Hey Febs!

Greetings and welcome from scenic Middlebury, Vermont! Nestled between the Green and Adirondack Mountain ranges, our beautiful campus of 2500 proudly protrudes from Vermont’s lush green landscape—well, lush and green for now. By the time you get here it’ll be a snowy and frozen winter wonderland on par with the North Pole. That’s right, you’re a FEB!

Being a Feb isn’t just being a student who started college a little late, it isn’t just your orientation group. Being a Feb means you get to spend a semester doing something that’s totally up to you before jumping back into the grind. It means you get to move in during our annual February Orientation blizzard (YAAAAYY). Most of all, being a Feb means you get to enter college stepping into one of the closest and warmest communities on campus and it’s going to swaddle you till you’re the happiest (Fe)burrito in the state of Vermont.

One of the best parts about being a Feb is your Febmester. Whether you’re WWOOFing in Southern France or waiting tables in Nebraska this is your time to be you. We remember being in your shoes. We remember anxiously scouring the September class on Facebook. We remember anxiously answering the same questions from our friends and neighbors day after day, “Yes, Grandpa, I’m starting in February. No, I’m not on the waitlist.” What you need to remember is that this is a time to decompress and recharge after the stress of senior year. It’s a time to learn about what you like, what you don’t like, to get some perspective, maybe even to grow a little. Focus on that.

We know the prospect of college can be scary, especially when starting mid-year. The most important thing to remember is that you would not have been selected as a Feb if we didn’t honestly believe that you could do it. Moreover, you’ll have an incredible support network during and after orientation: your Feb orientation leaders (who were in your shoes just one year ago), us (and we are fabulous), and of course your residence life staff. You’ll also have 104 incredible new friends entering with you, plus the rest of campus who feverishly await your arrival as well!

We absolutely cannot wait to meet you incredible people. Please do not hesitate to email us with any questions or concerns at all about coming to Middlebury, we’re here for you!

With almost too much excitement, your Feb Orientation Senior Co-Chairs,

Ben Rose and Lizzy Stears