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GOAL HIGH SCHOOL EXCITED FOR 2019-2020!

Dr. Constance Jones, C.E.O. and Mrs. Debbie Rose, President of the Board, along with 400 staff and over 4,000 projected students officially kicked off the school year August 1st and 2nd at their annual, statewide GOAL Forum with this year's mantra: "100% : It starts with US".

The Mission: "Developing productive members of society"

The Vision "Helping all students achieve their full potential in a caring, supportive, and personalized environment.

Five regions (Southern, Central, Colorado Springs, Denver, and Northern), 29 student drop-in centers, two technology centers, and the headquarters in Pueblo will be fully up and running under authorizing District 49 on the **first day for students --- September 3, 2019**. Orientations will occur during the month of August.

Signup is easy by calling 1-877-PRO-GOAL (**877-776-425**) or using the online enrollment form at: **goalac.org**

GOAL is a statewide, FREE blended online public high school (grades 9-12) which has operated successfully for over ten years. All technology equipment is provided at no charge including laptops and internet hot spots. Students work online, and also have highly qualified assistance at the nearest of 29 drop-in sites statewide as well as through a wide variety of online support platforms. GOAL's primary focus is regaining as many of the approximately 65,000 disconnected teenagers and young adults in the state of Colorado. "Disconnected" individuals are those between the ages of 16 and 24 who do not attend school, nor are they working.

Student THRIVE enrichment programs include, but are not limited to the following:

- Concurrent Enrollment, whereby students can begin earning free college credit at local colleges and universities as early as their freshman year.
- Career and Technical Education program including internships, on the job training, job shadowing, Information Technology, and more.
- Workkeys training and certification.
- Regular “Pod Activities” – hands-on learning.
- Goal Ventures is a statewide experiential learning program in which students can earn core and/or elective credit including trips to Mt. Rushmore, Leadville, Arizona, Mexico, Moab, etc.
- Senior Recovery plan of study for credit deficient students including the Colorado Department of Education Capstone Project route to graduation.
- Volunteer opportunities.
- Perfect World Music Academy led by Grammy Award winner Carlos Lucero and his incredible team of musicians and teachers.
- Student Government opportunities.
- Prom, dances, movie nights.
- Athletics and/or activities at local high schools.
- Partnership with Microsoft and upcoming Mobile Application

IMPORTANT DATES for GOAL ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL:

- May 1 – September 27, 2019-Open Enrollment
- **September 3, 2019** **First day for students**
- October 11, 2019 End of 1st Quarter
- October 12-15, 2019 Fall Break
- October 17, 2019 Beginning of 2nd Quarter
- December 20, 2019 End of 2nd Quarter
- December 21, 2019 – January 6, 2020 – Christmas Break
- January 7, 2020 Start of 3rd Quarter
- March 13, 2020 End of 3rd Quarter
- March 14-23, 2020 Spring Break
- March 24, 2020 Start of 4th Quarter
- March 30-April 24, 2020-State Mandated Testing Window - will vary dependent on site.
- May 29, 2020 End of 4th Quarter
- June 5-8, 2020 Graduation – will vary dependent on site.

QUESTIONS: 1-877-PRO-GOAL (**877-776-4625**) or...

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