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Dear member of the Class of 2011!

Congratulations on coming to Carleton! We are all looking forward to your arrival on campus at the end of the summer.

One of the rights of passage into college, at least at many schools, is the annual, nationally-administered Freshman Survey. It is created and sponsored by the Cooperative Institutional Research Program (CIRP) at UCLA, and is administered by about 750 colleges and universities nationwide, including Carleton.

This survey provides Carleton with the only comprehensive attitudinal profile of your class, and so too of our student body. As such, it is one of the most useful sources of information about the aspirations, attitudes, views, interests, and needs of the students coming to Carleton. Its findings are both informative and useful to Carleton, and we need your responses to this important survey.

It is also your opportunity to tell Carleton a bit more about who you are, what you hope to gain and experience in a college education, something about your life goals, and views on a wide range of topics. The responses to this survey are used, among other ways, to develop both curricular and programmatic planning that will be responsive to student interests.

This year we are administering the Freshman Survey online, so check your Carleton email beginning July 30th for an email from me containing a unique, confidential web link (URL) to the survey. I hope that you will take about half an hour or so to complete it when it arrives in later this month.

The survey is voluntary. All of your responses are secure, will be treated with full confidentiality, and will be used only in aggregate and only for research purposes.

Please look for the e-mail announcement toward the end of July, and take this opportunity to provide Carleton with a much better picture of your interests, aspirations, and other view than we have otherwise.

Best wishes for the reminder of the summer. See you on campus in the fall!

Sincerely,

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