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Dear Student:

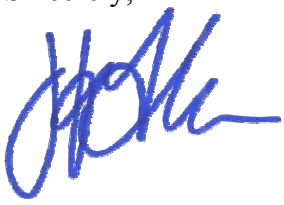
Congratulations on your decision to go to college. Whether you are a recent high school graduate about to enter college for the first time or an adult pursuing a college degree or specialized training to enhance your career, higher education is the key to your financial success. I hope your plans include working and living in Michigan, enjoying everything this great state has to offer. At the same time that you will be achieving your own financial success, you will also be contributing to the success of your state.

Paying for College in Michigan is an excellent resource for college planning and student financial aid. It was produced by the Michigan Department of Treasury, Student Financial Services Bureau, to provide specific information about available financial aid programs, including eligibility requirements and how to apply for the funds. The state of Michigan provides millions of dollars annually in merit-based and need-based financial aid to help Michigan students reach their education and training goals. Information on these and other financial aid programs can be found in the *Paying for College in Michigan* publication or on our Web site at www.michigan.gov/studentaid.

The state of Michigan offers all residents many opportunities to pursue education beyond high school. There are four-year public universities, community colleges, and independent colleges and universities. There are also numerous training programs available from proprietary institutions. Many of the colleges, universities, and training centers offer courses at off-campus locations throughout the state. In addition, many of these institutions offer online courses to students who need to study at home to fulfill family and work obligations. The bottom line is you have many options from which to choose when it comes to continuing your education.

Plan well, set your goals, and work hard to reach them. Dream, believe, and achieve your way to a promising future.

Sincerely,



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