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Len Smolburd Named Chief Program Officer at the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara

Santa Barbara, CA — Len Smolburd, a versatile nonprofit professional who has successfully led community betterment programs in San Francisco and San Luis Obispo County, has been appointed chief program officer for the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara. His appointment is effective October 21.

Mr. Smolburd completed his undergraduate studies at Cal State Fresno, and his graduate studies at National University. He began his career at Boys & Girls Clubs of San Francisco, serving initially as teen services director before being rapidly promoted and ultimately becoming director of citywide services. As director of development from December 2013 to May 2016, he oversaw the organization's extensive fundraising and volunteer operation. In his current role as grants manager at the Community Foundation San Luis Obispo County, Mr. Smolburd directs an annual grants program that has awarded more than \$8 million over the last two years. His Community Foundation efforts have also included managing an annual college readiness resource fair, and developing a scholarship and mentorship program for foster care youth pursuing college or vocational training.

“Len comes to us with an unusual mix of skills and experience. The first person in his family to graduate from college, he is passionate about serving as a catalyst for positive change in the lives of young people. His impressive energy and enterprising nature are sure to serve us very well,” said Scholarship Foundation President and CEO Victoria Juarez.

The Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara is the nation's largest community-based provider of college scholarships, having cumulatively awarded in excess of \$123 million to more than 50,000 county students since its founding in 1962. A nonprofit organization, the Scholarship Foundation also provides free financial aid advising services. For additional information, visit www.sbscholarship.org.

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