



Dear WLCSRF Alum,

The William L. Clay Scholarship & Research Fund (WLCSRF) Board of Directors extends sincere greetings. It's been some time since we've been in touch, but please know that we think of you often and hope you are doing well.

I write to you with much excitement to tell you that nearly 30 years since its founding, the WLCSRF is still going strong, helping St. Louis area students go to college. This letter is also sent to invite you to be a member of the WLCSRF **Alumni Advisory Council**.

In 2009, a study was conducted to assess the impact of the Scholarship over its first 25 years of service and we learned that approximately two-thirds of WLCSRF alumni are living, working and contributing to St. Louis and surrounding communities. With nearly 200 Scholarship alumni in the area, an opportunity is at hand for former Clay Scholars to reconnect and work together to help the next generation of Clay Scholars.

The WLCSRF Board of Directors would like you to serve on an Alumni Advisory Council and partner with us to achieve three goals:

1. Identifying other alumni and involving them with Scholarship activities
2. Increasing awareness about the WLCSRF among students, families, teachers and high schools to help increase the number of scholarship applications received annually
3. Planning and additionally supporting Scholarship fundraisers and other events

Working with the **WLCSRF Alumni Advisory Council**, you have the ability to make a difference for so many by helping deserving students achieve a higher education. There are also personal benefits to be achieved from your time and effort with the Council, which include:

- ✓ Building & leveraging relationships with fellow alumni
- ✓ Expanding your professional network and opportunities with Scholarship partners and community leaders
- ✓ Increasing exposure in the community through a new platform/association

The **WLCSRF Alumni Advisory Council** will meet quarterly and work in collaboration with the WLCSRF Board of Directors.

Thank you for taking a moment to consider this request to serve as a member of the **WLCSRF Alumni Advisory Council**. If you accept the invitation, please return the



Alumni Advisory Council Interest Form, at your earliest convenience. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-251-3360 or anv.clay71@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Angie Clay Thomas
President

William "Bill" Clay, Sr.
Founder