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Dear Dean Sajit Zachariah:

As part of the 2015 Annual Meeting, the American Educational Research Association has launched an Education Research to Performance Youth Apprentice project. The aim of this project is to feature at the Annual Meeting youth engaged in research with faculty in education research. Professor Anne Galletta from your institution is leading one of the 10 teams competitively selected for this project from more than 40 proposals.

The 10 teams were selected from Atlanta, Chicago, Cleveland, Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York—Brooklyn, Queens and Manhattan, and Johannesburg, South Africa. On December 5-7, 2014, we held a preparatory workshop for the Education Research to Performance Youth Apprentice teams. The teams will reconvene during the AERA Annual Meeting in Chicago in April, 2015. At that time, they will present and perform their research at a featured session.

We write to convey to you the depth of theory and methodological rigor displayed by Professor Anne Galletta and her team at the workshop.

Dr. Galletta presented material, with three young people from Cleveland State and local high school, on the empirical impact of school closings on children and educators. The material was riveting and so important as it connected with the projects grounded in Brooklyn New York, Chicago Illinois and New Orleans.

We want to thank you for supporting the work of your faculty and these very diverse teams of youth research apprentices. We anticipate with great enthusiasm the Education Research to Performance Festival that will be held at the 2015 AERA Annual Meeting. We encourage you to attend the Annual Meeting or alternatively to send a representative to the Meeting and the Festival if you are unable to attend.

Best wishes for the holidays and New Year,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Joyce E. King'.

Joyce E. King, PhD
President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Felice J. Levine'.

Felice J. Levine, PhD
Executive Director

Cc: Provost Deirdre Mageen, Cleveland State University
Dr. Anne Galletta, Cleveland State University