

Dear Community Member:

We need your help! On April 15-16, 2010, over 500 Alternative High School students from 50 different school programs will gather at the Ramada Mall of America in Bloomington, Minnesota, and will compete in various events relating to skills necessary for career planning, interviewing, parenting, decision-making and public speaking. We are looking for area business people and community members like you to help us evaluate these competitions.

Our "Perfect Judge" may be the: business owner, president of a company, administrative assistant, accountant, CEO, mechanic, human relations director, assistant, salesperson, mom, dad, the boss or the worker bee! It is very important students are evaluated by people other than their teachers at this event. We really need your input, experience, and opinion. Please consider donating approximately six hours (more if you can!) of your time for this worthy cause, and bring a friend or coworker along to help! ***Judges in the past have found this to be an extremely rewarding experience that is well worth their time and effort.***

Each event is a little different but as a judge, you will be asked to evaluate each performance based on your experience. In most cases you will be paired with another judge as well, and of course we will train you and provide you with examples prior to each event. We think you will be impressed by the talent, hard work and enthusiasm our students possess.

We invite you to join us for lunch or dinner over the hours you volunteer to judge for us. Meals are buffet style and provided by Ramada; parking is free. If this is something that you are able to do, please fill out and return the attached form, or contact Jill Toner, our judge coordinator, at one of the following:

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Thank you for all of your support,

Michelle Haukos
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P.S. More detailed information about the conference and the MAAP STARS organization is attached.