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Dear RU College Bound Parents and Students,

Welcome to campus, and to some of you, welcome back! We hope you are as eager to get this year's RU College Bound (RUCB) program underway as we are! This year's program will bring some fun and exciting changes to the table, as we strive to expand our impact and stand out as a truly comprehensive college preparatory program for each of you. Of course, the basis of any college prep program should be academics, and our primary emphasis will continue to be on helping your child achieve at school. We will simply be supplementing the academic foundation of the program with further cultural opportunities in our community that will help your son or daughter prepare for the environment that awaits them at the university level. These activities, which we hope will include a field trip and a service opportunity, as well as ongoing college preparation related to testing, applying, and other common concerns, are quite simply designed to provide context for the collegiate atmosphere and to inspire your children to set- and reach- big goals.

The support structure for all of this lies in two things: first, in our outstanding Rockhurst University students, who will be working with your sons and daughters one on one as mentors, tutors, coaches, and friends; and secondly in our newly developed RUCB Executive Board. This board will serve as the best outlet for all members of RUCB to help shape the direction and the future of this program. Members will be elected by the entire membership of RU College Bound, from 7th grader to senior in college, and seats will be held by representatives from both groups. If your child is interested in demonstrating leadership and gaining experience working with others to lead an organization, please encourage them to run for an available seat! Of course, we also welcome ideas and input from parents, so please don't hesitate to contact Alicia Douglas (816-501-4306) or myself with any questions or concerns you may have.

As those of you who are returning to the program know, I am new to RU College Bound. But as a recent graduate of Rockhurst University, a resident and citizen of Kansas City, and a member of AmeriCorps, I believe that together we can continue to shape, improve, and grow this program beyond any of our wildest imaginations. Again, please feel free to contact me at anytime, and thank you so much for sharing your children with us this year! We can't wait to get started!

Sincerely,

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