

March 12, 2014

Dear Principals, Guidance Counselors, and Community Organizations,

Rutgers University – Newark campus is proud to offer an innovative research based initiative called, **Aim High Academy** (AHA). The AHA program will provide 40 high achieving, low income, and first-generation college bound students with an opportunity to work closely with Rutgers-University faculty and graduate students as they study earth ecology. In addition, all students who complete the 3-week summer residential program will receive a \$105.00 stipend for their participation. The intensive summer experience will begin on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and end on Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

We need your assistance with recruiting and recommending talented rising seniors enrolled in your school. Enclosed you will find a program flyer and an application packet that you can distribute to prospective candidates. The flyer contains a description of Aim High Academy and the program requirements for admission. The enclosed application includes all the information we need to collect in order to determine the eligibility of the students. Please note that all program materials, meals, trips, and overnight housing accommodations are provided to all participants by the program free of charge.

The deadline for the application is Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014. A representative from the AHA program will be in contact with you or your designee to follow-up on potential applicants for this great opportunity.

Please feel free to contact the program at (973) 353-3568 and (917) 628-5972 if you have any questions.

Thank you for your time and anticipated assistance.

Best Regards,

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