Hello Counselor,

I’m writing to invite some of your graduating 8th graders to participate in a free academic program Loyola hosts.

**SUMMER ENRICHMENT at LOYOLA (SEaL)**
Loyola University Chicago offers an academic enrichment program for low-income, first-generation, students of color from Chicago. We are recruiting for current 8th graders to participate this summer, **June 23-July 11, 2014**. The 3-week program is fully funded, so there is no cost to families.

We are currently recruiting students who fit the following criteria:
- Rising Freshmen
- Motivated and high-achieving
- High potential to succeed in college
- Low-income, first-generation, and/or students of color
- Willing and able to work well with others AND follow the SEaL behavior code
- Supportive environment

Please see the attached 1-page program description, and the flyer for posting/sharing with interested students and families. Students who are interested can apply with the attached paper application, or at this site: [www.luc.edu/summerscholars/sealapplication](http://www.luc.edu/summerscholars/sealapplication)

More information is also available on our website. [http://www.luc.edu/summerscholars/seal/index.shtml](http://www.luc.edu/summerscholars/seal/index.shtml)

The application deadline has been extended to June 18th. Though, priority is given to students who apply by June 11th.

Thank you for sharing this opportunity. I am happy to answer any questions you might have. Please be in touch!

**Important Dates**
- Student Applications due: **Wednesday, June 18, 2014**
- SEaL program dates: **Monday, June 23 - Friday, July 11** (off on July 4).
- SEaL Graduation Luncheon: **Saturday, July 12, 2014**
SEaL
Summer Enrichment at Loyola

Become a Summer Scholar!

Want to see what college is like? As a Summer Scholar at Loyola, high school students from freshman to senior year can hone their academic skills in a college-level environment. Small classes ensure that students have the attention of respected professors and are able to interact with classmates in stimulating discussions. Summer Scholars will also expand their cultural awareness as they meet new friends, participate in many activities outside the classroom, with games, life skills workshops, reflections and of course, fun!

“I loved every part of it! I struggled to get up in the morning but it was all worth it. I loved my classmates, teachers, and College Coaches. The activities were all fun!”
- 2013 SEaL Summer Scholar

What do SEaL Summer Scholars study?

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Expectations

Characteristics of participants include:

Motivated and high-achieving: students who demonstrate a strong desire to learn and who work hard at their studies;

High potential to succeed in college: Students who have a sincere interest in furthering their education and intend to attend college after high school;

Willing and able to work well with others AND follow the SEaL behavior code: Students who have a record of good behavior and attendance in high school.

Admission

Applicants must be nominated by their high school counselor for admission into the Summer Enrichment at Loyola program.

Contact your high school counselor for more information.

Cost

There is no costs to participants.

Partner High Schools

- Christ the King Jesuit
- Cristo Rey Jesuit
- Curie Metro
- Gwendolyn Brooks
- John Marshall Metro
- Kelly High School
- Noble Street
- Senn High School
- Southland College Prep

Daily Schedule

8:30 am Breakfast
9:00am Academic Course #1
10:30am College Prep Course
12:00n Lunch
12:45pm Activity Period
2:00pm Academic Course #2
3:30pm Reflection or Study Skills
4:45pm Wrap Up and Dismissal
Dear Student Nominee to SEaL,

Please complete the following form to secure your space in SEaL for Summer 2014. Once complete, please return it to your school counselor or to us via email at SEaL@luc.edu or fax 773-508-3123. If you have questions, feel free to ask your counselor or email us.

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: _______________________________________________________

Preferred Phone Number: __________________ Date of Birth: ________________

Personal Email Address: _______________________________________________

Email Address provided by your school: _________________________________

Parent/Guardian/Supporter Name 1: _____________________________________

Parent/Guardian/Supporter 1 Phone Number: _____________________________

Parent/Guardian/Supporter Name 2: _____________________________________

Parent/Guardian/Supporter 2 Phone Number: _____________________________

School Name: ________________________________

I will be a Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior, Senior in High School this Fall 2014

(Circle One)

Name of Counselor Who Nominated You: _________________________________

Did you previously participate in the SEaL program? If so, what year and subject did you study? ________________________________

Brief Personal Statement

Briefly describe why you wish to participate in the SEaL Program at Loyola University Chicago’s Lakeshore campus. Tell us what you hope to gain from your experience at SEaL, and what you will contribute to the program. (200 words maximum, approximately 2 paragraphs).