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Patrick, John and Joe:

Cal Poly Admissions Director, at the personal request of Dr. Baker, will award "special consideration" in the form of bonus admission scoring points to Endeavour Academy graduates from Paso Robles High and our other sites of partnership. This ruling is effective now. We are going to define an "Endeavour Academy graduate" as any student who has taken two of the three courses in the sequence and earned a grade of C or better.

This stride in creating value for your students caps a year in which Steve Kliewer made many strides which he shared with some of you back in May. We are impressed with the parent booster club that is active now in Paso, the potential for the MIT InvenTeam Grant proposal, the continuing family science nights, the Balloon Fest contest and Physics Day at Great America, the tours Steve arranges for students and especially the summer internships at Arbiter.

The review and acceptance by MIT of our Endeavour Academy courses in substitution for mainstream science courses and the continuing excellent relationship with Cal Poly in pursuing joint student pathway work from your elementary and middle schools should also be pointed out.

Dr Bob Detweiler, special assistant to President Baker, is working with us to achieve a modest expansion of our joint student pathway club efforts that were successful last year in Lucia Mar. We hope to conduct four (once per quarter) pathway club events in your Paso school district as well as four in the LMUSD. The single event held last May at AGHS was a well orchestrated applied science hands-on interaction between university, high school and middle school students that are intersseted in the continuing pathway club membership. Starting this September, the Cal Poly contingent of this Pathway Club will be meeting monthly under our combined leadership to prepare for these events.

Finally, S.I.L. Inc., has opened a Bank of America account at a Paso branch so that Steve can conveniently deposit and track contributions, public revenues, and Grants made to SIL, Inc., specifically for the Paso Endeavour Academy. These independent efforts will increase our ability to offer more advantages in hands-on advanced curriculum to your students.

We are happy with the progress that Paso High has made in integrating the Endeavour Academy courses into the science department offerings and

advertizing them to the students. The program strides made should make this advertizing and recruiting process even more effective in the comming school year! Steve and I are excited as we prepare for the first offering of the capstone course, "Engineering Design", at Paso High. It has been going for about six years at AGHS and offers the graduating students the very best in advanced math/engineering preparation for university work. The second semester project is the Boe-Bot, a microcontroller-based robot with associated analog/digital interfacing and microprocesor programming learning. Great fun!

We hope that you will join us in advertizing the new opportunities that Endeavour Academy at Paso High represents for the Paso community.

With every good wish,

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