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**Colleges Scotland's Comment on the SFC College Leaver Destinations Report 2014-15**

Commenting on the publication of the Scottish Funding Council's College Leaver Destinations 2014-15, Colleges Scotland's Chief Executive, Shona Struthers said:

"The first comprehensive study on college leavers has given us a fuller picture of how students are progressing after college. The numbers of leavers reaching positive destinations is increasing which shows that colleges are making a real difference to the future of individuals by giving them work-ready skills and making a significant contribution to productivity and the economy.

"Colleges are demonstrating that they are assisting more people to reach positive destinations – whether that is further study or into paid employment. Importantly, colleges are giving people from some of the most deprived parts of the country a real chance to gain the necessary skills for work, with many people developing their skills through further study."

"An independent economic study showed that for every pound invested in the college sector, there is a six-fold return to Scotland's economy."

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