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Compass Charter Schools Announces NCAA Scholarship Eligibility for Scholars

Thousand Oaks, CA – Compass Charter Schools (CCS) announced today that their charter schools have received NCAA scholarship eligibility for high school scholars. The new eligibility allows high school scholars to enroll in NCAA-approved courses through CCS and become eligible to play NCAA Division I or II sports in college.

"I am so excited that we are now able to offer our scholars academic scholarship opportunities through the NCAA," shared Joel Manwarren, Director of Academic Affairs. "Many of our scholars participate in sports and deserve the opportunity to earn an academic scholarship that will allow them to continue playing in college."

CCS has submitted an extended list of core courses to the NCAA for approval. Once those courses are approved, the scholarship eligibility will apply to all of the CCS schools. Scholars who have taken the NCAA-approved core courses starting from the 2015-16 school year and beyond are eligible for a scholarship through NCAA.

"I am proud that CCS is able to offer our former, current and prospective high school scholars the opportunity to continue playing sports in college through an NCAA academic scholarship," said J.J. Lewis, President & CEO. "Our new NCAA-approved courses demonstrate our commitment to expanding opportunities for scholars and ensuring their academic success."

CCS is one of very few WASC-accredited online charter schools in the State of California to earn this eligibility for high school scholars from the NCAA.

About Compass Charter Schools

Compass Charter Schools (CCS) operates five WASC-accredited public charter schools (Academy of Arts & Sciences: Los Angeles, Academy of Arts & Sciences: Sonoma, Academy of Arts & Sciences: Thousand Oaks & Simi Valley, Compass Charter Schools of Fresno, and Compass Charter Schools of San Diego), serving thousands of scholars throughout the state. Catering to TK-12 grade scholars, CCS offers the choice of either their home study or online academic program. CCS is committed to creating a collaborative virtual learning community, inspiring scholars to appreciate the ways in which arts and sciences nurture a curiosity for lifelong learning, and preparing scholars to take responsibility for their future successes.

For more information about CCS, visit <u>www.compasscharters.org</u>.