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## ASPIRE High School Program Receives Foundation Funding

EUGENE, Ore. (6/8/03) ASPIRE, Oregon's mentoring program that assists students in planning and applying for college, has received a grant from the James F. and Marion L. Miller Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation (OCF). The unique statewide program, now in its seventh year and in approximately 60 Oregon high schools for 2004-05, is also supported by funds from The Ford Family Foundation, AmeriCorps, and the Oregon University System's Gear Up program.

"The funding we receive from the Oregon Community Foundation is crucial to our success," said Vicki Falsgraf, ASPIRE program manager. "We're very pleased to announce its continued support at a time when ASPIRE is helping an increasing number of Oregonians realize their dreams of training and education beyond high school."

ASPIRE volunteers mentor high school students through the planning and application processes for financial aid and postsecondary education of all types. For more information about ASPIRE and for a complete list of participating high schools, visit [www.aspireoregon.org](http://www.aspireoregon.org) <<http://www.aspireoregon.org>>.

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The Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC), created by the Oregon Legislature in 1959, coordinates a variety of state, federal, and privately funded student financial aid programs for the benefit of students attending institutions of postsecondary education. The agency can be reached at (800) 452-8807 or online at [www.osac.state.or.us](http://www.osac.state.or.us).

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