Dear all,

Again, allow me to introduce myself, (Mr) Luyen Phan, and the Office of Intercultural and International Life (OIIL). You can learn more about the overall structure of our office and our mission at http://apps.carleton.edu/campus/intercultural/. The primary mission of our office is to provide support and foster dialogue that promotes an inclusive community. This is a long email so please read through it.

Everyone in OIIL and at Carleton are here to assist you make the transition to life in the U.S. and at the campus, but in particular Ms. Brisa Zubia and I are here to assist members of the international community. During the summer, Mr. Hao Tran, is our student assistant, and during the school year you will meet Ms. Sara Hooker, our International Assistant. Also, you will soon meet 14 great peer leaders that are also here for you.

This is email #2, and there will be a few more emails from me before your arrival on August 31 for the beginning of International Student Orientation or ISO. ISO is required for all students who will be in the U.S. on an F,J or other visa status. Those of you who are U.S. citizens or Permanent Residents are strongly encouraged to attend. ISO starts August 31 and lasts until September 5. You will then join the rest of your Carleton classmates for New Student Week (NSW) on September 6-11.

Here are a few things for you to be aware of or complete as needed:

1. ISO - learn more about ISO and what you need to complete or read before coming, https://apps.carleton.edu/intl/arriving/.
   a. Arrival Form - All students must complete the Arrival Form, https://apps.carleton.edu/intl/arriving/mailings/arrival_info_form/, by August 15.
   b. Transportation on August 31 - Our office will provide airport pick-up for students only on this date, but you must complete the arrival form. If you are coming with family members or others, they must arrange their own transportation. Also, NO STUDENT SHALL BE ABLE TO ARRIVE ON-CAMPUS BEFORE AUGUST 31, if you come before that date you need to stay at a local hotel in Northfield or one near the airport (make your way back to the airport on August 31 to be picked up). Please visit http://apps.carleton.edu/visitors/ for hotel and transportation information.
   You will be meet at the Minneapolis-St. Paul airport by me or some else from Carleton. More information on arrival and pick-up when the date approaches.
   c. Information for Parents or Family Members who come with you - Again, they have to arrange their own transportations to and accommodations in Northfield. Family are invited to informal dinner on August 31, breakfast or dinner on September 1. However, your family and friends should know you will be extremely busy with ISO and NSW and say good-bye before the dinner on September 1.
We've spent a lot of time on providing information about ISO and other matters on our website so please visit the above links. If you ask us what happens at ISO or what we will do, then we will know you have not read the information provided to you.

2. Visas and entry into the U.S.

To those who require it, we have sent most of your visa documentations. Please let me know if you have problems or questions; also visit this site, https://apps.carleton.edu/intl/arriving/consularvisas/, for help.

Certainly, everyone should keep a copy of their SEVIS fee payment, passport, etc., with them when they travel and kept at home as a back-up. However, those of you who are recipients of our named international scholarships, e.g., Underbrink, Starr, Davis, Kellogg, etc., please keep a copy of your SEVIS fee payment and bring it with you to campus. For the named scholars, I'll explain what we need that for.

3. Other Carleton things you must complete.

Questions about registration, housing forms (some of you still need to complete), health history forms, etc., can be answered at this site for New Student Week, https://apps.carleton.edu/newstudents/.

Please keep in mind that you should be returning the forms to the office that requests it. That is, don't assume as everything goes to me or the Admissions Office.

4. Health Insurance, Immunizations, and Health History Form - All students are required to have health insurance, and international students who are here on F, J or other visa status are required to have the Carleton health insurance, https://apps.carleton.edu/campus/wellness/insurance/.

Please keep in mind that you have sign-up (or decline) health insurance every summer while at Carleton. Follow-up instructions for signing up and paying your required health insurance. If you don't have a credit card and can't pay for your health insurance, you should be able to have it billed to your student account and pay for it when you come to campus.

Again, students who are named International Student Scholarship recipients, e.g. Davis, Kellogg, Starr, Underbrink, etc., should retain their payment receipt or Carleton student account receipt and bring them to orientation. EVERYONE SHOULD PRINT UP THEIR HEALTH INSURANCE CARD AND CARRY WITH THEM AT ALL TIMES.

We will talk more about U.S. health care and insurance during orientation but keep in mind the Carleton policy is basic coverage only and does not cover dental care, eye care, and others things (please read the insurance brochure).

There are shots or immunizations you must get so everyone should have that taken care of before they arrive to campus. You may not register or attend classes if you can't show proof of the required immunizations. Also, keep in mind that U.S.
health care will probably be much more expensive than the system you are used to at home so do it at home.

5. Fun things

The International Student Orientation leaders have established a Facebook account and you are welcomed to contact them on it, https://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_112615252159360. We'll contact you again with a profile about each of them once that is ready.

Bring a gift for the Gift Exchange - We will have a gift exchange during ISO, and you are asked to bring a small, inexpensive gift to exchange with each other. The gift should represent something about you, your culture, city, or country. No need for expensive gifts.

Finally, if for any reason you are not coming to Carleton College this fall, please let me know as soon as possible. Otherwise, we really do look forward to meeting you and getting to know each other in the upcoming year.

Yours,

Luyen, Brisa, Hao (Summer Assistant), Sarah (International Assistant)