Dear TAG Graduating High School Senior,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to apply for the second CC4Kidz Book Scholarship, which will honor a TAG student of the graduating class of 2013. The scholarship recipient will be selected on the basis of their academic accomplishment, leadership in and service to the Latino community, financial need, and involvement with the TAG Program.

The CC4Kidz Book Scholarship Fund was created in 2011 with the purpose of providing recognition to one of our many “talented and gifted” student leaders, as well as financially supporting the books and materials of his/her first year of college (freshman year only). Five finalists will be chosen for the scholarship to be interviewed by Lynette Correa, CEO of CC4Kidz, and 1 recipient will receive a total of $1,000 (up to $500 in the Fall Semester 2013 and up to $500 in the Spring Semester 2014). Recipient must partake in a servant leadership project in his or her community to receive the second half of the scholarship during the Spring Semester.

The four remaining finalists will be awarded between $275 and $750 toward educational expenses, sponsored by the TAG Latino Alumni Association, thanks to the $2,000 donation by Rosa Velasquez, a former TAG PANAS mentor. The recipient of the Alumni Pa’lante Scholarships will be announced at the TAG Awards Night on the evening of May 23, 2013 from 6:00–8:00 PM. Attendance at the Awards Night is mandatory.

Please review the enclosed information sheet and directions on how to apply. Completed applications, with all necessary documents and videos, must be received at the TAG Office by Tuesday, April 30, 2013. Completed applications should be emailed to tag@umb.edu or delivered to

TAG Latino Program
UMass Boston
Wheatley Hall, 4th Floor, Room 123
100 Morrissey Blvd.
Boston, MA 02125

For further information, please contact the TAG office at 617.287.7638 or email tag@umb.edu. We look forward to reviewing your application and celebrating the educational success of all TAG students.

Sincerely,

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TAG Latino Program
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About the TAG Pa’lante Scholarship Fund
Lynette Correa, founder and CEO of CC4Kidz and TAG alumna, created the CC4Kidz Book Scholarship Fund. Her vision was to award a deserving young leader with a scholarship that will not only support them in their first year of college, but also recognize their leadership and accomplishments over the course of their high school career. TAG having been an important part of her Boston Public School experience, Lynette chose to honor a TAG student and additionally will provide personalized and professional career coaching to the scholarship recipient. In honor of Lynette’s initiative, the TAG Latino Alumni Association by way of a generous contribution made by Rosa Velasquez, former TAG PANAS Mentor, will award the four remaining finalists between $275 and $750 in book scholarships, which will be reimbursements for money spent on books or other related educational expenses. To learn more about CC4Kidz, please visit www.cc4kidz.us.

Eligibility
Eligible students must be enrolled in a (4) four-year MA college or university for the fall of the following school year. Candidates must have been involved with the TAG Program and verification of their participation confirmed by the TAG staff. The Selection Committee is most interested in students who have demonstrated a commitment to their education, servant leadership, social justice, and the advancement of the Boston community. There is no grade point average (GPA) requirement, but GPA may be considered. TAG students of all backgrounds are welcome to apply.

Application Instructions
Your application to the scholarship must come in the form of a four- to five-minute VIDEO that includes:
1. Applicant Description: Full name; age; where in Boston you live; high school, cultural background and languages; where you are going to college; your possible major; if you are the first in your family to attend college
2. Mandatory Prompts: Answer the following mandatory prompts. Be concise in your responses. You may have the opportunity to elaborate on them in an interview, but your responses in the video are what will secure you an interview.
   a. Describe how TAG has impacted you, and if it contributed to your commitment to social justice, describe how.
   b. Describe what servant leadership means to you and how you have been a servant leader.
   c. Describe your most influential mentor in your life and the reasons why this person has inspired you.

Deadline
Videos must be either emailed as an attachment or link electronically to tag@umb.edu AND tagalumni@gmail.com. Video applications received after this date may not be considered.

Selection Process & Award Announcements
The selection committee will review all videos and choose the finalists to interview. Twenty-minute interviews will be conducted on Friday, May 3, 2013 beginning at 6:00 PM. Winners will be selected and announced at the TAG Awards Night on Thursday, May 23, 2013. Finalists will have reserved seating for them and their guests; RSVP’s are required. The ceremony will take place at the UMass Boston Campus Center. All finalists are expected to be present at the ceremony, and each will introduce themselves to the audience. The CC4Kidz Book Scholarship recipient is expected to address the audience with a three-minute thank you speech of what it means to receive the scholarship and recognition.