Dear Carl,

Congratulations on choosing Carleton College!

My name is Luyen Phan and I represent the Office of Intercultural and International Life (OIIL). I look forward to meeting you on Friday, September 6, 2013 at the start of International Student Orientation. You will be receiving a number of correspondences from me and other Carleton colleagues over the next few months. I encourage you to read them and take action where needed.

Today’s email will cover visa processing but also answers some questions you might have at this point.

1. **Visa Application: I-20 and F-1 Student Visa**

Most students will study at Carleton on an F-1 student visa, however, if you will study in the U.S. on another visa or status, please contact me immediately. Also contact me if you are currently in the U.S. attending a secondary or high school.

I will process visa documentations during May and hope to send out I-20s in early June. In order to do so, please send Carleton’s Admission Office: (a) copy of your passport photo page; (b) an UPDATED Certificate of Finance (CoF) if needed. Send them by post or mail, or scanned copies of the original documents are accepted.

You submitted a CoF with your admissions application, however this may have been based on last year’s cost of attendance, i.e., tuition, room, board, personal expenses, required health insurance, travel and other expenses. The cost of attendance for 2013-14 is $64,400, and please note that cost increases ever year. In order
to account for Carleton’s rising costs and currency fluctuations, I advise families to plan for 10% increase every year in their contribution.

If the Certificate of Finance you submitted earlier does not show at least $64,400 per year, please resubmit a new one. If you are receiving financial aid, subtract the amount of your financial aid package from the cost of attendance to get your family’s financial contribution. If you have questions, please contact me.

I will mail your I-20 or other visa documentation to your permanent address via express delivery service. However, if you have a different mailing address, please include that on your CoF as well. Neither your permanent nor your mailing address should be a Post Office Box or something similar; they must be actual, physical address. Please also include a phone number on the CoF with country code in case the delivery service needs to contact you.

To learn more about the visa process and other information before arriving at Carleton, please visit https://apps.carleton.edu/intl/arriving/. As long as you return your updated information, my best advice is that you should arrange for a visa interview appointment after mid-June.

2. How do I register for classes, chose a room or roommate, pay my tuition and hundreds of other questions?

As mentioned previously, you will be receiving correspondences from a number of Carleton offices. Directions regarding those topics and others will be addressed future mailings. Updated information about being a new student at Carleton can be found
3. International Student Orientation (ISO)

ISO is required for all international students and begins on Friday, September 6, before the start of New Student Week (NSW). Carleton housing is not open to new students before that date so you will need to arrange your own accommodations. On September 6, you will move into the housing that will be assigned to you over the summer by Housing and Residential Life office. Your family or friends may accompany you to campus and drop you off, but after September 6, you will be busy every day with us during ISO and when NSW starts.

You may have many more questions and therefore I encourage you to visit the international student site (mentioned in Item 1), New Student Week (mentioned in Item 2), or Carleton’s site, www.carleton.edu, for answers.

We look forward to welcoming you to Carleton on September 6 at the International Student Orientation.

(Mr) Luyen Phan