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Dear Guidance Counselor,

I wanted to take this opportunity to encourage your most talented female students to consider applying for a pre-college program scholarship for the coming summer as well as update you on the activities of the Joyce Ivy Foundation.

Summer 2010 Pre-College Summer Scholarships for Rising Sophomores and Juniors

In 2009, the Foundation named 28 Michigan and Ohio high school sophomores and juniors as Joyce Ivy Foundation Summer Scholars. These students received scholarships for summer study at some of the best universities in the nation - Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Penn, and Yale. Nearly 40% of all applicants received some funding for their summer education, so your students' expected return on the effort required to submit an application is quite high.

For 2010, the Joyce Ivy Foundation plans to *increase the number of full and partial scholarships* to be awarded for pre-college summer study. These scholarships, in conjunction with aid from our partner schools, may cover up to the full cost of tuition, room and board, as well as related expenses such as books, fees, and travel to and from campus. **The Joyce Ivy Foundation application deadline for 2010 is March 15th**, and applications can be submitted online beginning January 1, 2010. Please encourage students to apply early, as pre-college financial aid budgets tend to be consumed relatively early in the admissions cycle. We hope that you will visit <http://www.joyceivyfoundation.org> for more information, and encourage students who would benefit from our scholarship program to do the same.

2009 - 2010 Foundation Update

The Joyce Ivy Foundation marks its fifth anniversary in 2010. It was established to assist high-potential young women in their pursuit of higher education opportunities. The Foundation seeks to encourage and aid young women through scholarships for pre-college summer study at leading academic institutions. Focusing on residents of the Midwest, the Foundation's goal is to support and assist young women who have the potential to attend Ivy League or equivalent undergraduate institutions.

In February 2009, the Joyce Ivy Foundation expanded its support of college admission counseling by undertaking a second exhaustive state-level survey, this time of Ohio's high school counseling environment. The survey report we released highlighted the dwindling resources focused on post-high school planning and outlining recommendations to aid counselors and improve outcomes for students. The 2009 Ohio Counselor Survey Report and 2008 Michigan Counselor Survey reports are available for download by clicking [here](#).

Please do not hesitate to contact me or any other Joyce Ivy Foundation Board Members directly. We are always interested in hearing your thoughts on our work, and answering any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

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