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High School Counselors:

Belated Happy New Year! We hope this letter finds you well. We are gearing up for another year offering the Jon M. Andes 'Grow Your Own' Scholarship for high school seniors. We are sending you all of the information regarding the scholarship early again this year, to give you plenty of time to review it and ask questions. We did revise the application and it has also been sent to the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, on their portal. This will ensure that we end up with many highly-qualified applicants from each school!

In addition to this letter, we have also attached pictures and PDFs that you can hang up in your offices, send home with students and put on social media. Below is a brief list of guidelines for the scholarship:

Applicants must:

- Plan to enroll in a college or university for the upcoming year, majoring in an education teaching program;
- Have an unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher;
- Complete the full application, provide a resume and two letters of recommendation;
- Provide an official transcript signed and dated by the School Counselor's office at home school.

Again this year:

- there will be a renewal option for a second year of the scholarship;
- Each home high school will award one new scholarship each year;
- Dr. Andes may be personally involved in awarding some of the scholarships each spring;
- Finally, due to the fact that the teaching profession, as a whole, is facing a shortage of highly qualified candidates, students seeking certification in ALL content areas are eligible to apply.

Please share, promote and advertise this scholarship heavily in the new year, as students begin seeking scholarship opportunities. Thank you for your partnership and support with this scholarship and let us know if we can do anything to reach out to qualified candidates.

In partnership,

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