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To whom it may concern,

I am honored to write a letter of recognition to the Columbia Area Career Center SkillsUSA chapter. Their community service project “Cause an Effect” has had a tremendous impact on the Columbia area and the students of Columbia Public Schools.

This project is especially important to the Adult Learning Center. The Adult Learning Center serves adults working towards their high school equivalency diploma. The majority of the students at the Adult Learning Center are low income and owning electronics is not always an option. The “Cause an Effect” program gave two of our students the opportunity to own computers. The students, Paul and Shelia, are preparing to take their high school equivalency exam in June. They need the computer to practice typing as the test is now computer based in the State of Missouri.

Electronic waste is a growing environmental concern. Not only do electronics account for 70% of the toxic waste in landfills, it is the fastest growing solid waste category. The Cause an Effect project does both. Students provide the community with an environmentally responsible way of disposing of unwanted electronics. By refurbishing donated equipment, students have provide valuable computers resources to a variety of CPS organizations such as Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) and Center of Responsive Education (CORE), among others.

We are proud to support SkillsUSA , the Columbia Area Career Center and the Cause an Effect project. This student project has certainly “caused an effect” in our program!

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