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ALL STUDENT LOAN HELPS TO FILL COLLEGE FUNDING GAP

Demand is Up for Nonprofit Lender's Federal Student Loans

Los Angeles, CA (September 9, 2008) – In the face of the most challenging student lending cycle in recent memory, ALL Student Loan, California's largest nonprofit student lender, is on track to report a 25% jump in volume this academic year. The steep increase is attributed to other lenders exiting the market, as well as ALL Student Loan's commitment to its mission.

"Beyond our low interest rates and great customer service, borrowers choose ALL Student Loan because of our mission," said Quentin Wilson, President and CEO of ALL Student Loan. "Borrowers like the fact that we won't close our doors when times get rough, and that our earnings support programs that help students succeed in education."

The credit crunch, combined with program cutbacks enacted by Congress in 2007, led many lenders to reduce their loans to only the "most profitable" schools, or exit the student loan market altogether. Concerned that students would be unable to secure student loans this fall, Congress enacted the *Ensuring Access to Student Loan Act of 2008* earlier this year. ALL Student Loan is one of only a handful of lenders nationwide approved to participate in programs authorized under the Act, and recently received its first draw-down of funds.

"This has been – and will continue to be – an incredibly difficult year for financing student loans," said Wilson. "We appreciate the quick actions by Congress, the U.S. Department of Education, and the State of California to maintain availability of student loans through this rough period. Now that we have cleared this hurdle, we plan to work with policymakers to develop a long-term solution, namely a market-based student loan program that is easier for borrowers and less costly for taxpayers."

About ALL Student Loan

ALL Student Loan, California's largest nonprofit student lender, is dedicated to providing resources and programs for students and families so they can succeed in education beyond high school. Since 1980, ALL Student Loan has made more than \$4 billion in affordable financing available to over 400,000 borrowers.

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