Update to Families of International Students

Dear Families of International Students Participating in Early Arrival 2020,

On August 26, new students traveling to Vermont for on-campus study arrived at Middlebury College. Following their arrival, COVID testing, and initial room quarantine, International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) will launch our Early Arrival orientation for all new international students, including exchange students and U.S. students who live abroad. We will deliver our sessions via Zoom (a videoconferencing tool) to students who will study either on campus or remotely.

Middlebury's Early Arrival orientation events commence on Friday, August 28, with our ISSS Early Arrival Welcome for international students and their families. While Early Arrival is a distinct program, our sessions take place throughout MiddView new student orientation in designated time slots. We welcome you to join us for the family program.

Our Early Arrival sessions for families include the following:

- **ISSS Early Arrival Welcome**: Friday, August 28, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). Join the Early Arrival leaders, the ISSS team, new students, and their families as we virtually and officially launch the start of Early Arrival! At 10:45 a.m., students will move into their program arrival leader (PAL) groups until noon; family and friends will remain with Director of ISSS Kathy Foley for an informal Question and Answer (Q&A) period.

- **Early Arrival Family Q&A session**: Monday, August 31, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. EDT. Kathy Foley, associate dean and director of ISSS, and Derek Doucet, dean of students, will host this session aimed at providing international families with an overview of
student life at Middlebury. Together with a student leader, they will answer your questions or point you to available resources.

You can join these sessions via Zoom with the password EA2020. (If you need an alternate way to access Zoom, please contact ISSS for help.)

For more information about ISSS and our Early Arrival program for international students, which runs from Friday, August 28, to Saturday, September 5, please see the links below.

- International Student and Scholar Services
- Early Arrival webpage
- Early Arrival schedule
- Early Arrival team (student coordinator and program arrival leaders, or PALs)
- Early Arrival Meet Your PAL video (11 minutes)

Middlebury College’s website is a great place to find answers to questions you may have about your student arriving at Middlebury College or launching their Middlebury experience from outside the United States. For more information about our academic offerings, return to campus policy, COVID-19 testing procedures, Frequently Asked Questions, and more, please visit the Middlebury 2020–21 website.

If you have questions specifically for ISSS, please consult with your student first, as they may already have received the answers to some of your questions in other emails that our office has sent. You can also bring your questions with you to the Early Arrival Family Question and Answer session or reach out to us at isss@middlebury.edu or 802-443-5858.

The ISSS team and I are eager to welcome your students. We look forward to assisting them, and you, throughout their Middlebury experience.

Best wishes for continued good health,

~Kathy

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