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**NCCEP Unveils New Film/Curriculum:**

*“16 Summers,” Featuring Nick Cannon, Supporting the White House Education Agenda*

WASHINGTON, DC, March, 12, 2009 - Following the world premiere in New Orleans of the new film *16 Summers*, featuring actor and musician Nick Cannon, the National Council for Community and Education Partnerships (NCCEP) is proud to introduce a multimedia program designed to inform students and families about ways to prepare for, apply to, and pay for postsecondary education.

Consisting of a dynamic film and corresponding curriculum, *16 Summers* is developed specifically for low-income, first-generation college-bound students. Created for both students and families, the lessons describe the benefits of postsecondary education, financial planning for college, the role of standardized admissions testing, and college application procedures. The need for this type of information was recently expressed by the President in his remarks to the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce:

“Never has a college degree been more important. And never has it been more expensive. At a time when so many of our families are bearing enormous economic burdens, the rising cost of tuition threatens to shatter dreams.”

--President Barack Obama

The *16 Summers* film follows the Taylor family as they face struggles familiar to many American families. When the family falls on tough times, they are forced to learn more about the impact education has on their lives and the importance of financial planning.

Created with the generous support of USA Funds, the *16 Summers* film and training materials were created for teachers, counselors, administrators, youth program coordinators, parent/family coordinators, or anyone who works with students and families.

To order a copy of *16 Summers*, please visit [www.edpartnerships.org](http://www.edpartnerships.org). For more information, please email [programs@edpartnerships.org](mailto:programs@edpartnerships.org).

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