TO: Principals, Math Chairs, and Gifted Teachers

FROM: Mr. Arthur L. Kalish, Director
Director of the Institute of MERIT
Mathematics Education, Research, and Instructional Technology

RE: Institute of Creative Problem Solving for Gifted and Talented Students

DATE: January 11, 2021

The State University of New York College at Old Westbury will continue the Institute of Creative Problem Solving for Gifted and Talented Students. The Institute will give special workshop sessions for creative problem solving in mathematics and science to gifted students in grades 5–10 (divided into 3 groups, 5/6; 7/8; 9/10), on Saturday mornings from 9 – 11:30 during the 2021-2022 academic year.

We invite you to distribute this information throughout your school and district and to recommend gifted and talented students who are currently in grades 4 – 9. Please restrict your recommendations to those students who you feel will truly benefit from our program.

The completed packet requires:

1) Signed Student Application form with Teacher Contact Information
2) Current grade transcript or report card
3) A non-refundable $40 check payable to: “The Research Foundation of SUNY”
4) Please do not staple the forms together with the check

Items must be received in the same packet and be postmarked by March 12, 2021. The exam date is April 10, 2021.

Send the packet to:
Institute of Creative Problem Solving
SUNY College at Old Westbury
P.O. Box 210
Old Westbury, NY 11568-0210
Attention: Mimi Schnier

Please note there is a $40 application fee (financial aid for the application fee is available). The program itself will remain tuition free.

Please mention that our Brochure and Student Application forms are available on our website, so that everyone understands the nature of the program before applications are submitted to the Institute and to ensure all applications contain the necessary items. Our website is: http://institutecreativeproblemsolving.org/index.htm.

Page 3 is the application document to be completed and mailed with the report card and check.

Thank you for your continued interest and past support of gifted mathematics education.
STUDENT APPLICATION FORM GUIDELINES & EXAM DAY INFORMATION
(Important – Please Read Carefully and contact me with questions)

* The completed packet requires:
1) Signed Student Application form with Teacher Contact Information for Recommendation
2) Current transcript (HS) or report card (MS and Elementary) – additional documentation is discouraged
3) A check for $40 made payable to: The Research Foundation of SUNY, to cover application costs

Packet must be postmarked no later than March 12, 2021 for the April 10, 2021 exam and sent to:

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Attention: Mimi Schnier

Applications postmarked after March 12, 2021 will not be accepted.

Please make sure that the email address in the application is accurate and easy to read. All communication this year will take place by email only.

You will receive a confirmation email within 2 weeks of receipt of your application. If you do NOT receive that email, please check your spam folder. The sender will be kalisha@oldwestbury.edu and the subject will be ICPS. If you do not see the email within that 2-week period, immediately contact me at the email indicated above with the subject line: NO EMAIL RECEIVED. In the text of the email, please include your child’s first and last name, their grade and their school district. I will then respond with your confirmation email. Our website is: http://institutecreativeproblemsolving.org/index.htm.

Please note that all students must take the entrance examination on the given date. There will be NO make-up exams offered.

Exam Date: April 10, 2021

Exams will be emailed on Saturday, April 10, 2021. If you have not received information from me prior to the exam date, it means that either we do not have your correct email address, or the email went to your SPAM folder. Below is a summary of the directions you will receive prior to the exam.

Exams will be emailed at specific times based upon your age group:

Students in grades 4 and 5 (taking the 5/6 exam) – 9 am. Exams must be RETURNED by 11 am.
Students in grades 6 and 7 (taking the 7/8 exam) – 10 am. Exams must be RETURNED by 12 noon.
Students in grades 8 and 9 (taking the 9/10 exam) – 11 am. Exams must be RETURNED by 1 pm.

The exam must be timed for 90 minutes. The extra 30 minutes are to cover the time needed to download the exam and then upload the solutions. Send us only one document (pdf) with ALL your solutions. Log into your email program at least 15 minutes before the designated time for your test to arrive.
STUDENT APPLICATION AND TEACHER CONTACT INFORMATION
Please type or print

Name: _____________________________________  M  F  __ Date of Birth: __________

Home Address: ____________________________________________  City  Zip
Parent’s home phone: ___________________________  Parent’s cell phone: ______________________
Parent’s email (Print Clearly): _________________________________________________________

Current Grade: ____  Current School: ____________________________  District: ________________

Name of Teacher who could be contacted for a Recommendation: __________________________

Email Address of Teacher Named Above (required): _________________________________

Use additional paper if needed for the sections below.

Current Math Course or Program:

Mathematics Competitions: Include title and year of competition.

Please explain why you are interested in applying to this program: (Student must complete this.)

Extracurricular Mathematics Activities: (Program name and years of participation)

Other Related Extracurricular/Community Activities:

Please check one of the following:

☐ Check for $40 made payable to The Research Foundation of SUNY.

☐ Financial Aid is needed.

Parent/Guardian Name (print) ________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature: __________________________________________________________________

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