

**Goals**

The UNITE program is primarily aimed at undeserved or underrepresented high school students in STEM areas. The goals of the UNITE 2014 summer program is to

1. Immerse high school grade students to create interest in STEM disciplines and to prepare them to pursue engineering career.
2. Engage students in a 4-week program that enriches their STEM background by integrating theory and hands-on activities with engineering applications.

**Program Site and Duration**

All activities will be held at Room #202 of J Y Woodard Building, Department of Technology on the campus of Jackson State University beginning **June 2, 2014**.

**Accommodations**

Students will commute daily to and from JSU.

**Qualifications**

1. High school students of rising 10th grade of minority and underrepresented/underserved status with high GPA, ACT/SAT test score or by a recommendation letter from a teacher
2. Plan to pursue a major in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

**Main Activities**

Students will participate in a four-week academic program under the supervision of CSET faculty and staff. Activities will include the following:

1. Opening and closing program
2. Class instruction and lab activities on a variety of topics in Physical Science with specific relevance to engineering applications using Microcontrollers, Robotics Educational Board (Lego NXT). Additional topics consist of Math in relation to ACT preparation; and Computational Thinking.
3. Pre- and Post-tests; Assignments; Lab Reports.

**Financial Benefit**

Students who complete the 4-week program will receive a \$400.00 stipend. Breakfast and lunch will NOT be provided and the students have to bring their own.

**Contacts:**

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The distinguished history of Jackson State University began on October 23, 1877. The University started as Natchez Seminary, a private school, under the auspices of the American Baptist Home Mission Society of New York for the purpose of educating Mississippi's newly freed slaves. Beginning with only 20 students, the school operated for 63 years as a private church school. In November of 1882, the Society moved the school to Jackson to the site where Millsaps College now stands. A part of this transition was the renaming of the school to Jackson College in recognition of the institution's new, central location in the City of Jackson. Natchez Seminary soon relocated from its site in north Jackson to a tract of land in the southwest section of the city. Construction on the new site began in 1902 and the University remains on this site today. In 1924, the first bachelor degree was awarded. During this period, the major educational activities were directed toward teacher education for in-service teachers. When the American Baptist Home Mission Society withdrew its support from the institution in 1934, it became apparent that state support was needed to sustain the school. The school was transferred from the private control of the church to the state education system and renamed Jackson State College. Initially the school had been specifically designated by the state to train rural and elementary teachers. In 1942, the Board of Trustees expanded the curriculum to a full four-year teacher education program culminating in the Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. The first four-year graduating class under state support received degrees in May 1944. A Division of Graduate Studies was organized during the summer of 1953 and the program of Liberal Arts started in the fall of that year. During the late sixties, the entire curriculum was reorganized and the following schools were established: The Schools of Liberal Studies, Education, Science and Technology, Business and Economics and the Graduate School. Through a legislative act, Jackson State College was designated Jackson State University on March 15, 1974. Jackson State College gained university status in accordance with the expanded breadth and quality of its faculty and academic programs.

From 1967-1977, the faculty had tripled in size and the number of faculty members with graduate degrees increased eightfold. In 1979, the University was officially designated the state's Urban University by the Board of Trustees, State Institutions of Higher Learning. In the late 1980s, the University and its surrounding community were enriched through the expansion of the Universities Center; the establishment of the West Jackson Community Development Corporation to improve blighted housing around the campus; the organization of a Staff Senate; and the creation of a Center for Professional Development and the Center for Technology Transfer.

In the 1990s, a Campus Master Plan that projected the growth of the University into the 21st Century was developed. Fifteen new graduate and undergraduate programs evolved. These academic achievements were bolstered by the establishment of the School of Social Work, the formation of the School of Engineering, the fall 1998 opening of the School of Allied Health Sciences, the School of Business received by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), a \$13.5 million expansion of the H. T. Sampson Library which doubled the capacity of the original structure; and the occupancy of the \$17.2 million School of Liberal Arts building in 2001.

