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Dear Parent,

Your child has completed 6 hours in the behind-the-wheel phase of the Driver Education program. Although your child has acquired fundamental knowledge and basic skills needed for driving, it does not necessarily mean that he/she is an experienced or skilled driver. With your continued supervision and guidance, we feel that your child will refine the skills necessary for this proficiency.

With successfully passing the license test, a “**Drivers Education Certificate**” is issued to your child for completing the behind-the-wheel program. Many insurance companies recognize these certificates with a discount toward your child’s insurance. **With a Junior License, the student is not eligible to drive between the hours of 11:00 pm – 5:00 am.** Students may also secure their **unrestricted license (senior license)** one year after passing the license test as long as they are free of any driving violations. If you are eligible to obtain this license, please contact the CLIU driver education department for the necessary form.

As your child acquires a driver license, additional practice and guided supervision on your part can only add to your child’s skills and facilitate the development in becoming an experienced, defensive driver. Recent research presented by the Lehigh Valley DUI/Highway Safety Task Force shows that distractive driving is the #1 killer of teen drivers. It also shows that “80% of all teen crashes are preceded by a distraction”. According to the research conducted forms of distraction while driving consist of: cell phone use, changing radio stations, eating/drinking grooming, reading, pets in the car, and teenage passengers. **The risk of a fatal crash increases by the number of teens in the vehicle. When adding one teenage, it raises the risk for death in a crash by 50 percent, two teens doubles the risk, and three teens triples the risk.** The inexperience of young drivers is also a reason that may lead to crashes. Behaviors such as following too close (tailgating), driving too fast for conditions, not looking ahead enough, and choosing traffic gaps that are too small for the vehicle are all factors.

Our goal in giving this course is to prepare competent, skillful, and responsible young drivers who will have the right attitude toward safe driving and hopefully as a result, assist in reducing accidents on the highways.

If you have any questions, please call us at 610-769-4111, extension # 1299 or email to driversed@cliu.org.

Respectfully,

Mr. Eric Lech
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