



February 27, 2019

Dr. Julie Vogel
Diocese Of Galveston-Houston Cath Schls
2403 Holcombe Blvd
Houston, TX 77021-2023

Dear Dr. Vogel,

Rice University will again be offering week-long camps this summer for rising 8-12 graders who have an interest in STEM. This is our fourth summer for these outstanding opportunities with a goal to engage more students of diverse backgrounds in STEM related fields. At the same time, we are creating a college-bound culture and exposing students to life on a college campus.

Students will engage in a five-night, six-day experience from Sunday to Friday. They will live in a college dorm and work alongside Rice University STEM students, interact with renowned scientists, participate in project-based learning activities and enjoy a STEM field trip; all while working on skills development in communication and college preparation. Again this summer, we have allocated one week of camp designed especially for **your top three students in your graduating class and are offering sessions for dual language learners.**

Professional development opportunities will also be available for your teachers and staff. During these camps educators will be instructed in project-based learning (PBL). For teachers and administrators, camps will offer the necessary tools to learn about and teach PBL activities. By completing the camp, teachers will receive 37 CPE hours.

The price for each week-long camp is \$1300 per attendee and is the same price for students or adults. Districts are encouraged to use Title I, Title II and/or Title III funds to send interested students and staff members, as appropriate.

Camp dates are:

July 7-12	Rising 8-12 graders, top 3 students in your graduating class
July 14-19	Rising 8-12 graders, teachers and staff
July 21-26	Rising 8-12 graders, dual language learners, teachers and staff
July 28-August 2	Rising 8-12 graders, dual language learners, teachers and staff

We have also included a flyer and hope you will consider providing this information to your students who might want to attend on their own.

Tapia Camps will be hosted on Rice's campus, in Houston, TX, by the Rice Tapia Center for Excellence and Equity, which was designed to empower motivated, academically successful, underrepresented, students who are passionate about their education. **The Tapia Center was named after Dr. Richard Tapia,** one of the most decorated and honored mathematicians in America and the first Hispanic to win the National Medal of Science.

I would be happy to answer any questions about camps and hope you will consider this opportunity for your students and staff. For questions, please contact me at leti@rice.edu or 713-348-2845. **You may also visit us at tapiacamps.rice.edu to find more information.**

Sincerely,

Dr. Leticia Velazquez
Director of Operations
Richard Tapia Center for Excellence and Equity
Rice University

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FOR RISING 8TH - 12TH
GRADERS

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**One week
residential
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**Challenging
and interactive
STEM curriculum**



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**Develop skills in
Teamwork and
Communication**



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DUAL-LANGUAGE LEARNERS &
TOP 3 RANKED STUDENTS**

**DISTRICTS REGISTERING MULTIPLE STUDENTS
RECEIVE DISCOUNTED PRICE OF \$1,300
(FULL PRICE \$1,595 PER ATTENDEE)**

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- Interact with Rice University professors
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