



University of Pittsburgh

*Swanson School of Engineering
Pitt Engineering Career Access Program (PECAP)
INVESTING NOW
Pitt EXCEL Program*

*152C Benedum Hall
3700 O'Hara Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15261*

March 10, 2011

Dear Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s):

Because your child is a high achiever who has a 3.0 or better grade point average in college-preparatory classes, he/she may qualify for membership in INVESTING NOW, a pre-college initiative in the University of Pittsburgh, Swanson School of Engineering. INVESTING NOW is an academic enrichment and support program for high achieving middle and high school students from groups that are underrepresented in science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields. Created in 1988 to encourage and support students' academic achievement, to expose students to career opportunities in science and math-based fields, and to establish a positive peer support network for participants, INVESTING NOW also sponsors parent activities designed to enhance your ability to monitor your child's academic performance and college planning. I have enclosed background information on the program and an application for your review.

We would like to invite you and your child to attend one of the recruitment meetings that INVESTING NOW is sponsoring to introduce the program goals and objectives and explain what membership involves. Program staff, as well as student and parent participants, will be available to answer any questions you may have. The meeting locations, dates and times are listed below. We look forward to seeing you and your child at the meeting that best fits your schedule. If possible, please bring the completed application, a copy of your child's first semester grade report and child's PSSA scores (if applicable) to the meeting.

**Saturday, March 19
1:00 – 2:30 PM**

**University of Pittsburgh, Swanson School of Engineering
3700 O'Hara Street, 157 Benedum Hall**

**Monday, March 21
7:00 – 8:30 PM**

**Pittsburgh Allegheny 6-8
810 Arch Street**

**Thursday, March 31
7:00 – 8:30 PM**

**Pittsburgh Obama International Studies Academy
129 Denniston Avenue**

Please call Ms. Vaughn at the INVESTING NOW office (412) 624-0224 by Thursday, March 17 to indicate which meeting you will attend. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Alaine M. Allen
Director

Enclosures