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Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund Announces Appointment of Cindy Hallums as Executive Director

The Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund today announced that it has appointed Cindy Hallums as the organization's Executive Director. Hallums, an experienced educator and non-profit leader, previously served as the Chief Education Officer of DMSF, and had held the role of Interim Co-Executive Director since September 2021. Previously she served in leadership roles at Teach for America, KIPP Ascend Charter School and Educators for Excellence.

"The Board and I are thrilled that Cindy has agreed to take on the leadership of DMSF," said Board Chair Mark Ferguson. "In addition to her passion for education, she is a recognized leader with a compelling vision for the future of our organization. We are all looking forward to working with her as we continue to advance the Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund mission.

"I am honored to be selected to serve as Executive Director of DMSF, an organization with a rich history of serving Scholars, alumni and Chicago communities, and one that I love dearly," said Hallums. "I look forward to working closely with the Board, Murphy Scholars and their families, alumni, staff, partner schools and the entire Daniel Murphy community to continue to ignite potential and enrich lives for youth throughout Chicago."

Hallums holds a bachelor's degree from Rhodes College in Spanish Literature and Women's Studies, and a master's degree in social work from the The University of Chicago Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy and Practice. She lives in Chicago with her husband Jeff and their two children.

Hallums will assume the Executive Director position immediately.

The Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund is a not-for-profit organization organized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The organization provides private high school tuition scholarships and educational, college admission and other support programming for Chicago area students in underserved neighborhoods. One hundred percent of Daniel Murphy Scholars who complete the program gain admission to a four-year college or university and 87% graduate or are on track to graduate from college within six years.

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