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TRIO/Student Support Services is excited to welcome new program participants in the class of 2020! Programming begins September 6 with a community building event and parent information session. We invite Student Life staff to join us for our Welcome Back Ice Cream Social on Friday, September 6 from 4-7pm at the TRIO house.

The Academic Support Center is training a record number of new prefects—six—at the start of fall term. During New Student Week, we’re training 16 new writing consultants.

Disability Services has moved to Burton 03. We have established Carleton as a Workforce Recruitment Program site. This allows Carleton students and recent graduates with disabilities to register for excellent opportunities for summer or permanent jobs with many federal agencies and private employers. Accommodation needs for housing, meals, foreign language requirements, athletics, and academics are now centralized with a starting point of Disability Services. Informational materials have been created to assist students and faculty in understanding the rights and responsibilities of students, faculty, and Carleton in providing reasonable accommodations and access to students with disabilities.

The Office of Health Promotion is up and running! We still have lots of learning to do before we can fully answer the question, “So what exactly do you do?” but we are getting closer. Exciting things for us in September include a new presentation during NSW titled “CarlTalk: What’s Your BAC (Best Available Choice)?” training in the SWAs, and making available on campus new programming related to well-being and flourishing.

Student Activities spent much of the summer reviewing the 2015-2016 academic year, making preparations to welcome the class of 2020, and spending time with family and friends. The office also identified priorities for the upcoming year, which include a newly refined focus on the student employee experience and cohesiveness of professional staff. In addition to these discussions, multiple student events were offered for students residing on-campus and in the Northfield community for the summer. Examples include a visit to a local berry farm, a Minnesota Twins baseball game (we won!), and a trip to Valleyfair.

New to the Career Center this year is Career Tracks, a tool that assists students with planning for and keeping track of their career development. Students can now browse the 240 Winter Break 2016 externship opportunities. The deadline to apply is October 3. The busy recruiting season is here. Now is the time for seniors to be connecting with employers and applying for jobs.

Residential Life is preparing for the opening of the halls and houses in early September! We have 1,831 students on campus this term, an increase of about 62 students. The class of 2020 will bring in 570 first-year students, and we have 1,260 upperclassmen students moving in as well. This year we are also piloting two first-year-only floors, and we are excited to see how those communities develop.

OIIIL peer leaders just completed training as they now begin helping the class of 2020 adjust to Carleton. International Student Orientation (ISO) has also been moving along as the new international students learn about Carleton and all the different complexities that come with attending school in the US. We look forward to the many events our office will put together, including the annual Union Street Block Party (September 17) and the OIIIL Leadership Retreat (weekend of September 30).

SHAC had a great summer which involved a fair amount of furniture assembly and room redecorating along with a healthy bit of office “musical chairs” around Ground David! (Be sure to check out reception, it got a mini make-over.) With the arrival of our new psychologist Nate Page, Ph.D., counseling staff was able to switch digs, so visitors are encouraged to double-check the name on the door (just in case). We’re also pleased to welcome this year’s Advanced Practicum counselors (Amie DeHarpporte ’95, Theresa Lienau and Josie Volkert) and we’re in the process of hiring a new part-time psychiatric nurse as well. To top things off, we held our annual Immunization Clinic on Sep. 1 where we completed initial TB (Tuberculosis) screenings for 65% of incoming International students and brought close to a third of them all into compliance with Carleton’s vaccination requirements.

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