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THE COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL OFFERS GATECRASHER SERIES; FREE LECTURE ON AN INSIDER'S VIEW: SELECTIVE COLLEGE ADMISSION

Colorado Springs, Colo. – The Colorado Springs School (CSS) will welcome Chris Ellertson, Dean of Admission and Financial Aid, at Trinity University in Texas for GateCrasher, the college admission series on Tuesday, February 19, 2008. Ellertson will visit with parents and students on the topic of *An Insider's View: Selective College Admission*. A reception will start at 6:00 p.m. and the lecture will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Louisa Performing Arts Center on The Colorado Springs School campus. All families in the greater Colorado Springs area are invited to attend.

A son of two college professors, Ellertson felt destined for a career in education. Growing up on the campus of Muskingum College in Ohio, a young Ellertson, attended lectures, fine arts performances and athletic events and eventually decided he wanted to remain part of a college community after he accompanied his father and students on a class trip to Washington D.C. After receiving his B.A. in Communication from Otterbein College and M.A. in Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Chris Ellertson began his career at Texas Christian University in 1982, where he worked for a decade in the Offices of Admission, Development, and Financial Aid. In 1993, he joined Whitman College as the Associate Director of Admissions, and was appointed Director of Admissions in 1997. After serving for three years in this position, he was named the Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas. During his seven years at Trinity, the university has become significantly more selective in admission, and has seen substantial increases in the academic quality and diversity of entering students.

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“Chris Ellertson is a must see for any high school student in their freshman, sophomore, or junior year, parents too” said Rusty Haynes, Director of College Counseling at The Colorado Springs School.

The GateCrasher lecture series will continue with its final lecture for the 2007-2008 year with ***Breaking Away: Surviving the First Year of College*** with Peter Van Buskirk, former Dean of Admission at Franklin and Marshall College and Vice President of Peterson’s, Inc. on April 15, 2008. “Every senior needs to attend this session; Peter is very entertaining and extremely informative,” Rusty Haynes.

About the Colorado Springs School (CSS)

CSS offers an experiential educational curriculum for preschool – 12th graders. Through superior academics and mentoring, The Colorado Springs School prepares students to think independently and to meet the needs of a dynamic world with leadership, ingenuity, problem-solving skills, and personal integrity.

For more information on the GateCrasher Series at The Colorado Springs School and the January 16th lecture, please contact Director of College Counseling, Rusty Haynes at (719) 434-3573 or visit www.css.org.

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