In Fall 2000, the University received doctoral research intensive status with the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. This prestigious designation was based on the awarding of more than 20 doctoral degrees from the Division of Graduate Studies and the \$40 million in federally funded research contracts secured through the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. As the University entered the New Millennium and celebrated its 125th Anniversary in 2002, it developed and implemented its strategic plan -Beyond Survival: The Millennium Agenda for Jackson State University. The five-point strategic plan moved Jackson State University to a new level of academic excellence.

Jackson State University's core values include tradition, accountability, learning, nurturing, service, and responsibility. JSU believes that free expression is indispensable to the safeguarding of these values and that personal expression must be encouraged with only those limitations that are necessary to promote the University's mission for the benefit of all of its students.

The Jackson State University Student Handbook sets forth expectations and guidelines for appropriate student decorum, and this policy is put in place as a supplement to clarify and extend the dress code as well as the proscription against the use of inappropriate language. JSU is committed to fostering an educational environment that, consistent with its academic freedom and mission, prepares its students for success in the classroom and later in their careers. JSU may expect students to adhere to generally accepted standards of conduct. Actions that substantially interfere with the requirements of appropriate discipline or otherwise substantially interfere with the University's educational mission or the rights of other students may be regulated. This Decorum Policy shall be applied without discrimination in regard to the viewpoint embodied in a student's dress or language, and it shall be applied to all students on an equal basis. Further, this policy is limited in time and place to University functions and educational facilities, specifically including classrooms. It is strongly encouraged, but not required, that these guidelines be followed elsewhere in an effort to provide a positive representation of ourselves and the University to the best of our abilities. Administrative, faculty, and staff members who observe student behavior proscribed by this Decorum Policy should report any such disregard or violations to the Offices of the Dean of Student Life.

### Prohibited Dress

Dress standards promote learning by establishing expectations that will reduce educational distractions as well as help prepare students for later success. These restrictions are minimum requirements that will result in a warning or disciplinary action if not followed. The University expects and strongly encourages its students to adhere to the higher standards of appropriate dress on campus and at University events as recommended in the Student Handbook. Prohibited dress shall include all **lewd or obscene clothing and attire** as well as any clothing or gear that, in the view of the Dean of Students or Vice President of Academic Affairs, **substantially interferes with the effectiveness of the educational environment and mission.** Lewd or obscene dress shall include attire or the lack thereof that leaves visible an area of the body that traditionally within the locality has been considered private and indecent to expose publicly, and that also lacks artistic or creative value within a particular University curriculum. Traditional private areas shall mean the breasts, buttocks, or areas proximate to the reproductive organs. Dress or gear that substantially interferes with the educational environment may vary depending on the curriculum and context, but may include items that make distracting noises, such as music players, or attire that creates a visual obstruction to others. The only exemption to this dress code exists in the case of a student who, due to a medical condition or properly identified disability, requires such accommodation. Such accommodation, if reasonable, should be attempted with an effort to minimize any negative effect on the educational environment. This policy applies equally and without regard to the religious or secular nature of the attire.

Some examples of inappropriate dress and/or appearance include the following:

- Midriffs or halters, mesh, netted shirts, tube tops or cut-off t-shirts
- Short shorts
- Sagging or unbelted pants
- Do rags
- Clothing with words or images which are prohibited by this Decorum Policy
- Visible underclothing, including undershirts of any color, outside of the living quarters of the residence halls

### **Prohibited Language**

This policy does not prohibit language based on the expressive viewpoint of one's ideas, but rather proscribes certain language based on the disruptive or destructive manner and context in which such language is used.

**Lewdness, Obscenity** is prohibited.

**Fighting Words.** Language that by its very utterance tends to incite an immediate breach of the peace or imminent lawless action is prohibited. These words include those which when directed to the person of the hearer would naturally tend to provoke violent resentment. Such words also include those personally abusive epithets which, when addressed to the ordinary citizen, are, as a matter of common knowledge, inherently likely to provoke violent reaction.

**Profanity.** Profane, vulgar, and curse words are prohibited in limited contexts although their use is widely discouraged by the University. The proscription against profanity shall only regulate the manner of such speech rather than the content of any message conveyed. Profanity may subject a person to discipline when it lacks any artistic or literary value in connection with a University curriculum, it inherently tends to provoke a violent reaction, and it substantially interferes with the educational environment.

