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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 September 1 (for Pre-Frosh Trip participants) or on September 7 (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 to complete together;
- 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 14-16, 2005. To find out more about this event, consult the web page at http://webapps.acs.carleton.edu/events/famwknd/ or contact College Relations 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.

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