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Greetings!

You are receiving this letter because either you expressed an interest in our AVID program at AJHS or someone recommended you for it! You may know that AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. Many AVID students aspire to go to college one day. You may have academic potential but need a little extra support to be successful. AVID can meet that need!

In the AVID elective class, we work hard but we also have fun. We do a lot of reading and writing and work on improving our communication skills and other skills that employers look for in their workers. The work we do directly supports the work you’ll be doing in your core academic classes. We also explore college and career options, with projects, guest speakers, and college campus visits!

There are many opportunities for AVID students to learn and grow and we’re excited for you to get the chance to be a part of it. In order to enroll in AVID, you must:

* Complete an application, including a few essay questions and a teacher recommendation form,
* Participate in an interview where we will discuss your desire to be in the program, what you want for your future and whether you have the ***Individual Determination*** to take your future into your own hands,
* Sign a contract agreeing to maintain good grades, enroll in rigorous classes, and participate in the AVID program to the fullest extent.

Parents, AVID is for you too! There will be many opportunities throughout the year for parents to be involved, come together and share struggles and successes, learn about opportunities for your children, and more!

We work closely with Chandler High School to prepare students to continue in the AVID program throughout their secondary education in order to reap the most benefits, including many scholarship opportunities.

AVID measures its success by helping students who are traditionally underrepresented in higher education become college- and career-ready. AVID’s mission: **Close the opportunity gap by preparing all students for college and career readiness and success in a global society.** For more information about the AVID program, visit [www.avid.org](http://www.avid.org).

If you have any questions or would like to know more, feel free to reach out. I look forward to meeting you and helping you work toward your full potential!

Sincerely,

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