**Speech in violation of State or Federal Law.** Illegal speech is also prohibited. Language usage can violate specific laws depending on the context. Some examples of such laws include disturbing the peace, intimidation, stalking, harassment, defamation, or libel.

### **Litter-Free Campus**

Jackson State University takes great pride in the beauty of our campus. Littering is strictly prohibited and a violation of the University. Littering shall include, among other things, the throwing of debris such as cigarette butts, food wrappers, paper, cans, bottles, or other trash on the ground.

No student shall intentionally dispose of refuse of any kind in or near any building owned or operated by the University except in receptacles provided for that purpose. Intentionally discarding such will be seen and adjudicated as a violation of the University Littering Policy. Fines may be imposed in an amount not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

The purpose of the Code of Conduct is to develop in students a stronger awareness of community, and expectations which are necessary to build a sense of closeness, cooperation, sharing and enjoyment and a feeling of belonging. All groups find comfort in establishing standards of conduct and rules which help to guide the behavior of its members. UNITE recognizes the need for such rules, and also understands the value of defining possible consequences in the event rules are disregarded.

Therefore UNITE Summer program participants are expected to observe the following code of conduct:

1. Arrive a JSU with the understanding that you must complete the full four-week program (June 2-27, 2014). Therefore, you should not plan other events that would require you to be away during the program.
2. Dress appropriately as outlined in the JSU Student Decorum Policy.
3. Report to your research areas/classroom as assigned or instructed and give your full attention to instructors and to other UNITE personnel.
4. Demonstrate/display conduct that is friendly, courteous, honest and responsible.
5. Show initiative and motivation; work as a team player toward a common goal.
6. Communicate regularly with your mentor on the progress of your studies.
7. Exercise appropriate social behavior; take responsibility for your own actions.
8. Follow safety procedures at all times. Consult with your mentor if procedures are unfamiliar or unclear.
9. Keep your space (area/classroom) clean at all times.
10. Keep a notebook/journal of all activities and data collected, including charts and graphs of all research and/or work performed. **Note:** This journal will be very helpful as you prepare your final report and portfolio.
11. Cell phones and other electronic devices are prohibited during classroom sessions/instructions.
12. Strive to achieve a level of excellence that exceeds the minimal expectations.
13. Give /show respect to all UNITE faculty, staff and other persons you come in contact with on a daily basis.

**NOTE:** the actions of each individual participant affect not only your personal self and situation but the perception of the UNITE program, the University and other participants as a whole.

The Army Educational Outreach Program is composed of a catalog of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) educational outreach programs including UNITE. This program is sponsored by the United States Army Research Office (ARO) which is funded through the office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisitions, Logistics, and Technology (ASA-ALT).

It is important to know that by allowing your child to participate and/or by choosing to participate in UNITE, you are also providing permission to [Army-required AEOP permission forms](#), and the [TSA consent/release form](#), and to student evaluation for research purpose. The purpose of the UNITE evaluation is to gauge the effectiveness of our program and to maintain continuous improvement. The evaluation evidence that we collect will be used to report program outcomes to funding agencies (i.e., ARO & ASA-ALT) and/or for scholarly publications. The evaluation process is essential for the continuation of funding for UNITE.

During this AEOP program experience, students will be asked to respond to various assessment instruments (e.g., questionnaires, demographic information, focus groups, interviews, etc.). Responses to these instruments are VOLUNTARY; students can choose not to participate or to withdraw from participation in these assessment instruments at any time. These assessment tools are not anonymous but all results will be kept strictly CONFIDENTIAL. The resulting data from all assessment tools will be read, entered, and analyzed by authorized personnel only and will be stored in secure, password-protected servers or databases. Any and all reports to sponsors or scholarly publications that utilize the results of our evaluation data will be de-identified prior to analysis and dissemination.

