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Dear Director of Guidance,

An exciting opportunity for your sophomores and juniors awaits this summer at Drexel University!

Launched in 2009, Drexel University Computing Academy (DUCA) is a five-week, residential summer learning experience at Drexel University in Philadelphia. DUCA is an outgrowth of the Pennsylvania Governor's School for Information, Society, and Technology (PGSIST), a state-funded program hosted at Drexel from 1998 through 2008 which was eliminated in 2009 due to sweeping budget cuts. DUCA was developed as an alternative program to meet the demand for a quality summer educational experience for college-bound high school sophomores and juniors.

Last year, 24 students participated in DUCA, sharing an authentic college experience and exploring information technology and computer science through interactive classes, group projects and labs while living in a dorm, eating cafeteria food, and, best of all, making new friends. Says one DUCA 2009 graduate: "My experience at DUCA was great. If I could go back and do it all again, I definitely would. It gave me a glimpse of what college life is like. It really gave me a lot of experience on being taught by college professors and their teaching style."

DUCA curriculum is designed to enhance students critical thinking, sharpen their leadership skills, and teach them to collaborate more effectively. During the five-week program, students are introduced to the different areas of computing offered at the undergraduate level at Drexel University.

This program is available to academically talented high school students currently in their sophomore or junior academic years. Applicants must demonstrate academic achievement and an interest in exploring computer and information science. Students who successfully complete the program and subsequently enroll at Drexel University will receive a \$3,000 renewable scholarship. Please share information about the program with any students you think may be interested.

For more information, visit www.drexel.edu/duca

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