February 17, 2016

Dear <<Student Name>>,

I am writing to ask for your help with the National College Health Assessment 2016 survey currently being conducted by UND Health & Wellness. Your email address has been randomly selected from a listing of all UND students to participate in the survey. The American College Health Association-National College Health Assessment (ACHA-NCHA) survey is a national research project to assess college health factors impacting academic and personal success. It provides valuable information to the university that will guide future planning. The survey includes questions about protective factors, perceived norms, and risk behaviors, which include substance use and sexual activity. The survey should take about 20-30 minutes to complete.

The survey is confidential. Please do not fill out this survey if you are under the age of 18. At no time will surveyors release email addresses or names of students who completed the survey nor will results of individual surveys be released. Your participation is voluntary, refusal to participate will involve no penalty or loss of benefits to which the subject is otherwise entitled and the subject may discontinue participation at any time without penalty or loss of benefits, to which the subject is otherwise entitled. Persons who have access to the data collected from the surveys will include the primary investigator, Jane Crocker, UND Health & Wellness Promotion Director, and the UND Office of Institutional Research.

Respondents to this survey will include both traditional and non-traditional students. We appreciate you taking the time to participate in the survey and assist us in gathering information about the health status and behaviors of UND students. Your name and email address will be automatically entered into a drawing for $800 worth of gift cards (including a $100 grand prize, 10 $50 winners, and 10 $20 winners) to thank you for your involvement.

A copy of this consent form is available on the Healthy UND website at http://und.edu/health-wellness/healthy-und. If you have questions about the survey, please contact Jane Crocker at (701)777-4817. If you have questions regarding your rights as a research subject, or if you have any concerns or complaints about the research, you may contact the University of North Dakota Institutional Review Board at (701) 777-4279. Thank you for your assistance in collecting data for this important survey.

Sincerely,

Lori Reesor, Ph.D.
Vice President for Student Affairs

By clicking <<on the link provided by ACHA>>, you are consenting to participate and acknowledge that you are over 18 years of age. Please be sure to close your browser upon completion of the survey or in the event that you decide not to complete the survey.