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Dear New Student,

Welcome to Mount Holyoke College! During your time here we will challenge you to grow, to reflect, to excel, all in the context of a diverse educational community that is based on a system of honor and cooperation. The primary purpose of this mailing is to give you information that will help you navigate your first few days on campus and prepare you for your Orientation experience. You will also find a sampling of the programs and services available to you.

Our Orientation theme this year is “Women Make It Happen” which reflects our commitment to empowering women to make a difference in the world. I hope that the Orientation program will help you begin the exciting process of challenging yourself and your fellow classmates. Our theme also reflects the fact that you are joining a global community filled with women with a true diversity of backgrounds, perspectives, and experiences. I want to encourage you to begin your Mount Holyoke experience with an open mind and a desire to engage in meaningful dialogue.

MHC Student Handbook

In addition to the information in this mailing, you are also expected to familiarize yourself with *The Mount Holyoke College Student Handbook* which can be found on the college’s website. The handbook contains definitive information on everything from the Honor Code and college policies, to services, opportunities, and cultural traditions at Mount Holyoke.
www.mtholyoke.edu/cic/stulife/handbook/

New Student Orientation

General Orientation Arrival Information

General Orientation for all new students including transfer and Frances Perkins students begins on Friday, January 25th at 9:00 a.m.

All **residential students** should report to their assigned residence halls. There you will be given your orientation packet and the keys to your residence hall room. From there you will be able to begin the process of getting unpacked and setting up in your room. You will receive information about your room and hall assignment from the Residential Life Office in mid-January.

Orientation Program Overview

All new students are strongly encouraged to participate fully and substantively in the Orientation program; its many elements have been thoughtfully planned to provide you with a strong foundation for your future success at Mount Holyoke. In particular we have tried to design our Spring Orientation program to meet the distinctive needs of spring entrants.

When you receive your orientation schedule you will find that there are several events that we have identified as “small group” events. Each new student will be assigned to a small group consisting of 10-15 new students led by two upperclass students who have been selected to be Orientation Leaders. The small group experience will give you the opportunity to make connections with several of your new classmates and to have upperclass students at your disposal to answer questions and provide assistance to you throughout the orientation program.

The Orientation program includes a combination of required and optional events. The required events include everything from a session on how to excel academically (“Making Connections”), to an interactive program where you will explore becoming a member of our diverse community (“Expanding your Horizons”). In addition you will have a one-on-one meeting with your faculty advisor to discuss your academic program and interests. There will also be a variety of optional social events, open houses, and tours all designed to help you feel welcomed and a part of the Mount Holyoke community.

Orientation is the time to begin exploring all that Mount Holyoke has to offer, make new connections, and begin what is bound to be an exciting journey. I look forward to welcoming you personally in January. In the meantime, please don’t hesitate to contact my office at 413-538-2550 if you have any questions about your transition to Mount Holyoke. I would also encourage you to explore our orientation website at www.mtholyoke.edu/offices/dostdnts/orientation.shtml.

Yours sincerely,

Liz Braun
Dean of Students

Information from Campus Offices

Student Employment: All first years on work study are required to work at least one 2-3 hour shift in dining services and then can search on JobX for additional work elsewhere on campus. See the student employment website for the "Spring Entrant Welcome letter": <http://www.mtholyoke.edu/offices/cdc/5169.shtml>

Parking Office: Please go to our website: <http://www.mtholyoke.edu/offices/dps/parking/> for all of your parking needs. Find out how to register your vehicle, where to park when you first arrive on Campus, and how you can avoid being ticketed. There is a discounted rate if you purchase your parking decal online so be sure to take advantage of the savings!

Alcohol and Drug Awareness Project: Although alcohol and other drug concerns and questions may not be the first thing you'll be thinking about this year, we would like you to know what is available <http://www.mtholyoke.edu/offices/dos/12611.shtml> For additional information about the campus Alcohol and Drug Awareness Project check out: <http://www.mtholyoke.edu/offices/health/6096.shtml>

Office of Religious and Spiritual Life: The Office of Religious & Spiritual Life welcomes you to Mount Holyoke College and hopes that you will become involved with our programs. We value strong exploration in the multifaith community as well as strong and meaningful involvement within a student's individual religious traditions. We invite you to visit the Office of Religious & Spiritual Life's website at <http://www.mtholyoke.edu/offices/religiouslife/15080.shtml> to learn how we can enrich your life here at MHC.

Student Programs: check out <http://www.mtholyoke.edu/go/students> for info on events (including links to off-campus & on-campus event calendars), special programs, campus center vendors, helpful information and ways to connect with MHC's vibrant diversity of active student organizations. Student Programs exists to support all students in creating a healthy, enjoyable and fulfilling co-curricular life.

Fleet Office: Do you want to go shopping? Do you need to go to the doctor? Do you want to go on a day trip? If so, the Fleet Office now has a vehicle for personal rentals. Check out our website for more information at <http://www.mtholyoke.edu/offices/dps/fleet/>