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Dear Educator:

We've all heard the statistics. With the mass exodus of Baby Boomers from the workforce approaching, industries in the United States are faced with a monumental challenge in trying to fill their positions with qualified, high-tech workers with strong backgrounds in math, science and computers. And "the great shift change" begins this year, when the first of the Baby Boomers become eligible for retirement.

That's why we at Texas State Technical College Marshall are hosting **Tech Trek Summer Camp** for high school students to introduce them to technical career opportunities in areas such as information technology, engineering and manufacturing, transportation and safety. The activities will be **exciting and interactive** so that students will develop **problem-solving and teamwork skills** while working on **simulators**, conducting **lab experiments**, going on **field trips** and interacting with **industry representatives**. **We want your students** to have the opportunity to attend this camp! It could change the course of their lives by exposing them to career fields that may have been unknown to them before. **We need your help** in spreading the message to your students and their parents, inviting them to participate in this program and **learn about the opportunities available in a technology-driven workforce of the future**.

This camp will be limited to 80 participants with applications being due **May 16th**. Participants will receive their acceptance letters no later than **May 27th**. The camp will be held from **June 10th – 12th** with overnight stays in Student Housing on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. **The camp will include both male and female students**. To ensure the students safety, male and female adult chaperones will also be staying in Student Housing.

Won't you join us in this effort to spread the message to your students? Enclosed are **fliers** to be posted on your campus and **application packets** to distribute to interested students (feel free to copy as needed). This information is also available at www.marshall.tstc.edu by clicking on the "**Tech Trek Summer Camp**" link. To further promote our camp, we also ask that someone on your campus make public announcements letting students know that you have applications.

If you have any questions about this camp, please contact me at 903.935.1010 or by email at techtrek@marshall.tstc.edu. Thank you in advance for supporting Texas State Technical College. **Your help will make a difference to your students today and our workforce tomorrow!**

Sincerely,

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