

Small Town Essex Plays Major Role in College and 21st-Century Career Preparation

ESSEX, N.Y., USA, April 21, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Rick Dalton, President and CEO of College For Every Student (CFES), said in an interview with Education Talk Radio April 17 that the greatest need in our country is giving low-income youth access to postsecondary education and the support to complete higher education degrees.



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From the CFES headquarters in Essex, N.Y., a community of 670 residents on the western shores of Lake Champlain, Dalton said CFES will leverage an approach that has helped 100,000 students throughout the nation over the past 25 years, to ensure that all low-income students are prepared to enter the 21st-century workplace. The interview can be heard at www.blogtalkradio.com/edutalk/2017/04/17/college-for-every-student.

Dalton said support and guidance outside the classroom is critical for the success of all young people, especially students from low-income households. “Helping young people move toward college and careers is the responsibility of far more than teachers and educators in the school building,” Dalton said. “We work with low-income students because the need is so great. The fastest growing population in the United States, and globally, is low-income youth.”

CFES has committed to helping one million more students over the next decade. The organization is accelerating the implementation of its research-based, adaptable approach carried out in 800 schools over the past 25 years, and currently employed in 200 schools across the nation. This approach is based on building college-and-career pathway knowledge through student interaction with college and business partners in the CFES expanding network, and helping students build grit, leadership and the other Essential Skills youth need to navigate and succeed in school, college and the workplace.

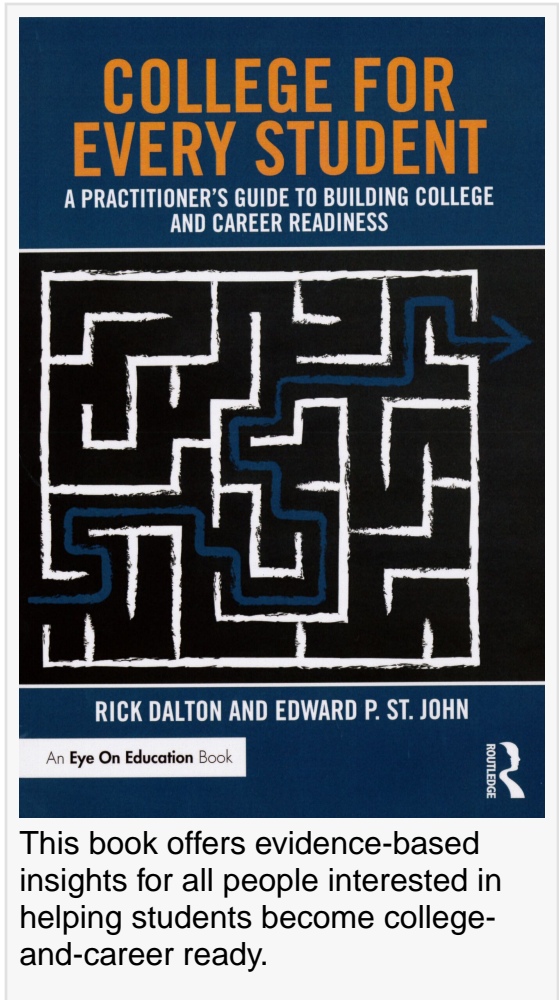
Ninety-nine percent of CFES students, known as Scholars, graduate from high school, and 95 percent go on to college.

Citing statistics from “College For Every Student: A Practitioner’s Guide to Building College and Career Readiness,” the book he co-authored, Dalton said, “A young person from the top economic quartile is eight times more likely to get a college degree than a young person from the bottom economic quartile. That speaks to the talent waste, not only in the United States but globally. When we waste talent, we all pay the price.”

About College For Every Student

College For Every Student (CFES) is a global leader helping K-12 students from low-income rural and urban communities become college and career ready. CFES has helped 100,000 students since 1991, and today supports 25,000 students through partnerships with schools, businesses and colleges in 30 states and Ireland. The CFES Program engages students in three core practices — Mentoring, Leadership Through Service, and Pathways to College and Career. These practices raise aspirations and develop, grit, teamwork, resilience, leadership and the other Essential Skills that advance social and educational uplift. Follow CFES at www.collegefes.org and on Twitter at @CollegeFES.

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