



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Contact: Kathryn Powell
303-376-8829**

February 1, 2007

CollegeInvest Honors Cherry Creek Counselor
Amy Belstra recognized as Counselor of the Month

Englewood, CO – CollegeInvest, in partnership with the Colorado Council on High School/College Relations and Denver’s Channel 7, is proud to honor Amy Belstra of Cherry Creek High School as January’s Counselor of the Month.

“High school counselors often are unsung heroes, encouraging students to dream and accomplish their goals,” said Judy Ransom of CollegeInvest, Colorado’s higher education financing resource. “They wear many hats, from a higher education resource to a friendly face to talk to on a bad day.”

The Counselor of the Month program is designed to give counselors the recognition they deserve. CollegeInvest is a not-for-profit division of the Colorado Department of Higher Education.

Colin Spencer, a Cherry Creek High School parent, nominated Belstra for the award after witnessing her commitment to the students. According to Spencer, Belstra stands out for keeping students’ best interests at heart while encouraging and challenging them to pursue higher education.

“She is tough on them when she needs to be but also their best friend in the process,” Spencer wrote. “Just look at the number of students from Creek attending college. Amy is the reason why!”

To nominate a high school counselor for a future counselor of the month award, visit www.thedenverchannel.com and click on “Counselor of the Month.”

About CollegeInvest

CollegeInvest is a not-for-profit division of the Colorado Department of Higher Education. Since 1979, CollegeInvest has helped more than half a million families break down the financial barriers to college by providing expert information, simple planning tools, scholarships, college savings plans, and low-cost student and parent loans. For more information, visit www.collegeinvest.org or call 1-800-COLLEGE or contact your financial advisor.

###

