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Dear Guidance Counselor,

On behalf of the University of Missouri (MU) Division of Inclusion, Diversity & Equity and the Missouri Legislative Black Caucus Foundation, the unit of Access & Leadership Development would like to extend an invitation to your rising 10th, 11th and 12th grade students to submit an application to attend the *Emerging Leaders Conference 2018*. Hosted on MU's campus, the *Emerging Leaders Conference* seeks to encourage Missouri youth to become engaged in the legislative process. Divided into two parts (i.e. civic engagement and college access), this conference gives students an opportunity to build on their leadership skills.

Selected applicants will participate in a range of activities focused on exploring and debating community issues, diverse political perspectives and the legislative decision-making process. Students will also gain access to the college-planning process and experience postsecondary socialization. Transportation for this conference will be available for the Kansas City, St. Louis, and Bootheel areas. Students who reside outside of these areas should email emergingleadersIDE@missouri.edu to learn more about transportation options.

Enclosed are a few flyers for you to share with your students. Students can sign up for conference updates at https://survey.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2i7KbhRbWiA8P4x. Please feel free to make additional copies. Applications for Emerging Leaders will be available **March 1, 2018** and will close **April 13, 2018**. Students must submit applications online. Because of the volume of anticipated applications, paper or fax copies of applications will not be accepted. **Only 100 slots are available this summer**, so please encourage your students to complete the application as soon as possible. Students will be notified of their acceptance by May 11, 2018. There are no costs associated with this summer program. The enclosed flyer, application and other pertinent information will also be available on <https://diversity.missouri.edu> and www.mlbcf.org. We thank you in advance for sharing this information to your rising 10th, 11th, and 12th graders.

Sincerely,

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