

September 25, 2018

Minnesota West Community and Technical College - Canby
Minnesota State Energy Center of Excellence
ATTN: Bruce Peterson
1044 First Street West
Canby, MN 56220

Dear Bruce,

Camp Explore 2018 was a great success. We had a fabulous group of 31 high school students for the week at Winona State University. Students had the opportunity to participate in interactive sessions highlighting a multitude of science, technology, engineering and medical (STEM) careers. The Energy Trailer was engaging and educational. In addition to arranging the trailer and helping plan the overall camp, Rose also arranged a tremendous soil testing session that included a biomass energy focus. Rose, Doug, Melanie, and Scott all did a super job representing energy fields!

With the majority of students attending on scholarships, your organization's contribution to scholarship funds is a key part of what makes this camp work. We couldn't do it without you!

Enclosed are thank you letters from high school students you sponsored for Camp Explore, along with a photo. It is a joy to read the student letters and hear from them how the camp has affected their lives, personal growth, and career planning.

On behalf of HealthForce Minnesota we give our heartfelt thanks to you and your entire organization. We get the true pleasure of getting to know these students. Together, with your support, we are having a positive impact on the future workforce!

Sincerely,



Anthony Schaffhauser, Director of Healthcare Workforce Development
HealthForce Minnesota

Enclosures: photo, student thank you letters



Dear Energy Center of Excellence,

Thank you for providing me with a scholarship. My name is Jalen Liew, am 15 years old and will be a 10th grader at Maple Grove Senior High. Last year I took all high performance and AP classes and will be doing the same this upcoming year, striving for academic excellence.

I learned a lot at Camp Explore and had an enjoyable time here. All of the touring at the various companies really gave me a look at the real world and what to expect in the working world, including what prerequisites I am going to need to take in order to be successful in life.

My plans for the future are very vague and only has a general outline for what I am going to pursue. After highschool I will hopefully be going to at least a state level college, studying something in the STEM field.

Thank you again for providing me with the opportunity to participate at Scrubs Camp.

Sincerely,

Jalen Liew

Dear Energy Center of Excellence,

My name is Jonathan and I wanted to let you know that I am really thankful for sponsoring me and allowing me to have a full ride at Camp Explore. I am seventeen years old and am going to be a senior at Maple Grove Senior High.

I have learned a lot at Camp Explore. Whether it was a completely new field or extra information on categories that I am interested in. For example on our trip to Miller Industries led me to deciding that in no way am I going into manufacturing, because I am more into aerospace engineering, although we have not visited any places that covered that field, I learned certain skills that could help me in the future, for example how to weld or how to check and do simple maintenance on a car.

My hopes for the future would be to get accepted and complete college, with a major in either aerospace or technical engineering. Camp Explore has shown me different paths in life in preparation for college and how to be a bit cautious about choosing what field I want to go into.

Thank you again for providing me with the opportunity to participate at Camp Explore

Sincerely,

Jonathan Lu

Dear Energy Center of Excellence,

Thank you for providing the scholarship to Camp Explore so that I can be introduced to the careers in the field of engineering. My name is Ty Nguyen, a soon to be senior at Roseville Area High School. Through Camp Explore, I'm able to discover what interests me, and helps clarify what I want my future to look like.

Here at Camp Explore, I've seen engineering degrees put to use at companies like: Fastenal, Watlow, and Miller Ingenuity. Seeing how workers utilize forward thinking, creativity, and their ability to recognize problems in our community that can be fixed or reimaged to increase efficiency. Being at Miller Ingenuity and bouncing ideas off their engineers regarding Zone Guard; their latest development in train safety, sparked excitement in my trip there.

My hopes for the future include college, and a job in the field of my major. My aim is to engineer a device or process that speeds up the water purification process that is: reverse osmosis. Bless your heart for providing opportunities for me and others like me at Camp Explore!

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