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Dear HAP Applicant,

Greetings from Xavier High School!

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Jesuit Higher Achievement Program (HAP) will be back again this summer for its **51st** year at Xavier High School. Since its inception, the Higher Achievement Program has developed the basic academic skills of rising 8th grade boys from the New York City area in an environment that promotes a love of learning. HAP is a **FREE** five-week summer program intended for young men who have successfully completed seventh grade, who possess leadership potential, who maintain a strong work ethic, who strive for excellence, and who will endeavor to make the most of the gifts they have been given. The last characteristic is the most important. We are looking for young men who recognize HAP as a tremendous opportunity and demonstrate gratitude by attending regularly and participating fully. The applicant need not be the student with the highest scores, but he must have desire to improve and openness to growth. Strong parental support and involvement is a plus. **Beginning on June 27 and ending on July 27**, we will once again dedicate ourselves to this worthwhile endeavor. **Please note that each HAP day will begin at 8:30am and conclude at 2:30pm.**

I am grateful for your interest in the Jesuit Higher Achievement Program at Xavier High School. Application materials are mailed directly to area schools with a request that deserving candidates be recommended. HAP application materials may also be downloaded from Xavier's webpage at www.xavierhs.org by clicking HAP under the Admissions tab. Please feel free to make additional copies.

The expected enrollment for HAP at Xavier is 225 students and we usually receive over 400 applicants. This year we, once again, anticipate a high demand for admission to the program. As a result, the selection process is thorough and not all applicants are accepted. For this reason, it is extremely important that we are clear about the type of candidates that we are seeking. Therefore, it is imperative that applicants follow the directions outlined below:

- The student and his parents should begin by completing the **Applicant Profile page**.
- Two **Recommendations** should be written on behalf of the applicant. At least one must be from an adult educator from the school in which the applicant is enrolled. The other may also be from the applicant's school or it can be from a non-school related mentor. Applicants should not seek recommendations from family members.
- A copy of the applicant's most recent **Report Card** should be obtained and included.
- While this is happening, the applicant must type a **150-word composition**, explaining his reasons for wanting to attend the HAP.
- At this time, the applicant should have his **Medical Forms** completed and signed by a physician and his primary parent / guardian. Applicants are asked to use the form provided. **Valid medical forms can be dated no earlier than August 1, 2016.**

The deadline for the return of the application package is April 6. Thank you for seizing this unique opportunity and good luck with the application process.

Sincerely,

Mr. Patrick Mahon '04
HAP Director