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College Now Board of Directors Elects Michael Cogan Board Chair

CLEVELAND, February 8, 2022 — The College Now Greater Cleveland Board of Directors has elected Michael Cogan as its new Board Chair. Cogan, Northern Trust's President of the Ohio Market, succeeds outgoing Board Chair Mark Ross, retired Managing Partner of PwC's Lake Erie Market, who will remain active on the Board as Immediate Past Chair. Cogan's tenure as Board Chair began February 1, 2022, and he can serve a three-year term.

Cogan joined the College Now Board in 2018 and has maintained an active role on the Executive and Governance Committees. He was also instrumental in the creation of College Now's Professional Advisory Council, which provides unique opportunities for community leaders to learn, at a deeper level, about College Now's work and impact in Northeast Ohio. Cogan will also serve as a mentor in College Now's Mentoring Program in 2022. His other work in the community includes serving as a Board member of Southwest General Health Center and he is the Immediate Past Chairman of Business Volunteers Unlimited. He is a former Board Chairman of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Cleveland and the Southwest Community Health Foundation. Cogan is also a former board member of the Cleveland Zoological Society and a former Advisory Board Member of the Department of Economics at The Ohio State University. He is a member of the 50 Club of Cleveland and the Union Club.

"Greater Cleveland is fortunate to have a community leader as dedicated and committed as Mike Cogan," said Lee Friedman, CEO of College Now. "College Now is also fortunate to have Mike's leadership as we look to the future and address the ever-changing educational and workforce needs of our region, particularly during this next chapter of the COVID-19 pandemic."

"I look forward to working with Lee Friedman and the outstanding team she has assembled at College Now," said Cogan. "College Now is making a significant impact in our community by providing access to post-secondary educational opportunities for our youth. I hope to continue the tradition of excellent board leadership knowing that the success which College Now achieves is success for all of Northeast Ohio."

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 more than 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 30,000 students each year, delivering college and career 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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