Finally, the AEOP reserves the right to use personal information (i.e., email addresses) to contact participants in the future in an effort to gather information regarding their career or educational success. Personal information will never be distributed outside of the AEOP, will be kept completely confidential, is accessible by authorized personnel only, and will be stored in password protected and secure servers or databases. **By signing below, you and your parents are indicating that you have read and understand the information presented above and that participation in all aspects of the UNITE program, including evaluation/research processes, is authorized.**

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*UNITE Student Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Parent/Guardian's Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

If you have questions or concerns before the program begins, please call Dr. Francis Tuluri, Program Coordinator at 601 979 8262, Mrs. Bertiel Harris, Department Administrative Assistant, Department Interim Chair at 601 979 2466, or CSET interim Dean at 601-979-2153.

AEOP Contacts: Hillary Lee, TSA UNITE Director, 703.860.9000 as the TSA contact and Donna Augustine, YSCOA Director, 540.231.6120 and Tanner Bateman, YSCOA Senior Project Associate, 540.321.4540 as AEOP contacts

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### COMMITMENT TO THE PROGRAM

Student Consent: I agree to participate in the UNITE 2014 Summer Program as indicated by my signature below from June **2-27, 2014** without interruptions.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I will participate   | <input type="checkbox"/> I will not participate           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I will need a parking permit   | <input type="checkbox"/> I will not need a parking permit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am currently a student of a grade and school as specified in my application. |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am <b>not</b> currently enrolled in any school.                              |   |

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*Applicant Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Print Name*

Parent Consent: I agree to provide transportation arrangement to my ward to participate in the UNITE summer program at Jackson State University during June 2 - 27, 2014.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Parent/Guardian Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Print Name*

***This form must be returned to Dr. Francis Tuluri along with the application on or before May 15, 2013.***

All correspondence must be addressed to the following by post or electronically:

Dr. Francis Tuluri, Program Coordinator and Manager  
 UNITE site @ Jackson State University  
 Jackson State University, P O Box 18480  
 Telephone (601) 979-8262/2624 - Fax (601) 979-4110  
 Email: [francis.tuluri@jsums.edu](mailto:francis.tuluri@jsums.edu)

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**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment/Init# \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone/Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cellular \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_

Visa Status: US Citizen \_\_\_ Permanent Resident \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Race/Ethnicity: Latino/Hispanic \_\_\_ African-American \_\_\_ American Indian \_\_\_

Low Income (by Federal Standards) \_\_\_ Asian \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the UNITE Recruitment Summer Program?

Teacher \_\_\_ Counselor \_\_\_ Flyer \_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_ University Media \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name of current School \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level: 9 \_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_ 11 \_\_\_ 12 \_\_\_ GPA (4.0 scale) \_\_\_ Math ACT/SAT score \_\_\_

(Enclosure: Student must provide an official copy of ACT score report and high school transcript; and a recommendation letter from his/her teacher)

Anticipated College Major \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Future Career \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL STATEMENT** (limit to 200 words addressing the following questions: why are you applying to the UNITE summer program? How will this experience help you meet your goals to pursue higher education/profession in STEM disciplines?)

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Membership in clubs, community organizations, etc.

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Give a brief description of science/mathematics activities you have participated in (clubs, science fair, engineering fair projects or other competitions).

Place/award received \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the project \_\_\_\_\_

#### EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Telephone Number with area code \_\_\_\_\_

Alternative Telephone Number with area code \_\_\_\_\_

#### Alternative Emergency Contact Information

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Telephone Number with area code \_\_\_\_\_

Alternative Telephone Number with area code \_\_\_\_\_

#### SIGNATURES

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Check List

Registration Packet

Registration Form

Student commitment Form

Emergency Contact Form

GPA/ACT score (official)

Teacher Recommendation Letter

Once your application materials have been received, they will be reviewed and you will receive a letter (or by email) informing you as to your acceptance to the JSU/UNITE summer program at Jackson State University. For additional information please contact, Dr. Francis Tuluri at 601 979 8262 or via email at [francis.tuluri@jsums.edu](mailto:francis.tuluri@jsums.edu)

### Condition of Health – QUESITONNAIRE

(To be completely and accurately by parent and participant)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST FIRST MIDDLE INITIAL

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Street # (Apt. #) City State ZIP CODE

Home telephone no. \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ (mo/date/year) GENDER ( ) Male ( ) Female

CURRENT HEALTH STATUS (Please check appropriate response).

