Dear Admitted COE Students and Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

On behalf of NC State University Minority Engineering Programs (MEP), I am pleased to extend a formal invitation to your graduating high school student to apply for participation in our 2015 College of Engineering Summer Transition Program (STP).

STP is an intensive six-week, optional residential program designed to provide a smooth transition from high school to college. This program will give future college students an overview of what to expect from college before they begin their fall semester. For someone who does not know what to expect, his or her first college semester can be overwhelming. Our STP courses and activities are chosen so that many areas of university life and engineering studies at NC State are covered.

Participating students will live in University Towers, a privately owned residence hall conveniently located beside the NC State University campus. Participants will also enroll in a university math class for credit. In addition, STP will offer Chemistry Fundamentals, Introduction to EOS (North Carolina State University’s computing system), social activities, corporate field trips and more. STP can be an active component in your student’s plans for success.

There is a $350.00 participation fee that will be due upon arrival for STP Orientation. The cost of transportation to and from campus and textbooks (prices range from $150.00 to $200.00 depending on the math course taken and prices are subject to change), will be the responsibility of the student. We purchase all required textbooks prior to the start of our program. Textbooks will be distributed and money collected from each student during STP Orientation check-in. Minority Engineering Programs will cover the cost of meals, housing, and in-state tuition for the summer math courses, and all social activities. Additionally, out-of-state students will be responsible for the out-of-state portion of tuition, which may range from $1,566 to $2,088, depending upon which math course (3 credit versus 4 credit hours) the student enrollss. Students will also be required to purchase WebAssign (online tool for homework completion and submission). WebAssign costs will be shared with students selected to participate in the program at a later date.

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STP participants who successfully complete all courses, attend NC State University’s College of Engineering in the fall, and complete the fall 2015 semester with a total grade point average of 2.75 or higher, will receive a $350.00 textbook gift card at the beginning of the spring semester. STP participants must have a “C” in their University Math course and the Chemistry Fundamentals course to qualify for the textbook gift card. Students must also receive at least 70% on the Credit By Exam for the E115 course. Keep your calendar open and plan to participate in STP Orientation on Wednesday, June 24, 2015 and in our closing ceremony on Saturday, August 1, 2015. Students must be available for the duration of the program. Students are not allowed to miss STP Orientation or weekday classes due to employment or family vacations. There are no exceptions to this rule. Students will attend New Student Orientation (NSO) during STP. Students selected to participate in the 2015 Summer Transition Program will be switched to the NSO session for STP at a later date. The Minority Engineering Programs Office will handle switching selected students.

Additional Information Regarding the Fourth of July Holiday
Summer Session II classes begin on Thursday, June 25, 2015. The University is closed to observe the Fourth of July holiday on Friday, July 3, 2015. Students may leave campus for the extended weekend but must return to campus no later than 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 5, 2015 as classes resume on Monday, July 6, 2015 at 7:40 a.m. Students may be picked up at 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 2, 2015 and students must submit a Leave Form. Meals will not be provided on Friday, July 3, 2015.

STP vs. Summer START (which one do I choose)?
You should have also received an invite for Summer START. Summer START is geared towards students across all NCSU Colleges. Summer START participants are enrolled in up to eight credit hours of university coursework (Calculus, Chemistry, or English plus Computing for Engineers and Economics). There are many optional social, college based, leadership, and service programs planned throughout the week and on weekends. We highly recommend your participation in the Minority Engineering Program’s Summer Transition Program (STP). STP gives you the opportunity to interact with other aspiring minority engineers which is a big part of getting acclimated to campus. If you are not sure if you should participate in Summer START or STP, please call our office and we will be happy to talk with you.

You and your student should visit our website at [http://www.engr.ncsu.edu/mep/programs.php](http://www.engr.ncsu.edu/mep/programs.php) for more details about STP. We are certain that after you review all of the information, you will find that STP has a lot to offer entering freshmen, and that your student should take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. If internet access is limited or if you prefer not to utilize our website, please let us know as soon as possible. We will mail the information out to you promptly.

Please note the on-line application and survey submission deadline date of Thursday, April 30, 2015. You can find the STP application at [http://go.ncsu.edu/stpapp](http://go.ncsu.edu/stpapp). Once you have submitted the application, the survey will then follow. We will send a response regarding your student’s status by Friday, May 8, 2015. If you have any questions concerning the program, feel free to contact me via email at aldaniel@ncsu.edu. I can also be reached by phone at 919.515.3263.

Sincerely,

Angelitha L. Daniel
Director, Minority Engineering Programs

**STP FUNDING NOTE:** The NC State University College of Engineering is responsible for most STP costs, including tuition and fees, housing, meals, and textbook vouchers. STP 2015 funds come from corporate donations, federal grants, personal, and university contributions. A portion of these funds are deposited in and maintained by the NC State Engineering Foundation, Inc.