Dear Colleague:

Please encourage your student to attend our 35th Annual Challenge to Excellence Summer Program for academically talented students. The program focuses on experiences designed to improve a student’s higher level thinking skills in math, science, and creative writing as well as in other skill and content areas. Over the past three decades thousands of students have participated and benefited by their experiences in Challenge to Excellence.

Students who will be entering the sixth, seventh and eighth grade in the fall of 2018 will attend the program June 10-15, 2018. Students who will be entering ninth, tenth and eleventh grades in the fall of 2018 will attend the program from June 17-22, 2018. The cost for those students who live on campus is $425 (on or before May 25) or $435 (after May 25). The cost for the students who commute from home is $350 (on or before May 25) or $360 (after May 25). Parents have the option of paying tuition in full or a $200 deposit at the time of registration and the balance by May 25th.

Many of our former “campers” have matriculated at our finest universities and are now teachers, doctors, engineers, journalists, computer scientists, pharmacists, etc. In fact, one of our former Challenge to Excellence students received a Pulitzer Prize for journalism.

I encourage you to distribute these brochures to interested, qualified students in your school or school district. The camp is designed for students who have achievement test scores at the 90th percentile or above. The camp information and registration form may be duplicated for students. Information is also available at www.conferenceservices.siu.edu on the ‘Camps and Youth Programs’ page.

Please feel free to call me (618-453-4570) or e-mail me (rmptomrozi@siu.edu) if you or your students have any questions.

Sincerely,

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ADMISSION CRITERIA & THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The academic program consists of several courses designed to challenge the students in a variety of classes and experiences. All courses encourage students to use their creativity and problem-solving skills. It is recommended that students score at the 90th percentile or above on the math, science, and/or language arts sections of an achievement test. A teacher or guidance counselor’s signature is required on the application or a letter from them as a means of certifying the student is qualified for the program. NOTE: Returning students do not have to provide test scores.

EVENING PROGRAMS

Our staff believes that opportunities must also be provided for the students to interact with each other socially. Evening programs are structured, supervised activities that include:

- SIU Carbondale Recreational Center
- Talent show
- Bowling and billiards at SIU Student Center
- Play presented by the drama class
- Capture-the-flag game

CAMP LOCATION

Camp classes and activities are held on the SIU Carbondale campus. Residential campers will stay in one of the SIU Carbondale residence halls. Information will be provided upon registration. We will include a list of suggested items to bring for residential campers.

Commuters are encouraged to arrive in time for breakfast and stay until after the evening activity is completed, usually between 8:30 and 9:00 pm. Drop off and pick up at the SIU Student Center.

WHAT’S INCLUDED?

Fees Cover:

- Dinners (Sunday-Thursday)* Residential Campers Only
- Lunches (Monday-Friday)
- Breakfasts (Monday-Friday)
- Educational Supplies and Materials
- Limited Accident Medical Insurance
- Camp T-Shirt
- Five nights lodging at air-conditioned SIU Carbondale residence hall (Sunday-Thursday)*
- Recreational Activities

REGISTRATION FEES

On or before 5/25/18: After 5/25/18:
Residential - $425 Residential - $435
Commuter - $350 Commuter - $350

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations before May 25 will be refunded, less $25. No refunds after May 25, 2018.

Please complete the registration form, have your counselor or teacher fill in test scores and sign (for new students only) and mail it to the address listed on the registration form. Or, find all of our camp information and forms online at: www.conferenceservices.siu.edu

Registration Payment Options:

Campers can pay the total amount when registering or pay a $200 deposit when registering. The balance will be due one week prior to the beginning of camp. Payment can be made by cash, check, or credit card.

New campers who register online should email counselor/teacher signature and test scores to rmtnmoroz@siu.edu