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Cleveland Indians' Larry Doby Fund Grant Supports Violence-Mitigating Work in John Adams High School

CLEVELAND, April 17, 2017 — College Now recently received a two-year, \$50,000 grant from the Cleveland Indians' Larry Doby Youth Fund to support its wraparound work at John Adams High School in Cleveland. The Larry Doby Youth Fund, which is administered by The Cleveland Foundation, was created in 2016 by Indians' Manager Terry Francona and funded by the Indians' organization, players and members of the public in honor of Larry Doby, the first African American player in the American League as an effort to partner with youth-serving organizations to provide educational opportunities and resources to curb violence among youth in Cleveland.

The grant will deepen the wraparound services, funded by United Way, that began at John Adams High School in the 2013-14 academic year, when College Now was named the lead agency partner, responsible for coordinating in-school and out-of-school services that are provided by external community partners based on community and school needs. The strategy College Now implements at John Adams is focused on successful high school completion and planning for postsecondary education and career.

College Now uses curriculum-based activities focused on academic advising, career exploration, student financial aid counseling, ACT preparation and college and career preparation and application to develop positive social interaction, commitment to school, etc., factors that mitigate violence. Since College Now began implementing its wraparound strategy at John Adams, chronic absenteeism has declined 20 percentage points; high school graduation has increased 14 percentage points; and most notably, given the mission of the Larry Doby Youth Fund, occurrences of fighting, violence and bodily injury have declined 42 percentage points.

"College Now is extremely grateful to the Cleveland Indians and the Larry Doby Youth Fund for their support of the important work being done at John Adams," said Lee Friedman, CEO of College Now. "While the results we have seen since we began our work three years ago are dramatic, there is still more work to be done in the John Adams community, and this funding is critical to our ability to expand that work and reach more students."

About College Now Greater Cleveland, Inc.

College Now provides Greater Cleveland students with guidance and access to funds to prepare for and graduate from college. For nearly 50 years, our goal has been to help students pursue educational opportunities that empower them to embark on rewarding careers and strengthen our community. College Now assists more than 27,000 students each year, delivering college access advising, financial aid counseling, and scholarship and retention services in Greater Cleveland schools, in the College Now Resource Center and through community-based programs. For more information, visit www.collegenowgc.org.

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