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May 12, 2016

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

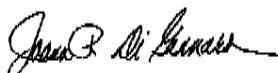
I am pleased to inform you that **Jenning Chen of South Carolina** was selected as one of fifty top academic achievers to attend the thirty-third annual Research Science Institute (RSI) sponsored by the Center for Excellence in Education (CEE) in collaboration with Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). The 2016 Institute will take place from June 26 to August 6. Students in this program represent the upper one-percent of high school students in the U.S.

The Center's mission is to nurture high school and university scholars to careers of excellence and leadership in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, and to encourage international collaboration among leaders in the global community. CEE is the only organization which sponsors such a program at no cost to the students competitively selected to attend and, subsequently, provides programming for the students for the eight to ten years of their undergraduate and graduate studies. The Center's long-term involvement with each student encourages scientific and technological careers to promote this country's global leadership in science and technology.

So often, we hear of failures of the U.S. educational system; however, students chosen for RSI are proof that good things are happening in our schools. South Carolina is doing its job to nurture some of the country's finest talent. I encourage you to please write a letter to Jennings expressing your pride in her excellent academic performance. The contact information is provided in the enclosure. Kindly also send a copy of your congratulatory letter to the Center for Excellence in Education.

CEE will appreciate your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,



Joann P. DiGennaro  
President

Enclosure

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**Student from South Carolina Chosen to Attend the  
2016 Research Science Institute  
Sponsored by the Center for Excellence in Education**

**Information for Governor's Congratulatory letter with  
copy to [bvergara@cee.org](mailto:bvergara@cee.org)**

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