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**University of Kansas Freshman Recipient of San Francisco Educational Non-Profit's
Annual Nationwide Scholarship**

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Representing 347 Colleges and Universities*

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.— November 25, 2003 --The Center for Education Solutions, a San-Francisco-based, all-volunteer nonprofit organization devoted to education issues, announced today that Adam Hannaford, a freshman at the University of Kansas, has been selected as the recipient of the 2003-04 A. Patrick Charron Memorial Scholarship. He was selected from 549 applicants representing 347 colleges and universities.

The A. Patrick Charron Memorial Scholarship Recipient

Adam Hannaford, a student from Jenks, Oklahoma, who has devoted himself to his Native American community, asking to be a member of the Native American Council when he was sixteen years old. His presence and leadership skills even at that age were impressive enough that he was elected President of the Council with duties that included oversight of \$200,000 of government grant money earmarked for Native Americans in his area. He had to familiarize himself with the regulations governing these grants and manage requests that exceeded the amounts available to the Council, evaluating and prioritizing the requests to achieve the greatest impact.

"The selection committee was impressed by the diversity and the quality of the applicants for this year's scholarship," said Rhett Bratt, president of The Center for Education Solutions. "From all the worthy applicants, however, the committee felt Adam Hannaford best demonstrated Pat Charron's values of tolerance, compassion and respect for all people through his words and actions."

Mr. Hannaford is an outspoken advocate for education to a population of students dramatically underrepresented in post-secondary schools. He organized and delivered a seminar for Native American families with junior and senior high-school students, where he shared his story and gave these students, many of whom did not see a college path for themselves, a map to follow so they could at least explore the possibility. He also explained the application and testing processes and timing, demystifying them for families with little or no frame of reference. He continues his involvement in this program even after his college enrollment.

"Each person is going to seek their blend, the tool by which they will make a difference in this world. For my brother, it's the Marine Corp," wrote Alex in his scholarship submission essay. "Learning to respect the lifestyle my brother had chosen really helped me to understand the different lifestyles have different levels of competencies and I need to be tolerant of other people's choice, even when they're different from mine."

Despite his deep and very personal commitment to college education, he also recognizes that people choose different paths, a perspective that was brought into sharp relief when his brother chose to forego college and enrolled in the Marine Corps. His personal growth because of this experience is as impressive as his service to his community.

About The A. Patrick Charnon Memorial Scholarship

The A. Patrick Charnon Memorial Scholarship helps students afford high quality undergraduate education in their chosen fields of study. The scholarship is based on the memory of Pat Charnon was an inspiration to many young people in Beloit, Wisconsin, until his untimely death from cancer in 1987. With the memory of his remarkable generosity and his strong commitment to education, the friends and family of Pat Charnon have joined The Center for Education Solutions to establish the A. Patrick Charnon Memorial Scholarship.

Each year since 1992, The Center has awarded \$1,500 scholarships to full-time undergraduate students who have demonstrated their commitments to building communities. Since its inception, the Charnon Scholarship program has attracted over 10,000 applicants from all over the United States – as well as from foreign students attending college in the United States.

The Center is currently accepting applications for its 2004-05 award.

About The Center for Education Solutions

Founded in 1991, The Center for Education Solutions is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization devoted to education issues. From its inception, it has administered the A. Patrick Charnon Memorial Scholarship program, an annual award of \$1,500 given to an undergraduate student who has demonstrated the values of compassion, tolerance and respect for all people. The scholarship memorializes Pat Charnon, a particularly generous shoe merchant in Beloit, Wisconsin, who died of cancer in 1987. The Center's website is www.cesresources.org.

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