To Whom It May Concern:

This year TOLEDO EXCEL, a scholarship incentive program at The University of Toledo, will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary, and to mark the occasion will host a celebration event on May 8th, 2013, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the main corridor of the Scott Park Campus. This important occasion will showcase TOLEDO EXCEL and its students to the community, and is free and open to the public. We are currently seeking support in the form of monetary donations to offset the expenses involved; items and/or services for a silent auction; and food for the event. Due to recent budgetary cuts at the university, we are extremely limited in terms of financial resources, but think it is absolutely essential to recognize this important milestone in the program’s history, so any support we can garner from local individuals and area businesses is greatly appreciated. If you are able to donate, please complete the donation form and return it to the EXCEL student representative at your nearest convenience. Also, if you are unable to make a donation at this time, we would love to have you present at the event to show your support for the program.

TOLEDO EXCEL recruits high-achieving, underrepresented 8th grade students in the metropolitan Toledo area. Selected students who fulfill our academic and participation requirements receive a tuition-based scholarship to The University of Toledo upon high school graduation. EXCEL is designed to prepare students, beginning in the 8th grade, for success in college by providing them with academic enrichment services and activities throughout their high school years. EXCEL is also dedicated to making students into conscientious and active members of the local community. We offer a variety of enrichment services and activities that take place on The University of Toledo campus in order to familiarize them with the university and collegiate expectations. These services and activities include Summer Institutes; Saturday School; Tutoring; Academic Advising; Career Planning; Mandatory Community Service; Annual Conference for Aspiring Minority Youth; and Ethnographic Field Study Travel Opportunities.

EXCEL has been in existence for 25 years. To date over 1,300 students have been inducted into the program and their academic successes speak for themselves: 99% high school graduation rate; 96% college enrollment rate; 86% college graduates or students matriculating towards graduation.

Upon high school graduation and successful completion of the program, students are then guided through the college application and admissions process, and receive academic advising throughout their time at The University of Toledo. Working with our students from the 8th grade until college graduation and beyond greatly increases their chances for success, both academically and professionally, as well as instilling a sense of the importance of civic involvement and giving back to the community. Thank you in advance for your support, and please do not hesitate to contact me at (419) 530-3825 if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Dan McGuire, Associate Director
TOLEDO EXCEL