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Welcome Class of 2013!

I am happy to be one of many to welcome you to Dartmouth College. In this mailing, you will find important information about life on campus and housing during your first year at Dartmouth. Enclosed are the following:

- Our publication, *Welcome Home*, which introduces you to the Office of Residential Life
- Information on how to apply using the on-line housing application and where to find more information about the East Wheelock Program
- Information about Housing for Medical or Disability-related needs
- Information from Dartmouth Dining Services

Welcome Home is useful to keep on hand for future reference as we have found that the vast majority of questions we receive are answered within its pages. In it you will find helpful information such as:

- A list of items that we encourage you to bring for your room as well as those things to leave behind
- The furnishings and amenities that come with your room
- The "College Residence Policies & Terms"
- Opening and closing dates for the 2009-2010 academic year

If you have any questions after reviewing *Welcome Home* and the other enclosed materials, please visit our web site at www.dartmouth.edu/~orl/, send an e-mail to Residential.Life@Dartmouth.edu, or call the Housing Office at 603-646-3093. Our office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m., and 1:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m. eastern standard time.

Please note that the **deadline to complete the on-line housing application is Monday, June 22, 2009**. Information on where to find the on-line application is found on the back of this letter.

In the unfortunate event that you decide not to attend Dartmouth College, please call the Admissions Office at 603-646-2875 to inform them of your decision.

Soon you will receive a mailing about the Dartmouth Outing Club Trip Program. Please pay particular attention to the arrival dates. Students from the New England region will be placed on the earlier trips (A-D) and will be expected to return home after their trip (please note that assigned residence hall rooms will be inaccessible during these trips). These students, and those who choose not to participate in the Trips Program, will move into their assigned residence hall rooms on **Tuesday, September 15, 2009**.

Students from outside the New England region will be placed on later trips (E-J), and will be allowed to move into their residence halls prior to their trip's departure. On the scheduled arrival date for their trip, these students may come to the Housing Office in the basement of North Massachusetts Hall to sign out their key. **We are unable to accommodate early arrivals** beyond those students on trips E-J. Other students arriving prior to Tuesday, September 15th will need to make arrangements at an area hotel. For lodging suggestions, please see www.dartmouth.edu/apply/visiting/lodging.html.

In August you will receive a mailing that includes your housing assignment along with information about where to check-in and pick up your key on opening day. We look forward to your arrival this fall. Please contact us if we can be of assistance as you prepare to join us in Hanover.

Sincerely,

Murray MacDonald
Associate Director of Housing

Your Options: Filling out the On-line Housing Application

Housing and roommate assignments are made based on the information you provide on the on-line housing application. While these questions offer only a glimpse into your personality and lifestyle, we have found them to be good indicators of roommate compatibility. It is important that you answer these questions realistically and honestly. Housing assignments are made without regard to race, religion, color, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or status as a disabled or armed service veteran. Your housing assignment and on-campus mailing address will be sent to you in early August. First-year housing consists of singles, doubles, triples and a few quads. On the housing application you will have an opportunity to indicate a preference for the number of roommates you would like. We do our best to accommodate these requests but are constrained by the availability of different room types. Please note that smoking is not permitted in any residence hall.

Please review all the information included in this mailing. To assist you in returning the correct information, please refer to the check-list below.

Complete or Return the following by June 22, 2009:

- _____ Complete the Fall 2009 On-line Housing Application
- _____ Complete and return the electronic East Wheelock Application Form (if applicable)
- _____ Return the Housing for Medical or Disability-Related Needs Form (if applicable)

Applying for Housing

Completing the On-line Housing Application

All incoming first-year students are required to live on-campus and must complete the on-line housing application form by the June 22nd deadline. To do so please:

- Use your Web browser to go to the webpage <http://www.dartmouth.edu/bannerstudent/>
- Provide your Username and Password/PIN to authenticate your identity. Your username and password, as well as instructions for using Dartmouth's email and information systems, is included in this mailing
- Click on the **Login to Secured Area** button
- Click on **Undergraduate Prematriculation Menu**
- Click on the **Housing Application—Incoming First-Year Students**
- Click on the **Applications** tab.
- Select the **200909—Fall 2009** option. (Please DO NOT fill out any other options at this time.)
- Click continue and proceed through the application. You will see a confirmation screen once it is complete.

East Wheelock Program

Information about this unique housing option, located in the East Wheelock residential cluster, is found online. If you wish to participate in the East Wheelock residential program, you must complete the electronic East Wheelock Application form by June 22, 2009. The application is found at: <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~orl/documents/first-year/ew-appform.doc>. If you want to learn more about the East Wheelock Cluster, please visit <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~orl/documents/first-year/ew.brochure.pdf> and www.dartmouth.edu/~ewc.

Substance-Free Housing

Designated residence halls function as substance-free housing for students who are fully committed to living in an atmosphere free from the presence and effects of alcohol and other drugs. All students are expected to comply with the College's alcohol and drug policies; students who choose to live in substance-free housing also agree to comply with the following additional policies:

- Residents agree not to use or possess alcohol, tobacco products, or illicit drugs within the residence hall.
- If residents consume any of the described substances while outside the substance-free halls to which they are assigned, their behavior upon return must not have a negative impact on the community, residents, or property.
- Residents are responsible for informing guests of the hall's substance-free policies. Guests are responsible for following the policies of the substance-free residence hall, and the host resident is judicially responsible.
- The violation of substance-free policies by guests may place in jeopardy the host resident's placement in substance free housing.
- Residents will confront those who are in violation of the substance-free policy in a manner that is supportive to them as well as to the community.

Telephone and Cable Service

A number of years ago, Dartmouth College became a provider of Ethernet, telephone and cable services for the entire campus. These services are now provided through the Network Services Department, from whom ORL purchases them for resident students. For more information regarding telephone services, whether or not you need to bring a telephone, or cable options, please visit <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~orl/shortcuts/ptv.html>.