



THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION

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Dear Colleague:

I would like to share with you an announcement of an exciting opportunity for students this summer at the U.S. Department of Education.

This is the second year of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Scholars Program, which President Bush announced on January 21, 2002. The program was established in commemoration of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and his contributions to civil and human rights in America. Under this initiative, continuing juniors, seniors, or graduate students are eligible to apply for an eight-week, paid internship in the United States Department of Education in Washington, D.C. We expect to select up to ten students for this prestigious honor and opportunity. The students will be placed either in my office or in the office of one of my Assistant Secretaries, where they will gain experience in policy analysis and development. It is an exceptional way for outstanding students to learn about the federal role in education and to experience the value of government service.

Enclosed is a Fact Sheet outlining the specifics of the Scholars Program. The recruitment announcement is available on the following Federal job information web sites: [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov); [www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov); and [www.studentjobs.gov](http://www.studentjobs.gov). I hope you will be able to publicize this opportunity on your campus and encourage many of your best and brightest students to apply.

Thank you for your assistance with the Martin Luther King, Jr., Scholars Program and for your commitment to our nation's students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rod Paige".

Rod Paige

Enclosure