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Dear 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 2011 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 N.C. 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 \$115.00 to \$187.50 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. Students will be given \$300.00 in Board Bucks to use for meals. Once the funds are depleted, parent(s)/guardian(s) will be responsible for adding funds to the student's Board Bucks account. Minority Engineering Programs will cover the cost of the \$300.00 meal card, 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 \$1,548 to \$2,064, depending upon which math course the student enrolls.

Students who successfully complete **all** courses, attend NC State University's College of Engineering in the fall, and complete the fall 2011 semester with a total grade point average of 2.50 or higher, will receive a \$350.00 textbook gift card at the beginning of the spring semester.

Keep your calendar open and plan to participate in STP Orientation on Wednesday, June 29, 2011 and in our closing ceremony on Saturday, August 6, 2011. Students must be available for the duration of the program. Students are not allowed to miss STP Orientation or weekday classes due to family vacations. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Additional Information Regarding the Fourth of July Holiday Weekend

Summer Session II classes begin on Thursday, June 30, 2011. The University is closed to observe the Fourth of July Holiday on Monday, July 4, 2011. Students will be required to return to campus no later than 11:59 p.m. on Monday, July 4, 2011 as classes resume on Tuesday, July 5, 2011. We **strongly** recommend parent(s)/guardian(s) pick up their student on Friday, July 1, 2011 after 1:00 p.m. If you are unable to pick up your student, please let

us know promptly so we can assure adequate staff is available to supervise all remaining students. Meals will not be provided during this holiday weekend.

You and your student should visit our website at <http://www.engr.ncsu.edu/mep/stp.html> 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 **Monday, May 23, 2011**. You can find the STP application at <http://www.engr.ncsu.edu/mep/stp/apply.php>. Once you have submitted the application, the survey will then follow. We will send a response regarding your student's status by Friday, June 10, 2011. **Students should not apply until they have received the official 2011 STP invite letter from our office.** If you have any questions concerning the program, feel free to contact me via email at aldaniel@unity.ncsu.edu. I can also be reached by phone at 919.515.3264.

Sincerely,



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Assistant 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 2011 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.