Dear Guidance Counselor,

This letter is to announce a scholarship offering that will benefit STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) focused students who will start attending the University of Nebraska – Lincoln next fall. It is the Robert W. Brightfelt Triangle Fraternity Scholarships. Mr. Brightfelt is a prominent alumnus of the UNL College of Engineering and served as the Chairman of the College of Engineering Dean’s Alumni Advisory Board and the University of Nebraska Foundation Board. He is a member of Triangle Fraternity, actually one of the Nebraska Chapter’s founders from 1962. Triangle is a fraternity on 42 campuses nationwide and is unique in that it only recruits members who are engineers, architects and scientists (defined as chemistry, physics, math, computer science and closely related fields). The UNL chapter has recently restarted after a six-year hiatus and is looking to support many more STEM students for the next academic year. We currently occupy a fraternity house on campus. Residing at the fraternity house is encouraged but not required. Accommodations are comparable to university residence halls at about 2/3 of the cost.

The scholarship program will award several scholarships; the largest is $2000. There are $500 scholarships and several scholarships at $160. About a third of last year’s applicants received a scholarship. Applicants will be interviewed, preferably in person, in Lincoln, Omaha and other areas of the state. Alternatively, especially for applicants distant from Lincoln, we can arrange a phone interview. Applicants will be evaluated on several factors including grades, character, involvement in school and community activities, job experience and timeliness of scholarship application. The sooner the application the better. The first step is for your UNL/STEM students to fill out an application on-line at our website www.triangleunl.org. Representatives of Triangle will contact applicants to arrange interviews starting in March and ending in June. The deadline for applications is June 10th. The scholarship recipients will be announced in mid-June. Joining Triangle is not required to receive a scholarship. Invitations to join Triangle will generally not be made before scholarship recipients are announced. To learn more about Triangle check out the national website www.triangle.org.

If you have informed your graduating seniors headed to UNL of the scholarships and/or have questions, I would love to hear from you. My phone number is 402-806-9086, or you may email me at brdnkeller@hotmail.com. Thank you in advance for helping us contribute to the academic and professional success of STEM students.

Sincerely,

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