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## **Mayor Coleman Celebrates Grand Opening of The Doorway** *East Side to Host Two New College and Career Resource Centers*

(Saint Paul) – Raising the expectations of how a city can help its young people succeed, Mayor Chris Coleman welcomes the opening of two new college and career resource centers on Saint Paul’s East Side.

The Doorway: College and Career Resource Centers celebrates its grand opening at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, at Dayton’s Bluff Recreation Center, 800 Conway Street, Saint Paul. In addition, The Doorway also will be located soon in Saint Paul Public Library’s Sun Ray branch.

“We no longer live in a world where high school education guarantees a young adult a living wage job,” Mayor Coleman said. “The doors to opportunity are in different entryways today, and most of them are in colleges and technical schools. It is important that we have The Doorway, to empower teenagers and young adults with the information and access to professionals who can show them a path to discover new doors to knock on.”

The Doorway: College and Career Resource Centers offer youth opportunities to talk with skilled professionals about enrollment and financial assistance for college as well as available career options. Guest speakers from area colleges will visit both locations regularly throughout the year.

At the Dayton’s Bluff Recreation Center, youth can receive assistance three nights a week and one Saturday a month with GED preparation, internship searches, choosing and paying for college, and much more. Goodwill Easter Seals’ staff will be providing career exploration assistance once a month.

Access to education and career materials and the Minnesota Career Information System is available at the Sun Ray Library during regular business hours. The Minnesota Career Information System can help teenagers make decisions about careers and education training options, take practice SAT and ACT exams, complete an interest inventory, and find scholarships and financial aid. Computers and specialized software are available to help people create a resume and complete job searches.

To ensure more young people have access to postsecondary education, Travelers Foundation and Surdna Foundation supported this initiative along with the Second Shift Youth Commission, Saint Paul Public Schools, Saint Paul Public Libraries, Saint Paul Parks and Recreation, the Minnesota Office of Higher Education, Minnesota Computers for Schools and Goodwill/Easter Seals Minnesota.

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