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Greetings!

We are presenting this letter to you on behalf of Region VII of the Association of College Unions International (ACUI). ACUI is a nonprofit, educational professional association that brings together college union and student activities professionals from a variety of urban and rural campuses, identifying as two-year and four-year institutions, and large and small schools.

This year's ACUI Region VII Conference will be held in Washington D.C. with virtual components on December 2-4, 2021. Approximately **200** students and staff from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, Washington D.C., Maryland and Delaware will be logging-on or visiting D.C. for an immersive, educational experience. In order for our conference to succeed, we would appreciate your support though donating items to be included in our **Silent Auction!**

The funds we raise go directly towards **scholarships** for educational programs. Now more than ever, fundraising is a crucial part of the conference experience, to help provide opportunities for delegates who may no longer have professional development funds due to COVID-related budget cuts.

*"Receiving a scholarship to attend an annual ACUI conference showed me that a career in higher education was definitely the right path for me. I'm so thankful to have had that opportunity to meet professionals, other students, and spark the hopefully lifelong career path of working with student affairs." - Dr. Nick Wagner, SUNY Delhi, Scholarship Recipient*

Our goal is also to help support local businesses as well by creating awareness about them. Participating in an ACUI auction is a wonderful opportunity for you to acquaint our members with your business.

All businesses that are able to donate will have their information displayed on our online auction website. We are hoping to collect items such as gift cards, promotional items, entertainment packages, handmade items, etc. *We can provide you with ACUI's federal tax ID number, should you need it.* [Sign up to donate an item.](#)

Thank you in advance for considering this meaningful donation. Please contact us if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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