the college-going culture in Iowa. Additionally, Iowa College Aid is the administrator of the Federal GEAR UP Grant, a multi-year state-wide grant which is being used to provide early awareness programming and outreach initiatives to thousands of Iowa’s students and families. More information is available at www.IowaCollegeAid.gov.