Dear High School Counselor:

My name is Brandon Mikulski, Director for Learning Communities & Akron Experience, at The University of Akron and the Director for the Oelschlager Summer Leadership Institute. I am thrilled to be involved with such a wonderful opportunity again this year!

As you will see from the attached information, the upcoming sixteenth year of the Oelschlager Summer Leadership Institute (OSLI) will be one like no other. With more scheduled national presenters and new creative ideas, we have some great changes happening to the program. We are accepting up to forty-eight students this year for OSLI. This will allow the opportunity for numerous students to take part in this program. Furthermore, it allows us the opportunity to provide more talent, programs and experiences for your students.

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The Oelschlager Summer Leadership Institute is offered in June for high school students who are entering their senior year. This is an opportunity that offers a great experience for some of your students. The Institute is designed for high school students who demonstrate significant interest in leadership and/or community service, and who may benefit from an experience designed to encourage higher levels of academic achievement.

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To ensure the Institute’s success, we need your help. We are looking for nominees from your school to participate in this great program. Please read the following eligibility requirements and nominate up to three students for this outstanding learning opportunity.

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There is no cost to attend OSLI. The Institute covers the cost of housing, sheets, towels, meals, curriculum materials and transportation during the Institute and admission to all special events. The students will live on campus in a residence hall owned and staffed by the University. The only cost incurred by the students might be incidentals, such as snacks and personal hygiene products.

Who is eligible to participate?
High school students who have completed their junior years in the Ohio counties of Cuyahoga, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit and Wayne, as well as some students in the Stahlstown, Pennsylvania area are eligible to participate. Participants must have a high school grade point average of LESS THAN 3.0 (based on a 4.0 scale). Juniors must: (1) demonstrate significant involvement in leadership and/or service, and (2) be recognized as having future potential for leadership and scholastic achievement.

How are the Institute participants selected?
High school guidance counselors employed in all eligible counties and communities are invited to nominate students from their respective high schools. Each high school may nominate three students that are current juniors. Student nominees will be contacted by the guidance counselors and instructed to complete the student application. The OSLI planning committee then reviews all nominations. All nominees are notified of the results in March.

What do students actually do during the Institute?
OSLI is designed to motivate high school students to take full advantage of a college education. There will be a combination of leadership, academic and community service opportunities for students to take part in, as well as several group bonding and social events.

The Institute staff identifies 48 high school students who have demonstrated interest in leading and serving, and offers them a Golden Acorn Leadership Award as well as a seven-day experience to enhance their potential to succeed in college at a higher level.

The Institute will enhance the potential for collegiate academic success by:

- Assisting students in assessing and improving learning skills such as time management, critical thinking and test-taking and learning styles
- Helping students understand the process of career decision-making
- Supplying opportunities to interact with University staff and student leaders, and
- Introducing students to the programs and resources available on campuses such as The University of Akron.

Students will enhance their leadership and community service skills by:

- Using simulated and actual experiences from national speakers and University staff to explore the dynamics of leadership and service, and
- Interacting with current student leaders at The University of Akron to experience out-of-class leading and learning environment on college campuses.

Institute goals are accomplished through experiential learning. Beyond the classroom, students participate in simulations and experiences such as understanding the process of teamwork and problem solving through a one day activity at Camp Y Noah; developing critical thinking skills while having fun at the UA Student Recreation and Wellness Center; and addressing leadership and civic issues through service learning opportunities. These are just a few examples of the types of innovative and fun activities included in the Institute curriculum.
Student Application

Please type or print the following information:

Last Name: ____________________________ First Name: ____________________________ M.I. _____

Gender: ____________________________

Home Address: ____________________________

City: ____________________________ State: ____________________________ Zip Code: ____________

Telephone: (____) ____________ Email: ____________________________

School: ____________________________ County: ____________________________

Name of Guidance Counselor: ____________________________

The 2017 Oelschlager Summer Leadership Institute will be from Friday, June 16 through June 22.

Comments:

For information regarding the Institute, refer to the “Questions and Answers” page of the application packet. Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability. Your answers should be typed, in paragraph form, on a separate page, and attached to this application.

1. In what student organizations, clubs, community groups/organizations are you currently involved? What roles do you play in these organizations?

2. What have you learned about yourself (strengths/weaknesses, preferences, etc.) through your involvement in these organizations? What traits or skills do you feel you need to acquire, to be a more productive member of these organizations?

3. Please indicate in what ways you think this institute could help you grow academically, in leadership, and with your future goals beyond high school. (please be sure to touch upon all three components)

4. Please share what your thoughts or goals on continuing your education after high school.

Review of submitted applications will begin on March 17, 2017. A complete application includes the following materials:

- 2017 Nomination Form (completed by the guidance counselor)
- Student Application Form (submit to the guidance counselor that nominates you)
  Teacher/Administrator Recommendation Form
- The nominee’s high school transcript
Teacher/Administrator Recommendation Form

Name of Student Nominee: ______________________________________________________

High School: ________________________________________________________________

Nominated by: ___________________________________________________________________________________________

(Name of Guidance Counselor)

Dear high school teacher or administrator: The above student is one of three possible students from your school to be nominated to participate in the Oelschlager Summer Leadership Institute. The student is requesting your recommendation in support of his/her application. The student is applying to be one of 48 students chosen to participate in a seven-day summer experience sponsored by The University of Akron and Jim and Vanita Oelschlager. The Oelschlager Summer Leadership Institute is designed to empower this group of high school students by introducing them to requisite skills, attitudes and resources for success in college. For more information regarding the Institute, please refer to the “Questions and Answers page of the application packet.

In support of your nominee, please answer the following questions on a separate page and attach your responses to this form.

7. The Institute is searching for students who demonstrate an enthusiasm for leadership and/or community service. How has this student demonstrated this?

8. One of the goals of the Oelschlager Summer Leadership Institute is to provide students with skills and motivation to succeed at a higher academic level. What observations lead you to believe this student’s academic potential is significantly higher?

9. Optional: Any additional information you would like to share about this candidate is appreciated.

Name of Recommender: __________________________ Date: __________________________

Signature of Recommender: __________________________ Email: __________________________

Title: __________________________________________ Email: __________________________

Telephone: (________) ____________

Area code

Please submit this completed Recommendation Form to the guidance counselor who nominated the student. Applications are due back to the Institute by March 17, 2017. Thank you for your continuous support of student leaders.