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THE COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL AND THE GATECRASHERS SERIES PRESENT LEE STETSON, FORMER DEAN OF ADMISSION AT PENN

Colorado Springs, Colo. – The Colorado Springs School will host Lee Stetson, former Dean of Undergraduate Admissions at the University of Pennsylvania, on **Tuesday, April 14, 2009**, as part of the Gatecrashers Series: Opening the Doors to College Admission. Stetson will be speaking on “The Inside Scoop” of college admission. His lecture is free and open to the public and will be held in the Louisa Performing Arts Center on The Colorado Springs School campus, with a reception at 6:00 p.m. followed by the lecture at 7:00 p.m.



For 29 years, Lee Stetson was the Dean of Undergraduate Admission at the University of Pennsylvania where he was responsible for the administration of the Office of Undergraduate Admission, including 20 admission officers and 30 support staff. He is widely credited with radically transforming Penn through his work as Admission Dean in changing the composition of Penn's undergraduate student body as the university rose in stature over Stetson's 29 years at the University.

“I can’t think of a better speaker to prepare families for the college admission process ---- Stetson gives sage advice, speaks in truths and has been noted as the go to guy in college admission,” said Rusty Haynes, Director of College Counseling. “As a top college preparatory school, we aim to bring speakers who help families make informed decisions about their children’s higher education pursuits. In many cases, our speakers encourage *goal setting* from 8th graders, freshman and sophomores and *value alignment* from juniors and seniors who are narrowing down colleges.”

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Currently, CSS has four alumni enrolled at University of Pennsylvania and a current senior, Levi Schmeiler, who was admitted early decision to Warton, Penn's business school for 2009-2010. CSS' will celebrate all college acceptances and scholarship at Commencement Exercises on Friday, May 22, 2009.

This is the final speaker for the 2008-2009 Gatecrashers Series at The Colorado Springs School. However, CSS will offer SAT/ACT Test Prep in our Summer Program from July 20 – July 24 from 8:00 a.m. – noon, in an effort to further academic success by the young people of the Pikes Peak Region. The Test Prep course will be taught by CSS teachers in English, Science, and Math as well as the College Counselor. The program is open to non-CSS students.

Please contact Rusty Haynes, Director of College Counseling at (719) 434-3573 or visit www.css.org to learn more about college counseling opportunities at CSS.

More About Lee Stetson

After earning a BS in Psychology from the University of Delaware, Lee served as an area field manager at Bell Telephone Company until the onset of the Vietnam War, when he served in South Vietnam as a Lieutenant in United States Army with the 1st Air Cavalry Division. Lee also earned an MS in Counseling and Educational Administration from the University of Pennsylvania. After a year at Springfield High School, PA, he moved to higher education as an admission officer at the University of Delaware, moving up to Associate Director of Admission and finally Director of Admission. He then spent 29 years as the Dean of Undergraduate Admissions at the University of Pennsylvania. Active in the Philadelphia community and many academic circles, he recently served on the Board of Trustees for the College Entrance Examination Board. Lee has also served as President of the Potomac/Chesapeake chapter of the National Association for College Admission Counseling and was a Harvard Institute Resident Faculty member for a number of years. His greatest challenge recently was viewing the college admissions process from the other side, as the father of a college senior. Since his retirement, Lee continues to work in secondary and postsecondary circles as a consultant.

About the Colorado Springs School (CSS)

CSS offers an experiential educational curriculum for Pre-Kindergarten – 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.

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