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**Colleges Scotland comment on student funding increased**

In response to today's Scottish Government announcement "Student funding increased" Shona Struthers, Chief Executive, Colleges Scotland said:

"Colleges Scotland – the body which represents the college sector – welcomes today's announcement from the Scottish Government that students from the poorest backgrounds are to receive more financial support.

"We are delighted that students studying higher education in colleges will be eligible for this enhanced funding.

"This announcement is early evidence of our campaigning for adequate funding for college students in Scotland.

"This is also an early indication of the vital work the Commission on Widening Access, chaired by Dame Ruth Silver, is undertaking to ensure more students from disadvantaged backgrounds in Scotland can succeed in higher education.

"Liz McIntyre, principal of Borders College, is a member of the Commission and will play an integral role in ensuring the voice of the college sector is heard."

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**Note to editors:**

The Scottish Government release can be found at:  
<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Student-funding-increased-18e2.aspx>