Dear Carleton Parent:

Welcome to the Carleton Community! In just a few weeks, your son or daughter will be packing up to make the trek to Carleton. Whether the distance they will travel is just across town, across the country, or across an ocean, as parents you will definitely be impacted by the changes that lie ahead. Some of the materials enclosed in this mailing are intended to help you prepare for the transition that you will soon face as a family.

If you will be accompanying your son or daughter to Carleton on August 31 (for Pre-Frosh Trip participants) or on September 6 (New Student Day), we invite you to participate in the Parent Orientation Program we will offer on each of those dates. The program will provide opportunities for you to get to know other parents, learn more about the college, and share your questions. On the back of this page you will find a preliminary schedule for both dates.

On college campuses across the country, the use of alcohol and its impact are of increasing concern. Carleton is no exception. As a part of our ongoing efforts to address alcohol-related issues, we are adding a new approach. We have subscribed to an on-line suite of health education and prevention programs called MyStudentBody.com (MSB). Among the many valuable aspects of this program are the self-assessment and the First-Year curriculum. All incoming students have been asked to complete these processes prior to their arrival on campus this fall. A more detailed overview of MSB Alcohol, which includes some guidelines for talking with your student about alcohol, is included in this packet.

Other materials in this mailing are:
- The Pre-College Conversation, a homework assignment for families;
- Transitions handout, including additional resources you may wish to consult,
- The Parents Handbook and Directory, an invaluable resource provided by the Office of the Dean of Students.

If you are unable to join us on campus as your son or daughter moves in, we hope that you may be able to spend some time in Northfield during Family Weekend – October 13-15, 2006. To find out more about this event, consult the web page at http://webapps.acs.carleton.edu/events/famwknd/ or contact the College Relations Office at 507-646-4308.

We look forward to welcoming you and your son or daughter to Carleton as the summer draws to a close. In the meantime, if we may be of assistance, contact us at 507-646-4462.

On behalf of the Campus Activities Office and the New Student Week Staff,

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Parent Orientation Program
August 31, 2006

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Residence Halls Open
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch (East Dining Hall, $6)
2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Welcome from the President
   Robert A. Oden, Jr., President
2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Welcome to Parents and Parent Information Panel
   Information about life at Carleton from representatives of the
   Division of Student Life and current students
   Hudlin Wagner, Dean of Students
   Bruce Colwell, Associate Dean of Students
   Chelsea Couillard ‘07, Service Trip Coordinator
   Ethan Singer ‘07, Backpacking Trip Coordinator
   Jeffrey McDonald ‘07, Canoeing Trip Coordinator
   Elisabeth Sederberg ‘07, Canoeing Trip Coordinator
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Financial Issues at Carleton: What to Expect in the First Year
   A brief presentation followed by a question and answer period.
6:00 p.m. Pre-Frosh Welcome Dinner
   Join members of the campus community, including Pre-Frosh
   Trip Leaders, other trip participants and their families for dinner
   and trip information.

NOTE: We encourage you to bring your copy of the Family Guide to Carleton College (included
in this mailing) with you when you visit campus. This will provide an easy way for you to keep
track of the contacts that you make, and to keep relevant information in one place.

Parent Orientation Program
September 6, 2006

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Residence Halls Open
11:00 a.m. – noon Financial Issues at Carleton: What to Expect in the First Year
   A brief presentation followed by a question and answer period.
   (Geared toward financial aid recipients but open to all).
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch (East Dining Hall, $6)
1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. The President's Welcome
   Robert A Oden, Jr., President
   Scott Bierman, Dean of the College
   Paul Thiboutot, Dean of Admissions
   Hudlin Wagner, Dean of Students
2:10 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Academic Information for Parents
   Faculty, students, and the Associate Deans offer an overview of
   academic advising at Carleton with an emphasis on what
   students can expect from faculty.
3:10 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Student Life from A to Z
   Chat with of students, representatives from the Division of
   Student Life, and the Dean of Students to learn all about the ins
   and outs of life on campus.
4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Reception for Parents
   Faculty members, including many who will be teaching first-year
   seminar courses this fall term, are eager to meet you.