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Dear Members of the Class of 2017 Entering in February,

Welcome, and congratulations on your recent graduation! We are looking forward to your arrival in February of 2014.

For many “Febs,” the period between the completion of high school and arriving at Middlebury is a time of tremendous growth, reflection, and exploration. The opportunity to chart a unique path for yourself based on your needs, interests and strengths is a very special one, and no matter how you choose to make use of it, it will contribute to the shaping of your identity in important ways.

This period can also be one of uncertainty: in response, members of several Feb classes collaborated to identify those questions they agreed were most pressing for them during these transitional months prior to arrival. They then provided their individual answers to these questions with the hope that new Febs will find their range of perspectives and experiences reassuring and helpful. This advice can be found on the Orientation website: go.middlebury.edu/orientation. Click on “Feb FAQs” under February Orientation.

By now you should have set up your Middlebury email account. If you haven’t done so, please visit go.middlebury.edu/activate to get started. You should note that once your account is activated, you will be part of the active student mailing list and will receive all of the e-mails that enrolled Middlebury students are receiving. These may include various instructions, advisories and deadlines throughout the fall semester that will not apply to you. In particular, students who have already begun their studies at Middlebury will receive e-mails about registering for their winter and spring classes in November. Again, this will not apply to you. You will receive all necessary information about registering for classes, preparing for your arrival, and transferring credits through the mail. Any e-mailed instructions that pertain to the Feb Class of 2017 will specifically identify you as the intended audience. Please make a special note of this regarding spring registration, and do NOT contact the registrar’s office when you receive the all-student e-mail in November on this topic.

The Orientation website will be updated throughout the fall and will include important information about preparing for your arrival at Middlebury, so please review it frequently. All mailings sent to your class will be posted on that site as soon as they are available, so if you are not at home in the fall you can still access these materials.

You should expect to begin to receive mailings in late October/early November.

It is with great anticipation and enthusiasm that I look forward to welcoming you to Middlebury, and I send you very best wishes for the summer and fall.

Sincerely,

JJ Boggs
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