Dear Portuguese School Student:

We are pleased you have enrolled and will now be joining us for the 2015 summer session of the Portuguese School. On behalf of the Director of the Portuguese School, Luci Moreira, and the Portuguese School faculty and staff, I am delighted to welcome you to the Middlebury College Language Schools. The exceptional team of instructors chosen by Professor Moreira will do their utmost to provide all students with a stimulating and productive immersion in oral and written Portuguese. We are confident that the intensive studies in our summer language program will prove to be personally and academically rewarding.

Please review all of the pre-arrival information carefully before arriving on campus for the summer. You will receive a copy of the Handbook when you arrive on campus in June. In the meantime, if you have questions you can refer to it at http://www.middlebury.edu/ls/policies/prearrival. Most questions can be answered by reading the handbook.

Neither the Portuguese School nor Middlebury College will be able to provide you with housing should you arrive earlier than Friday, June 19th. If you are in Middlebury prior to your arrival date, you will need to find accommodations on your own.

Linen service is not available; please bring sheets (for a single bed, extra long - 36” x 80”) and towels with you. You can find information about purchasing linens from the College Store in the Handbook.

A few items you should consider bringing with you to campus are: a portable CD player with earphones or an Ipod, musical instruments, light weight clothing, swim suit, warm sweater, yoga mat, tennis racquet, soccer cleats, and other sporting equipment. Attire at Middlebury tends to be casual, but you may wish to be prepared for a small number of special events requiring nicer clothing. In addition, you may want to bring some sort of costume for our Carnaval and Festa Junina. The weather in Vermont during the summer is warm and pleasant during the day; summer evenings can be quite cool, but we are likely to experience a week or two of temperatures in the nineties accompanied by very high humidity and rain showers.

All of us at Middlebury have been working hard to make your arrival and first days go as smoothly as possible, but if you have questions before you leave for Vermont, please don’t hesitate to call or write by e-mail (lmoreira@middlebury.edu or lbachand@middlebury.edu). I am confident that your summer at the Portuguese School will prove to be a rewarding and enriching experience.

I hope this information proves to be useful in planning for your summer and I look forward to welcoming you to the Portuguese School in June.

Laura Bachand
Coordinator