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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I am writing to invite you and your child(ren) to **Entering the College Zone: Transformation through Collaboration**, on Saturday, April 28 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy. Entering the College Zone is sponsored by the Albany affiliate of the Black Child Development Institute in partnership with HVCC. Entering the College Zone is a pre-college program designed for students in grades 7-12 (and their parents and guardians) who might not otherwise know or believe that college can be in their future. The program communicates that early and sustained preparation is the key to attending and succeeding in college.

During the event, you and your child(ren) will take part in programs such as “Financing Your Way through the College Zone,” “Accessing College Information by Computer” and “Creating a High School Plan with an Eye Toward College.” Additionally, students will participate in a session entitled “Basic Tips from High School and College Students.” We will conclude with a Role Model Luncheon and Keynote Speaker. During the luncheon you and your child(ren) will have the opportunity to hear from a variety of professionals who have succeeded in college and their careers.

The City School District of Albany will provide free bus transportation to and from the event. Schedules for bus pick-up times and locations at schools throughout the district are listed on the reverse side of this letter.

If you and your child(ren) would like to participate, please complete the attached registration/permission form and email it to [Albany@affiliates.nbcdi.org](mailto:Albany@affiliates.nbcdi.org) or mail the application to the address listed above **no later than Friday, April 13**. You may also return the application to your child’s guidance counselor or home school coordinator. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (518) 441-9877. You also can visit us on Facebook @BCDI.Albany.

Sincerely,

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