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Dear Colleague:

Subject: Mentoring Opportunity

You may be aware of the **Washington Achievers Scholars Program**, a *College Success Foundation* program which awards scholarships to high-potential, low-income students, many of whom are first-generation college students and students of color. This program was established to open the doors to higher education for these students. A College Board report indicates that 40% of students from affluent families receive a bachelor's degree or higher within 5 years of high school graduation, as compared with 6% for students from the lowest income families. We have many of these Achievers Scholars here at our campus in Pullman, and they are overcoming the odds by earning their degrees. However, they often can use some help in reaching their goals.

We are currently seeking faculty, emeritus faculty and staff to become mentors to our Achievers Scholars. Mentors provide a critical component to the successful transition of Achievers in our campus community. They serve as a resource to the students. They take an interest in the student, share information, discuss academics, refer them to services and other people in the community, guide them in choosing appropriate work experiences and a plan for success in their chosen career, and assist them with goal setting. Our goal is to graduate these Scholars, and help them to develop their academic and leadership potential. You can make a significant personal contribution to one of these individual's experience here at WSU.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming an Achievers Mentor for the next academic year, please contact our program assistant Lilia Miramontes at lmiramon@wsu.edu or 335-5661 for an information packet.

Sincerely,

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