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Greetings,

As educators who support our future college students, it is a pleasure to announce to you the return of The Bridge: College Prep and Leadership Academy, the University of Pittsburgh's dynamic summer program designed to help rising high school juniors and seniors prepare for their future.

The Bridge was developed to help students gain a competitive edge in the college application process, get accepted to the college or University of their choice, and make the most of their collegiate experience.

We know that many students want and need assistance with the admissions process, from preparing for standardized tests, to writing application essays and personal statements, to choosing the right school. We also know that when students arrive on campus for their first year of college, having solid leadership skills will help them thrive in their new surroundings.

By spending a week on our vibrant campus, high school students will have the opportunity to engage with Pitt's Student Affairs staff and student leaders who will serve as Academy counselors. The Bridge has partnered with Kaplan test preparation services to provide college admissions standardized test preparation and practice. The week-long Academy will also support students in developing an action plan to navigate the college admissions process, as well as strengthen their leadership abilities through our interactive training workshops.

Our ultimate goal is to help high school students successfully transition to college and become significant members of their communities. We believe that this program is a valuable continuation and complement of the services you provide your students throughout the school year, and we would greatly appreciate you sharing The Bridge information with them.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to working with you to enhance the lives of the students we serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenyon Bonner".

Kenyon Bonner
Interim Vice Provost and Dean of Students