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Dear Student:

If you want to become a teacher, scientist, engineer, business executive, attorney, physician, social worker, news media anchor, weather broadcaster, graphic designer or astronaut, you need a college degree.

Whatever your career aspirations, a college education will help! As illustrated in the chart in this binder, people who earn a college degree will earn significantly more money during their lifetime than those who do not. You have abundant college degree opportunities right here in Mississippi to prepare you to compete for a job in our global marketplace.

You can prepare for college now by doing your best in your high school courses and by taking the right courses. For example, the more mathematics you take in high school, the more likely you are to complete a college degree. The college preparatory curriculum is designed to prepare you to be successful in college regardless of your major.

To assist students with the cost of tuition, the State of Mississippi, college campuses, and the federal government have programs designed to assist students in paying for college.

If you prepare well and plan ahead, a college degree can be your passport to achieving your career aspirations!

Very truly yours,

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