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### North State Giving Tuesday is Supporting Students

Weed / COS –In January 2016, the COS Foundation along with the College of the Siskiyous developed a new scholarship called the “Siskiyou Promise” for graduates of Siskiyou and Modoc County high schools. The Siskiyou Promise Scholarship is offered to every Siskiyou County and Modoc County high school graduate who enrolls at COS the fall semester immediately following their high school graduation (first eligible to apply for the Siskiyou Promise was Class of 2016). This fall, approximately 150 Siskiyou and Modoc County high school graduates are currently attending College of the Siskiyous as a first year Siskiyou Promise scholarship recipient and 72 second year students are receiving a continuation award.

The Siskiyou Promise Scholarship is intended to be a “middle dollar” scholarship used to cover tuition and other mandatory fees not covered by federal or state grant sources. The Siskiyou Promise Scholarship helps address these issues by offering a two-year scholarship so students can focus on their education – rather than their finances!

On November 28, our community will come together for North State Giving Tuesday, an online event, where you can donate to the COS Foundation and our Siskiyou Promise Scholarship to support

students attending College of the Siskiyous. For 14 hours, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. you can “give where you live” online at [www.northstategives.org](http://www.northstategives.org).

As education costs rise, more and more middle-income families find themselves stretched to pay for college, just missing the threshold for federal financial aid. At the same time, being able to focus on their studies full-time has been shown to significantly benefit a student’s ability to succeed in college. Supporting the COS Foundation and the Siskiyou Promise Scholarship is supporting students. The Siskiyou Promise pays tuition and fees for:

- First Year Experience (term immediately following high school graduation)
- Second Year Continuation (term immediately following first year at COS)
- \$200 Book Voucher—for both the Fall and Spring Semesters

The Shasta Regional Community Foundation is leading North State Giving Tuesday, an online event at [www.northstategives.org](http://www.northstategives.org) and is generously supported by the Redding Bank of Commerce and United Way of Northern California. All you need is your credit card number and access to a web browser. Visit the website at [www.northstategives.org](http://www.northstategives.org) in advance to orient yourself for the one-day only ONLINE event where you will find a video explaining the event.

“It’s a secure online giving opportunity where a donation of \$10 or more to the COS Foundation will help us raise funds to support the Siskiyou Promise Scholarship Program,” says Dawnie Slabaugh, Director of Public Relations and College Foundation. “This online event is very important to our Siskiyou Promise Scholarship Program and our students,” she continued. All gifts are 100%tax deductible, as allowed by law and will be receipted for tax purposes by Shasta Regional Community Foundation.

For more information about the Siskiyou Promise Scholarship call (530) 938-5373 or send an email to [foundation@siskiyous.edu](mailto:foundation@siskiyous.edu). The Weed Campus can also be reached by calling (530) 938-5555 or toll-free (888) 397-4339. Information about the COS Foundation can also be found online at [www.siskiyous.edu/foundation/](http://www.siskiyous.edu/foundation/).

The community’s support on November 28<sup>th</sup> is not only important to the College of the Siskiyous, it is vital to the success of our students!