HEALTH QUESTION	YES	NO
1. Are you generally in good health? If no, please explain		
2. Are you currently taking prescribed medication? If so, please list the prescribed medication(s) and any special precautions that you may have been advised to take with respect to this prescription.		
3. Have you had major surgery or prolonged treatment for an illness in the last (6) months that might require special follow-up? If so, please describe.		
4. Are you allergic to certain medications, foods, or chemicals? If so, please describe.		
5. Do you have special dietary needs? If yes, please describe your needs.		
6. Do you have any eating disorders or digestive problems? If so, please explain.		
7. Do you have asthma or any respiratory problems? If so, please explain.		
8. Are you diabetic? If so, is it controlled by diet or insulin?		
9. Are there other facts about the condition of your health of which we should be aware? If so, please describe.		

#### Certification:

I certify that the statements given above are accurate to the best of my knowledge and Jackson State University will not be held accountable for any medical information that is not given.

\_\_\_\_\_  
UNITE Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



Type or Print legibly

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the student? \_\_\_\_\_

Your recommendation and/or comments are vital in the decision as to whether or not the student above is admitted to the JSU/UNITE summer program. Please complete this form and return it to Dr. Francis Tuluri, UNITE Program Coordinator and Manager, Jackson State University, P.O Box 18480, Jackson, MS 39217 or by email attachment at francis.tuluri@jsums.edu

Please rate this student in his/her behavior and attitude on a scale from 1 to 5 (with 5 being the highest)

Classroom Behavior	1	2	3	4	5
Effort	1	2	3	4	5
Oral Participation	1	2	3	4	5
Written Expression	1	2	3	4	5
Intellectually Curiosity	1	2	3	4	5
Ability to Work Independently	1	2	3	4	5
Reading Comprehension	1	2	3	4	5
Relations with Peers	1	2	3	4	5
Ability to Cope with Academic Pressure	1	2	3	4	5
Math Skills, Concepts, and Reasoning	1	2	3	4	5
Attendance	1	2	3	4	5
Responsibility – completes tasks on time and comes to class prepared	1	2	3	4	5

Would you recommend this student for the JSU@UNITE summer program of 2013? \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments**

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**2014 UNITE Summer Program: Lunch Box on Own**

Student Participant:

I hereby declare my willingness to bring lunch box and eat at the designated place in the J Y Woodard Building, Jackson State University, MS. I also agree that during the working days of the program during June 2 – 27, 2014. I bring my lunch from home and not go out from the location of the program training facility at J Y Woodard Building, Jackson State University, MS.

Signature of the Student Participant

Date

Name of the Student

Signature of the Parent/Ward

Date

Name of the Parent

**2014 UNITE Summer Program: Refrain from using electronic devices**

Student Participant:

During the lecture or lab sessions of the UNITE program, I hereby accept my willingness not to use any electronic devices (like smart phones, tablets, video games etc) or any other devices.

Signature of the Student Participant

Date

Name of the Student

Signature of the Parent/Ward

Date

Name of the Parent

## 2014 UNITE Summer Program: Program Schedule Timings

Student Participant:

During the lecture or lab sessions of the UNITE program, I hereby accept my willingness to strictly follow the program schedule to attend the classes promptly at the stipulated time, and follow strictly the lecture break and lunch break intervals. I will be available at the program venue all the time. See the weekly schedule of the program.

Program Duration: June 2 – 27, 2014; Five sessions/ day during 8:30 am to 1:00 noon  
Location: J Y Woodard Bldg, Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi

