



January 15, 2010

Dear Juniors and Parents:

Happy New Year! Even though it seems like the end of the school year is a long way off, we have already been busy making preparations for the annual *College Exploration Experience* program this summer. This is a three-day, two-night program that serves as an introduction to the college admissions process for BCTS juniors.

This year's program will take place from Thursday, June 24th through Saturday, June 26th, 2010 at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA. Students will attend seminars on topics such as *How to Survive the College Admissions Process*, *How to Write Your College Essay*, and *The College Interview*. They will also be given a mentor who will meet with them in a small group setting to answer questions, refine their essay, and help create a custom list of "target," "reach," and "safety" colleges. Our mentors are both college admissions officers and private secondary school counselors. They represent colleges and universities such as Duke, Carnegie Mellon, and American, as well as some of the most prestigious independent schools in the country.

There are a limited number of spots which are available on a first-come, first-served basis. *CEE HAS SOLD OUT THE PAST TWO YEARS*. The all-inclusive cost is \$475 and includes transportation to and from Lehigh University, all meals, accommodations, seminars, and activities. To reserve a spot, please send a \$100 deposit check by March 1, 2010 to Pat Loughlin, Bergen County Academies, 200 Hackensack Avenue, Hackensack, NJ 07601. Make the check payable to "Student Activities Fund" and mark in the memo field "CEE Program" and the student's name. The balance will be due on June 1, 2010. *NOTE: The program is filled on a first-come, first-served basis and may sell out before March 1, so receipt of a deposit before March 1 does not guarantee a spot.*

If you have any questions about the program please call or email Mr. Paul Kaser, CEE Coordinator, at 201-343-6000 x3328 or paukas@bergen.org. We look forward to welcoming you to the *College Exploration Experience* program this summer.

Sincerely,

BCA Guidance Department