April 3, 2013

Dear Community Partner:

In January, Ursuline College and Warrensville Heights City Schools brought forward with the city of Warrensville Heights a unique collaboration. This partnership brings together the students at Warrensville Heights High School with students at Ursuline College through the establishment of a leadership development and mentoring program.

The A.R.R.O.W.S. program (Academic Readiness Requires Outstanding Work and Support) provides Ursuline College students an opportunity to mentor Warrensville Heights high school freshmen while offering the high school student support over the course of the next four years of high school with the encouragement to pursue postsecondary education. The goal of the mentor program is to engage female students at Ursuline and Warrensville Heights high school in a partnership that promotes academic success and fosters ambition for further education.

As a leader of business and industry in the Warrensville Heights community, we understand our role is to provide you with the best possible workforce for your business. This unique partnership will help to ensure the goal of developing leaders in service to their community.

We as a community are excited about the first cohort of students who have entered the program. Plans are underway to begin the process of accepting a new cohort in the fall of 2013. Mentorship is a critical component of the education process. The mentors at Ursuline College will provide friendship, guidance and support of the Warrensville Heights high school students at a critical moment in their life.

It is our intent to ensure that as part of this program we engage the business community in an effort to work together for the success of these young people. Your support and advocacy for this program will mean a great deal to the future generations of our community. In the future, we will be looking to business and industry to serve as a partner offering experiential learning opportunities for our students. Thank you for your support and your commitment to advancing our community.

Sincerely,

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