Dear Med Ed Students, Families, and Partners,

When a sinewy joy has been its for our team to work with you throughout our Summer 2013 GIATE SCIENCE and Innovation during this new 2013-2014 school year. Together, we have learned more about the amazing world of many health science careers and have made fantastic friendships along the way.

As we near the end of another very blessed year, our Med Ed Program of South Texas family would like to take the time thank so many of you who have made all of our initiatives and collaborations so very successful.

Med Ed students: thank you for representing the Med Ed Program with such respect and compassion. Your contributions at our many community service events have been truly inspiring.

Med Ed parents: thank you as much for driving your kids to and from our events! We know that this is not always easy to do—apologize very much!

Region I (Rio Grande Valley) School Districts: thank you for your continued support and assistance. Your thank you for sharing your time and classroom space with us.

Higher Education partners: University of Texas Pan American, University of Texas Brownsville, South Texas College, and Texas State Technical College: thank you for allowing us to host various academic events on your respective campuses.

Regional Academic Health Center Dean’s Office: Thank you for your constant support of our program and of our students.

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