*Albany State University Fostering Through College Program and The nsoro Foundation*

*FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE*

*Fostering Through College and The Department of Student Affairs and Success is pleased to announce the nsoro College Bound Summer Camp on our campus.*

*[The nsoro’s College Bound Summer Camp and Albany State University has partnered together to host the College Bound Summer camp. The summer camp will host 30 youth who are either in foster care or experience foster care. The goal is to introduce and inspire foster youth to obtain a higher education degree. This will be second year that ASU and the nsoro Foundation has partnered to host this camp.*

*The nsoro Foundation was founded by Darrell Mays, to support children in foster care through education. The nsoro Foundation provides academic scholarships for foster students. The mission of the nsoro Educational Foundation is to cultivate a “circle of support” that nurtures and provides guidance to children in foster care, kinship care and those who aged-out of care by following 5 guiding stars:*

* *Advocate to improve the lives of foster children*
* *Create programs to foster academic success*
* *Provide scholarships for post-secondary education*
* *Establish opportunities to network with professionals*
* *Support activities around foster youth*

*The Fostering Through College Program: Our mission is to a safe and supportive environment for current and former foster youth, orphans, wards of the state and homeless students. It is our aim to guide these students toward reaching their potential. FTC is a threefold program that assists in the development of students who have experienced, homelessness, foster care, or have been a ward of the state.  
Our main goals are support students in these seven critical areas:*

* *Mentorship*
* *Social and mental support and physical health*
* *Financial assistance*
* *Leadership*
* *Interpersonal, communication and relationships skills*
* *Academic assistance*
* *And Housing*