Dear February Class of 2018,

Welcome to Middlebury College! It’s time for you to start thinking about the course selection and registration process for your first semester.

The first order of business is your First Year Seminar (FYS). You are required to take one during your first semester here, and, by January 12, you must submit your list of choices (first through fifth) for that course. We are offering First Year Seminars on a variety of topics. Descriptions of seminars, together with instructions on how to submit your choices, can be found in the attached document, “FYSE booklet and letter.” Please open the attachment as soon as possible, read my letter, which is the first thing you will see, and then read through the entire booklet. You will find some links in my letter to useful websites, but before you click on them, please make sure you look carefully through the letter and booklet, which will explain what the FYS and the crucial role it will play for you as you make the transition to College.

It’s important that you look at this booklet carefully, not only because it has information on the First Year Seminar, but also because it features valuable information on getting started here at Middlebury, and on course placement and selection for first-semester students.

If you have questions, please contact me or the coordinator for the FYS Program, Diane Burnham (dburnham@middlebury.edu). Email is the preferred method, but you may also call the FYS Program phone number is 802-443-3400.

I wish you happy holidays, and I look forward to seeing all of you on campus soon!

Best,

James E. Berg
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