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Dear Counselors,

It is with great excitement that I share with you a new opportunity for your students offered by Fresno State. The *Central Valley Emerging Leaders Summit (CVELS)* is a free multi-day leadership development institute that brings together high school students from across the Valley to build their leadership capacity. The selected students will cultivate their leadership skills and competencies through hands-on activities, develop a sense of civic responsibility through a service project, and explore college pathways to better prepare them to make decisions regarding higher education.

The Summit will take place on the Fresno State campus August 8, 9, and 10, 2016. The students will stay overnight in the University residence halls and have meals in the University dining hall. The Summit will conclude with a luncheon to celebrate the students' completion on Wednesday, August 10, 2016. Fresno State faculty, staff, and student leaders will serve as facilitators for the Summit and have developed an engaging curriculum that is sure to inspire students.

We believe that each student has the capacity for leadership, and want to ensure that the opportunity to attend the Summit is provided to many Valley students. As a counselor, we are asking for your assistance by nominating students to attend the Summit. Nominated students should be rising juniors and seniors with a minimum 2.50 grade point average; A-G track preferred. Students may hold positional leadership roles on-campus; however, it is not a requirement. We want to ensure all students have the opportunity to build their leadership capacity - especially those students who don't view themselves as leaders.

To nominate students, and for more information, please visit fresnostate.edu/valleysummit. Please note, this opportunity will be offered to a small number of students, we encourage you to work with students to complete the nomination quickly. Priority nomination deadline is May 27; nominations will continue to be accepted until full. Students who are selected will receive an email; parents/guardians and counselors will be copied.

We look forward to partnering with you to boldly educate and empower students for success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe I. Castro".

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