“A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination, and instill the love of learning.”  Brad Henry

September 22, 2015

Dear High School Juniors and Parent,

Congratulations on being recommended by your school to attend a special event for potential teacher candidates of the 21st Century. In being recommended, you’re invited to attend Valparaiso University’s **Discover the Art of Teaching day on Friday, November 13, 2015.** The day is an opportunity to explore teaching as a career. You have been recognized as an outstanding high school junior with a high potential to succeed in the teaching profession. You have demonstrated leadership qualities in your school’s mentoring/tutoring programs that have impacted peers which make you an ideal candidate for a future teacher leader. Your leadership skills along with your strong academic performance are key qualities for individuals interested in a teaching career for the 21st Century!

**Discover the Art of Teaching Day** is sponsored by the Professional Educators Partnership (PEP) at Valparaiso University. This day will serve as a valuable opportunity to find out more information about pursuing a teaching career in college. *(NOTE: To attend Discover the Art of Teaching Day, you do not need to have an interest in applying to Valparaiso University.)*

**At the Discover the Art of Teaching Day, you will:**
- Learn about exciting opportunities available in the teaching profession
- Get an overview of campus life by speaking with Valpo students and faculty throughout the day
- Tour campus with current education students
- Attend a motivational talk and mock class demonstration
- Enjoy lunch in the Founders Cafe with students and faculty
- Check out the day’s agenda for more details

**How to register for this opportunity:**
Please visit [http://www.valpo.edu/discover-teaching](http://www.valpo.edu/discover-teaching) to register by the **November 3, 2015 deadline.** You will receive an email confirmation to attend the event. Check-in will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Christopher Center Community Room.

**About the Education Program:**
The mission of the Education Department faculty at Valpo aspires to recruit, prepare and support young people in our profession who will become part of the next generation of high-quality and inspirational teachers. For more information on the Education Programs, please visit [http://www.valpo.edu/education](http://www.valpo.edu/education)

We look forward to the opportunity to meet you at Discover the Art of Teaching day. Please feel free to contact our office at (219) 464-5077 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kevin Gary
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