Day	8:30 - 9:20 am	9:30 - 10:20 am	10:30 - 11:20 am	11:30 - 12:20 noon	12:30 - 1:00 noon
Monday	Lecture/Hands-on Activity	Lecture/Hands-on Activity	Lecture/Hands-on Activity	Lecture/Hands-on Activity	Discussion/ Questions/Lab Reports
Tuesday	Lecture/Hands-on Activity	Lecture/Hands-on Activity	Lecture/Hands-on Activity	Lecture/Hands-on Activity	Discussion/ Questions/Lab Reports
Wednesday	Lecture/Hands-on Activity	Lecture/Hands-on Activity	Lecture/Hands-on Activity	Lecture/Hands-on Activity	Discussion/ Questions/Lab Reports
Thursday	Lecture/Hands-on Activity	Lecture/Hands-on Activity	Lecture/Hands-on Activity	Lecture/Hands-on Activity	Discussion/ Questions/Lab Reports
Friday	Lecture/Hands-on Activity	Lecture/Hands-on Activity	Lecture/Hands-on Activity	Lecture/Hands-on Activity	Discussion/ Questions/Lab Reports
<b>Week 1:</b> Mathematical background: Dr. Diatta <b>Week 2:</b> Computational Thinking: Dr. Panoff			<b>Week 3:</b> Fun with LilyPad microcontroller: Dr. Tuluri <b>Week 4:</b> Robotics: Dr. Tuluri		
1. 10 minutes break for each session; some sessions may be either lecture or hands-on based on the duration 2. Every day ends with Discussion, Lab Reports, and Questions 3. 06/02/2014: opening ceremony (8.30 – 9.30 am); pre-test (9.30 – 10.30 am) 4. 06/18/2014: Army Career day (8.30 am – 12.00 noon); 5. 06/28/2014: closing ceremony (8.30 – 9.30 am); post-test (9.30 – 10.30 am); presentations (10.30 – 12.00 noon); program ends					

Signature of the Student Participant

Date

Name of the Student

Signature of the Parent/Ward

Date

Name of the Parent



## UNITE Parent/Guardian Permission (ONLY for students 17 and under)

### Regarding Your Child's Participation in AEOP Program Evaluations

The Army Educational Outreach Program (AEOP) evaluates all its programs, including UNITE, to make sure that they are effective, and to improve them, as needed. The evaluation results are reviewed by those who oversee the programs and reported to the Army office responsible for funding the programs. This process is necessary to ensure that AEOP programs, including UNITE, can continue.

During the time your child is in UNITE, he or she may be observed by AEOP evaluators during different program activities and may be asked to give his or her feedback and opinions in response to questions on questionnaires or surveys, in focus groups, and/or in interviews.

Your child's participation is **VOLUNTARY**; he or she does not have to participate in these activities, and can choose not to answer certain questions, or decide not to participate, or withdraw from participation at any time.

These evaluation assessments are **not** anonymous, so your child's name will be included on the forms that are used for the evaluation(s); however, all information and results will be kept strictly **CONFIDENTIAL** and any identifying information (your child's name) will be removed before the results are analyzed and given out. Participants' names will never be used in any report or publication.

Finally, the AEOP reserves the right to use personal information (for example, permanent address, phone number, and/or email address) to contact participants after the program to gather information about their career or educational successes. Participants' personal information will never be distributed outside of the AEOP; will be kept completely confidential; will be used by authorized personnel only; and will be stored in password protected and secure servers or databases.

If you have any questions about this evaluation or about evaluation participants' rights, please contact Tanner Bateman, at 540-231-4540 or [tbateman@vt.edu](mailto:tbateman@vt.edu).

By authorizing your child to participate in UNITE, you are agreeing to the contents of this parental permission form – and indicating that you have read and understand the information above and allow your child to participate in UNITE and the evaluation part of this AEOP program. When evaluation assessments are presented to participants in the UNITE program, your child will be informed about the evaluation study and about her/his rights as a participant. At that time your child will be asked to provide her/his agreement to choose to participate in the assessment.

Participant's name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian's name and signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian's phone (h) \_\_\_\_\_ c) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian's email \_\_\_\_\_





## UNITE Adult Participant Permission

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During your AEOP program experience you may be observed as you participate in program activities and may be asked to respond to various evaluation assessments (e.g., questionnaires, demographic surveys, focus groups, and/or interviews). Participants' responses to evaluation assessments are VOLUNTARY; participants can choose not to answer certain questions, or decline to participate, or withdraw from participation at any time. These evaluation assessments are not anonymous but all data will be kept strictly CONFIDENTIAL. The data from all evaluation assessments will be read, entered, and analyzed by authorized personnel only and will be stored in secure, password-protected servers or databases. Data from evaluation assessments will be de-identified (participants' names will be removed) prior to analysis and dissemination. Any and all reports to sponsors or scholarly publications that use the evaluation results will never use participants' names. Finally, the AEOP reserves the right to use personal information (e.g., permanent address, phone number, or email address) to contact participants in the future to gather information regarding career or educational success. Participants' personal information will never be distributed outside of the AEOP, will be kept completely confidential, accessed by authorized personnel only, and stored in password protected and secure servers or databases.

