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COMING TO SYDNEY IN SEPTEMBER – SIX LEADING US UNIVERSITIES

In September six leading US universities will be in Sydney talking to students about studying in the US.

They are: Columbia University, Duke University, Georgetown University, Northwestern University, the University of Pennsylvania, and Princeton University.

Already this year eight US universities have been in Sydney to speak to students and parents about the opportunities for undergraduate study.

US Consulate General Public Affairs Officer David McGuire said "Over 4000 Australian are currently studying undergraduate degrees in America."

"High achieving HSC students are sought after by our universities. They have a great academic grounding, and have proven that they can excel in your internationally regarded credential," Mr McGuire said.

HSC students wanting to find out more are encouraged to attend one of the special information sessions on the 2^{nd} , 3^{rd} and 8^{th} of September.

The universities will also meet with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards to discuss the internationally regarded NSW Higher School certificate.

BOSTES President Mr Alegounarias said "Every year HSC students gain entry into leading universities in the UK and the US. Having done very well in the HSC they are well prepared for their tertiary studies – here or overseas."

Famous alumni from these six leading universities include:

Columbia University

Barack Obama -US President Maggie Gyllenhaal – actor Vampire Weekend - rock band Warren Buffet - investor

Duke University

Richard Nixon – former US President Melinda Gates – businesswoman, philanthropist Kyrie Irving - NBA player Tim Cook – CEO, Apple



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Georgetown University

Bill Clinton – former US President Bradley Cooper - actor Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo – former President of The Philippines Hugo Llorens – US Consul General, Sydney

Northwestern University

Stephen Colbert – TV host Ginny Rometty – CEO, IBM Will Butler – guitarist for Arcare Fire George RR Martin – author, Game of Thrones

University of Pennsylvania

Steve Jobs – founder, Apple Noam Chomsky – philosopher Candice Bergen – actor

Princeton University

Michelle Obama – lawyer, First Lady Woodrow Wilson – 28th President of the US Alan Turing – father of the computer Meg Whitman – Chief Executive, Hewlett-Packard

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