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### **NATIONAL COLLEGE RESOURCES FOUNDATION**

**Diamond Bar, CA** – National College Resources Foundation has partnered with Chauncey Spencer II, Founder and creator of the African Americans in Aviation Traveling Museum. The Traveling Museum is set to take off August 17, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. at a ceremony hosted by the Palm Springs Air Museum located at 745 N Gene Autry Trail, Palm Springs, CA 92262. This traveling museum is significant because it focuses on the life of Chauncey Spencer, a pioneer who changed the course of aviation and social history in America. He fought for racial equality and paved the way for African American pilots today.

The museum, powered by NCRF and curated by Chauncey Spencer II, will travel across the country, with the tour ending in Washington D.C. Chauncey comes from a rich line of pioneers in African American history. His father, a Tuskegee Airman, met with Harry S. Truman, convincing him to support the cause for the inclusion of African Americans in the Army Air Corps. When asked why it was important to partner with NCRF for this nationwide tour, Chauncey said “We are working to create a bridge for students to learn about aviation history. Despite all the odds against them, young people can succeed if they have the will, the opportunity, and the support of the community. Teaching African American students about the success of other African Americans in a program that directly relates to teaching academic skills and knowledge is critical and necessary.”

The tour will cover 7,000 miles round trip and include stops at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Airport and Tuskegee Airmen Museum in Detroit, Tuskegee University, the NASA Space Camp in Huntsville, AL, Texas Southern University and Johnson Space Center in Houston, the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in D.C. and several other significant locations across the country.

As part of NCRF’s S.T.E.A.M. program, the traveling museum exists to inspire students interested in aviation and the Aerospace industry. Founder and Executive Director of NCRF, Dr. Theresa Price says “We want all to know, young and old, about the history and sacrifices made by the black aviators. There would be no Tuskegee Airmen, no Red Tails without Chauncey Spencer and Dale White. They paved the way for black pilots and astronauts. They were responsible for convincing Congress to include blacks in the pre-World War II Civilian Pilot Training Program to fight in the war and getting President Truman to integrate the US Air Force.”

NCRF, a 501c3 organization, has created programs and initiatives to provide guidance, resources, information and pipelines to empower students toward positive post-secondary pursuits, and particularly in the job growth areas, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art/Agriculture/Aviation/Aerospace and Math), Healthcare and Community Services. To support these initiatives, NCRF has developed programs like The Movement Enrichment Program; Students Think STEAM; Internship & Careers, and College Expos to help close the gap in educational achievement, workforce, and economic disparities.

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