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Dear Friend of Blair High School:

Montgomery Blair High School will be graduating in 2008 its first class of students from our new career-focused academies. Upon completion of academy requirements our students will be better prepared for work and post-secondary education. In order to complete these requirements successfully, many of these students will need authentic experiences with working professionals in their chosen field of concentration, that we call capstone experiences.

One of the capstone options students have is to complete an internship at an organization or company outside of school. Another option for students is to complete a research or career project. In this case, we would be looking to establish mentor programs for our graduating students that pair students with working professionals in a similar field.

As either a parent of a student or a business partner of MBHS, you may in a position to identify an internship possibility that may benefit one of our students or to volunteer for a mentor role. Internships may be with a company you work for or manage or another with which you are familiar. If so, I invite you to contact me with either a description of the internship or a person you recommend we contact or by identifying your occupation and willingness to mentor one of our students.

There are a variety of organizations that have partnered with MBHS to provide students with real experiences. For example, the Montgomery County Teacher's Federal Credit Union has provided internships that have actually turned into job offers for some of our seniors over the past five years. In addition, several business leaders have "adopted" Entrepreneurship classes and they actually come in and work with students one-on-one with their academy-related projects. As you can see this can be a win-win situation for the organization and the student.

We invite you to become our partner by providing internship opportunities and/or mentoring our students as they work to complete their capstone. You can be a part of this exciting new phase of MBHS's continuing history of academic excellence by filling out the attached form and becoming a mentor or employer. The form can also be filled out electronically at our website at academies.mbhs.edu. Thank you for your interest in supporting Blair HS students. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (301) 649-2880 or kempfjen@mbhs.edu. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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