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Dear Lehigh University School Study Council members:

We're delighted to reach out to you about an emerging partnership between Lehigh's Engineering and Education Colleges that supports a unique, powerful opportunity for students of LUSCC districts and schools.

The annual Summer Engineering Institute (SEI) at Lehigh is an intense, challenging, eye-opening set of activities for rising high school juniors and seniors interested in exploring the pursuit of science, technology, or engineering at the college level and beyond. In 2018, we re-focused the SEI as an opportunity for deserving kids in districts represented on the LUSCC—one that was completely free to students accepted into the program. In 2026, we are again asking that you engage with principals and guidance offices in your district to help us identify the right students for our program.

Each slot in the program represents a \$2500 Scholarship to attend the program free of charge. The SEI is an opportunity for your district's most promising students to gain real campus-life experiences while learning about STEM. The SEI is a chance for students to think about their futures and perhaps decide what STEM field excites them the most.

Who are the right students for SEI? They are academically capable and personally responsible enough to handle a two-week residential program on a college campus and are interested in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). SEI students excel in math and science and are on pace to complete the higher levels of math and science offered at your school. This would allow them to be as competitive as possible in the applicant pool when they apply to universities like Lehigh. Students should be nominated who would enthusiastically engage in labs, classrooms, and field trips, learning alongside our dedicated staff of college-aged mentors as well as our participating faculty and staff members.

Talented, motivated students spring from every background, culture, and neighborhood; SEI is a chance for them to engage in the thrill of college-level academics in a cooperative, team-based environment.

See the attached documents for further details on the program itself and the selection process, and thank you in advance for your support in providing this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to deserving students.

Kind regards,

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