Thank you in advance for your help with this college event. You are providing 6th grade students with a wonderful opportunity; you are helping them see that college can be a part of their future. This is also an opportunity to introduce them to your program(s).

These are some of the important things to remember when dealing with 11 and 12 year-olds; it is a unique age:

- They are just learning to think abstractly; some will have it some will not.
- They will be very curious and want to touch everything; have something for them to touch.
- Their attention span is very short; they will be in “field trip mode” and will only be attentive for about 5 minutes.
- While they learn by listening and seeing, they learn better by doing.
- Expect “toilet humor”. It is part of this age’s development. Don’t accept inappropriate language, however.
- Remember they will giggle and may display discomfort at many boy/girl interactions, no matter how innocent, even if you only are pairing them up.
- Remember that some of the small things that you may do every day may be considered really fun and interesting for the 6th graders.

Examples of things this age would find fun:

- Sitting behind the wheel of a combine/forklift/truck.
- Mixing two substances.
- Listening to loud motors and adjusting the throttle.
- Assembling simple objects from food, to art, to geometric designs.
- Talking on a microphone/sound system/walkie-talkies.
- Quiz competitions like Jeopardy, Wheel of Fortune, or Hangman.
- Loud noises.
- Making something in a shop.
- Pushing buttons, for instance to operate a lift.

We would like to make this as easy a possible for you and as enjoyable as possible for the 6th grade visitors.

**If you have any safety issues or requirements, please let me know. For instance, I have some safety glasses if the students need them for your demonstration/activity.**

Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or questions. My number is ______________________________.