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Corey E. Mohn CAPS Network 7501 W. 149th Terrace Overland Park, KS 66223

Dear Mr. Mohn:

Missouri State University commends the exciting activities being conducted by students, instructors, administrators and the businesses involved in all the CAPS programs across the nation that are part of the CAPS Network. We are honored and committed to being at the table to support this unique initiative, and fully endorse CAPS as an innovative approach to education and career exploration.

We are proud to be a host site for the business and entrepreneurship strand of the Greater Ozarks Centers for Advanced Professional Studies (GO CAPS), and directly involved in the GO CAPS board of directors. The CAPS Network places a high value on innovation, experiential learning, mentorship, and business partnerships. By encouraging junior and senior students to connect with business professionals, you are setting them on a path that prepares them for their future endeavors in higher education, and ultimately lifelong careers as professionals and engaged citizens.

With a statewide mission in Public Affairs comprised of three main tenants, community engagement, cultural competence, and ethical leadership, Missouri State University embraces many of the same philosophies underlying the CAPS programs. We understand the importance of continuing the same types of experiences at the college level. To this end, we are committed to encouraging students to participate in such high impact educational experiences as service learning, internships, cooperative education, student-faculty-business research collaborations, focused field experiences, and study abroad. Also, we are committed to identifying and providing meaningful dual credit opportunities for the GO CAPS students and exploring scholarship opportunities.

We strongly endorse the CAPS Network as a tremendous investment in the students and the outstanding contributions to the advancement of our workforce. We look forward to continuing to serve your graduates at Missouri State University.

Sincerely

Clifton M. Smart III

President