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May 16th, 2016

To: Mr. Jeff Hradek, Principal
Sarasota High School
1000 South School Avenue
Sarasota, FL 34237

Dear Mr. Hradek,

I wish to formally congratulate you and the Sarasota High School family for its recent success in the 2016 Florida FAFSA Challenge, hosted by the Florida College Access Network. Lack of awareness and inability to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) has been shown to be the leading barrier for post-secondary attainment. We are deeply grateful that your school has made this a priority to helping our students pursue education beyond high school. Thanks to you and your staff, many more students will be able to access the post-secondary pathways they desire.

Sarasota High School was amongst the top schools in our state for FAFSA completion during this Challenge. According to the Florida College Access Network, SHS achieved the following rankings in this state-wide competition:

- 3rd "Most Improved" (Largest increase compared to last year) for Large Schools
- 3rd "Fastest Lap" (Fastest to reach 5% increase over last year) for Large Schools

The leadership of your school in hosting the "College Goal Sunday" event with the Talent4Tomorrow Partnership was a major contributing factor to this achievement. Your staff, including Mrs. Star Conti, is to be applauded.

Thank you for your continued leadership in preparing our community's future leaders.

Sincerely,

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