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Pictured: Jarrett M. Adams, Attorney, Innocence Project, NY, NY, former scholarship recipient addresses South Suburban College Foundation (SSCF) supporters at their most recent fundraiser. After serving nearly 10 years for a wrongful conviction, Jarrett was exonerated with the assistance of the Wisconsin Innocence Project. As a first step, Jarrett literally walked back into college from his mother's house in South Holland and earned his Associates Degree from SSC in 2009. From scholarship to passing the New York bar exam on his first attempt in 2016, Jarrett has used the injustice he endured as inspiration to become an advocate for the underserved and uncounted. Support others like Jarrett during SSCF's fall Scholarship Donor Drive at www.ssc.edufoundation.

SSC Foundation Annual Scholarship Donor Drive Critical for Local College Student Success

SOUTH HOLLAND, IL – The South Suburban College Foundation (SSCF) is seeking year-end gifts from those who wish to help make a difference in the lives of local college students in need of financial assistance. The SSCF Scholarship Donor Drive will continue through the end of the year, providing both a charitable gift opportunity and tax-deduction for all donors.

The SSCF support provides scholarship assistance each year to many students who otherwise would be unlikely to begin or complete their college education. One-hundred percent (100%) of Donor Drive donations benefit scholarship and student assistance funds. Whether it is a high school graduate, an unemployed resident looking for a career change, or a single parent pursuing their college degree for the first time, the SSCF offers scholarship assistance to all students in need. Helping students achieve their college dream can give them the tools to improve their lives and their communities.

Scholarship opportunities are critical for SSC students, especially in light of the continued budget impasse and resulting reduction of Monetary Award Program (MAP) grants for Illinois students. Many are struggling to balance family, employment, and school responsibilities while they are often unable to receive Financial Aid. Scholarship money is provided primarily through this annual fall Scholarship Donor Drive.

All scholarship contributions to the SSCF are 100% tax-deductible (TIN: 23-7191738). The SSCF staff works cooperatively with individuals and organizations to develop a donor plan of any level. New scholarships can also be established with a \$750 donation.

The SSCF has set a fundraising goal of \$200,000 to for Fiscal Year 2016-17 to support student success. Donations may be made online at www.ssc.edu/foundation, via *PayPal* to foundation@ssc.edu or mailed to:

“SSC Foundation”
15800 S. State Street
South Holland, IL 60473

At SSC, 90% of students fall under the low income, first generation or disabled criteria. The SSCF once again awarded over \$100,000 in total awards to these students in 2016, and has now granted over \$1.8 million since 1987. For more information, please contact the Foundation Office at (708) 596-2000, ext. 2463 or foundation@ssc.edu.

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