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### **Background**

On December 1, 2014, the Colorado Attorney General's office filed a sealed complaint against CollegeAmerica. Subsequently, on December 30, 2014, the AG's office filed a preliminary injunction motion against CollegeAmerica. CollegeAmerica has filed multiple motions to dismiss the complaint.

### **Statement from Eric Juhlin, President of CollegeAmerica**

“This complaint is a prejudiced attack against private career colleges, Colorado students’ freedom of choice in education, and students’ ability to make informed educational decisions. Filing this complaint and motion highlights the Colorado AG’s bias against career colleges and complete disregard for existing state and accrediting body oversight.

“During the AG’s two-year investigation, CollegeAmerica repeatedly offered to meet with the AG’s office to review and modify any practices the AG found concerning. The AG’s office rejected all of these offers and chose instead to file a complaint and motion full of distortions, half-truths, and false allegations.

“We question the AG’s intent and bias in filing this false complaint against a private college given our far-superior graduation rates and the poor outcomes of Colorado’s public community colleges. According to a December 2014 report<sup>1</sup>, only 12% of Colorado community college students graduated an associate degree program within three years. At CollegeAmerica, the most recent graduation rate for associate programs was 40%<sup>2</sup>, or three times higher than the Colorado statewide rate.

“CollegeAmerica will fight these false attacks in court, as it continues to deliver career-focused education to students, many of whom have often been overlooked or underserved by traditional colleges. We believe in our students, their ability to make informed decisions, and the important role CollegeAmerica serves in helping them achieve their goals.”

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<sup>1</sup> *Four-Year Myth*, December 2014 report published by Complete College America, <http://completecollege.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/4-Year-Myth.pdf>, page 28-29.

<sup>2</sup> CollegeAmerica’s Colorado campuses Associate Degree program graduation rates as reported in its 2014 Annual Institutional Report to its accreditor ACCSC.