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Dear Community Leaders and Corporate Sponsors

We would like to take the time to write you a letter of gratitude for all that has been offered to us through Project Stepping Stone—made available due to your donations. Thank you for seeing the potential within us and for providing us with the proper tools to expand our leadership skills. We truly appreciate your belief in us as leaders of the future.

We are fortunate to have been the students chosen to reap the benefits of the opportunities offered throughout this program. We have been able to meet new people and get out of our comfort zone. This has been a great experience that has given us insight to the real world. In the future, we will go out on our own, meeting people from diverse backgrounds. We will need to use the skills obtained from Project Stepping Stone in order to be successful. We were very fortunate to have gained further knowledge from speakers that we met throughout the week. We have had many speakers that discussed many useful topics, such as leadership skills, job applications, scholarship information, and the college application process. One of the most important issues discussed was immigration. For instance, Mr. John Broyles and Ms. Adams spoke about immigration and how it affects students who want to pursue a higher education in the United States. After students have graduated from college, the next step is to get a job. The mock interviews and the career fair at Marion College helped us gain the confidence in ourselves to be able to do that.

You have truly inspired and change our lives. Not only have your donations provided us with food, transportation, housing and scholarships, but also provided us with new perspectives on higher education. Many of us would never have realized college as a possibility, and now we know that it is within our reach. We appreciate what you have done and will do for Project Stepping Stone students and we value all of the opportunities we have been offered and the priceless experiences that we have had. Through your sponsorship, you have inspired us to become better people.

Thank you.

Students of Project Stepping Stone / Class of 2008

