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April 29, 2013

Dear Prospective Student/ Nominating Parent/ Nominating Teacher/ Nominating Counselor:

Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) is pleased to announce its "2013 Summer Transportation Institute" (STI) for rising 11th and 12th grade students. The program is sponsored by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) through the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT). The program is expected to be a **Four-week on-campus residential** , learning opportunity for a diverse group of high school students. The program provides experiences to enhance the student's awareness of career opportunities that exist in the transportation industry. The curriculum exposes students to new frontiers and adventures such as highway design, the transportation of people and cargo, intermodal (involving more than one form) transportation, safety, environmental issues and broader civil engineering related career opportunities. **The duration of the program and the program starting and end dates are subject to change.**

The 2013 PVAMU STI is scheduled to start (tentative dates) on Sunday, June 9, 2013, and conclude on Wednesday, July 3, 2013. Approximately 20 students will receive a $4,000 scholarship that covers the entire cost of participation thus making the program free for the selected participants. No funds will be given to students. The scholarship covers the participant's room and board, field trips and hands-on activities, recreational activities, educational activities, project materials, laboratory time, computer facilities, and the end-of-program award presentation.

The participants will be selected through a competitive process based on the criteria listed in the application package. A parent, teacher, or counselor must nominate the student for the PVAMU STI program. It is mandatory that the student stay for the four weeks and complete the program otherwise the student must reimburse the university for the prorated expenses. Students and their adult peer counselors/tutors are housed in the University College Dormitory. The library, game rooms, and exercise facilities are also open to STI students under adult supervision.

The enclosed application (2 pages) and recommendation form must be completed and submitted by May 21, 2013 along with a nomination letter from a parent/teacher/counselor. Also please include academic transcripts, copies of standardized test scores, and an essay describing why the student would like to participate in the STI program.

We solicit your support in informing potential participants about the PVAMU STI program and encourage their participation. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Mrs. Sharon Gentry or me at the numbers listed above or email us at sti@pvamu.edu and visit our website http://www.pvamu.edu/sti.

Sincerely,

R. Kommalapati

Raghava Kommalapati, Ph.D., P. E., BCEE

STI Director and Interim Department Head, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering

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APPLICATION

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Applicant Information

Name: _____ SS# _____ Gender ___ M ___ F
(Please Print Clearly)
Address: _____City _____ State _____Zip_____

Email:_____

Parents/Guardian:
_____

Address (if different): _____ State _____
Zip_____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Work or Cell) _____ Email:
_____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Ethnicity: ___African American ___American Indian ___Hispanic ___Caucasian ___Asian American ___Other

High School Information

School Attending Next Fall: _____

School Address:_____City_____ State _____Zip_____

Guidance Counselor/Teacher's Name: _____

Telephone_____ Fax_____ E-mail_____

Awards/Achievements/Organizations: _____
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During the next school year I will be in the: (Check One) ___ 11th Grade ___ 12th Grade ___ Other (list)

Standardized Test Scores: _____ Grade Point Average: ____out of____ Rank ___ out of ____

List your math and science classes for next school year Math _____ Science _____

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Career Interest

Career Interest (You must Check One at least)

☐Accounting ☐Medicine ☐Engineering ☐Other _____
☐Architecture ☐Environmental ☐Civil Engineering
☐Business ☐Law ☐Other Engineering_____
☐Criminal Justice ☐Marketing ☐Technology .

Required Essay

Describe your career objectives, your interest in transportation, and how the Summer Transportation Institute can assist you in reaching your goals. Your essay must be typed, and may not be more than one (1) page.

Additional Information

Please complete and submit this application (2 pages) with the required signatures, Teacher/Counselor recommendation form signed by your school counselor or teacher, a nomination letter, a copy of standardized test scores, academic transcript, and an essay describing why you want to participate in the STI program to the following address. **Applications will not be processed with incomplete information.**

Submit Inquiries and/or Materials to : **STI**

Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering
P.O. Box 519, Mail Stop 2510
Prairie View A&M University

Participant Signature

I reviewed all the program details with my parents and counselors and if selected to attend STI, I pledge to attend all scheduled activities, classes and events and abide by PVAMU and STI rules.

Student Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

I reviewed the STI program details and application material with my son/daughter. If selected, I will authorize my son/daughter to attend STI at PVAMU. I also understand that the participants are not allowed to stay away from the activities (including night and weekend activities) during the four-week period. I understand that once our son or daughter join the program, they must complete the four weeks of the program or reimburse the university the cost of the program ($1000 per each week).

Parent/Guardian Signature _____Date_____

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Teacher/Counselor Recommendation Form

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Instructions

Teacher or Counselor – Please complete the form and either give it to the student or mail to Director, STI, Dept. of Civil & Environmental Engineering P.O. Box 519, Mail Stop 2510, Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX

Student Evaluation

Name of Student _____ SS# _____

Student's GPA is _____ on a _____ scale Rank No. _____ in class of _____

Please complete if information is available.

Please evaluate this student compared with his/her peers.

Please provide additional comments on applicant (particularly their academic skills and conduct):

_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____

☐**Highly Recommend** ☐**Recommend** ☐**Do Not Recommend Applicant**

Teacher/Counselor Information

Name (print): _____ Title _____

School: _____Address:_____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____

Phone:_____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Subjects you teach/title: _____

_____ _____

Signature_____ Date_____

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Sample Nomination Letter: To be prepared by nominating person (parent, relative, teacher or counselor). This is a sample letter only. Please type your own letter and attach it with the application package.

Date_____

Make your own letter do not fill this page this is just a sample

To
Director, Summer Transportations Institute (STI)
Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
PO Box 519, Mail Stop 2510
Prairie View A&M University
Prairie View, TX 77446

Dear Dr. Kommalapati:

I wish to nominate ————————(name of nominee) to the Summer Transportation Institute program at Prairie View A&M University. I am listing some of the reasons why I believe _____deserves to be considered for a scholarship with the STI program.

(list as many as you wish)

I have known ———————— (name of nominee) for ___ months/years and have known him/her to be _____. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

Nominator's Name
Address, phone number, and email

Nominee's Name
Address, phone number, and e-mail

Relationship to Nominee