Should you have any questions about this evaluation or its conduct, or about research participants' rights, you may contact Tanner Bateman, at 540-231-4540 or [tbateman@vt.edu](mailto:tbateman@vt.edu).

When evaluation assessments are administered for the AEOP program in which you are participating, you will again be informed about the evaluation study and your rights as a participant. At that time, you will be asked to provide your consent if choosing to participate in the evaluation assessment.

Participant's name \_\_\_\_\_

UNITE program \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's phone  
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# Technology Student Association, Inc.

## CONSENT, RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS AND AUTHORIZATION TO REPRODUCE PHYSICAL LIKENESS

This form is required for all minors and adults who participate in a UNITE educational program. **A parent/guardian agrees to all of the terms below on behalf of a minor.**

Copies of this completed form are to be retained and kept on file by the UNITE site. National TSA reserves the right to request a completed and signed copy of this form at any time from the UNITE site. Unless requested, do not send this form to the national TSA office.

As used below, TSA shall mean the (National) Technology Student Association, Inc. and its officers, directors, employees, assigns, and agents (including any third party designated and approved by TSA) at any time, including, without limitation, individuals or entities involved in print, publication, television, broadcast, or video media. As used below, "Participant" shall mean any individual, student, advisor, teacher, or volunteer involved in a UNITE activity. A Participant in any UNITE program, meeting or conference (collectively, the "Event"), agrees to the following:

I hereby grant to UNITE the right to photograph and/or videotape Participant during Participant's participation in an Event. I further grant to TSA, forever and throughout the world, the right to use these photographs and videotapes of Participant's likeness, voice and sounds during Participant's participation, and to reuse or license the right to such photographs and videotapes of Participant's participation, and Participant's name, likeness and biography, as TSA may desire, in all media and in all forms and for all purposes, including without limitation, advertising and other promotions for TSA, without further compensation to Participant or any limitation whatsoever. In granting this license, I understand that TSA is not under any obligation to exercise any of their rights, licenses and privileges herein granted. Each such photograph and videotape shall be a work for hire and TSA shall be deemed the owner of any copyright and/or trademark rights therein (and all applications, registrations and renewals resulting there from). If, however, the work is deemed not to be a work made for hire by a court of competent jurisdiction, then this Consent and Release to Produce Physical Likeness ("Release") shall constitute an irrevocable assignment by the Participant of the worldwide copyright in the work to TSA. It is a TSA policy not to print a minor's picture accompanied by his/her name unless TSA has obtained specific permission from his/her parent or guardian.

The undersigned being fully cognizant of the risks in participating in an Event, hereby assumes the risks of bodily injury (including, without limitation, death) and property damage, inherent in such participation. Except to the extent due to the gross negligence or willful misconduct of TSA, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable laws, Participant hereby waives any claims or causes of action which Participant may now or forever have against TSA arising out of Participant's participation, and Participant will indemnify and hold harmless TSA against any and all claims resulting from such participation.

Participant hereby releases TSA and its respective successors, affiliates, licensees and assigns from all claims, demands, liabilities, damages, costs and expenses (including, without limitation, attorney's and other professional fees and expenses) that Participant may now or ever have against TSA arising in connection with Participant's participation in the Event and TSA's exercise of rights hereby granted, including, without limitation, claims for compensation, defamation, or invasion of privacy, or other infringements or violations of personal or property rights of any sort.

This Release shall be binding upon Participant's heirs, personal representatives and assigns, and me and shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia without regard to conflicts of laws principles. Venue for any legal action arising out of or in connection with this Release shall be in Fairfax County, Virginia. This release constitutes the entire agreement among the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter of this Release and supersedes any and all previous agreements among the parties, whether written or oral, with respect to such subject matter. I understand that this form involves a release of legal rights.

Participant's name and signature \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian's name and signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's phone (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_