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3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Capital District MATERIALS CAMP<sup>SM</sup>  
a great success.

This camp is sponsored by the ASM Materials Education Foundation, the TMS Foundation, Eastern New York ASM Chapter, and the Mohawk-Hudson TMS Chapter in partnership with General Electric Global Research, Lockheed-Martin/KAPL, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

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Date

Dan Lewis  
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Date



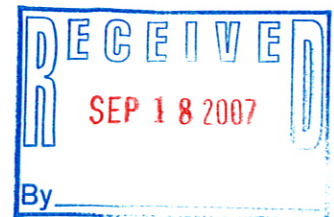
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William Ross and Ronald Batcher  
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Dear William and Ronald:

Thank you very much for your participation in the ASM/TMS Materials camp at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Materials camp is a one week summer camp for high school students intended to expose them to the field of material science through hands-on demonstrations and mentoring by practicing engineers, professors and engineering students.

The foundry tour was very popular among both the students and the mentors. The experience of a trip through a foundry with the noise, heat and giant castings is something that can not be duplicated by a lecture or a video! We were all very excited to see the metal poured at the end. Several students that were very reserved at the beginning of the week became much more enthusiastic after the field trip!

We are particularly grateful for your participation in running the sand casting demonstration on campus. Thanks to your expertise and patience, every student was able to make a casting of their own. The students really enjoyed the experience, and it was very gratifying to see them showing their creations off to their family and friends during the camp graduation.

We have included some pictures of the students working on their castings and a DVD of a local news broadcast which featured the casting demonstration. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to ask.



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Materials camp is provided without charge to the students that attend. The demonstrations depend on volunteers and the generosity of companies like yours. We are sincerely grateful to you for helping make this year's camp a success and hope that you will consider participating next year as well!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Lewis".

Daniel J. Lewis  
Assistant Professor  
Materials Science and Engineering

*Thank you both  
very much!  
Dan Lewis*