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Dear School Administrator,

Greetings from Xavier! I hope this letter finds you well. 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 goal of HAP has been to develop the basic academic skills of seventh 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 the assistance that you have given to the Jesuit Higher Achievement Program in the past and I would like to ask for your continued support this year. As in years past, we are looking for young men who will successfully complete seventh grade, possess leadership potential, and deserve a reward for their efforts. Most importantly, we are looking for young men who understand the tremendous gifts that they have been given and will make the most of an opportunity to be a part of the 2017 HAP. Strong parental support is a plus. Your help in disseminating this information to the young men of your school would be much appreciated!

Attached you will find applications materials. Please feel free to make additional copies as needed. Printable copies of the application materials are also available on the HAP webpage at [www.xavierhs.org](http://www.xavierhs.org) by clicking HAP under the Admissions tab.

This year we anticipate upwards of 400 applications for about 225 spots in the program. With such a high demand for admission, it is imperative that your students 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.**

Once the process is complete, the entire application package should be returned to Xavier High School. We encourage the elementary school to do this on behalf of the applicant. **The deadline for the return of the application package is April 6.** Thanks again for encouraging young men to seize this unique opportunity.

Sincerely,

Mr. Patrick Mahon '04  
HAP Director