Hey there, Febs!

Greetings from Middlebury, Vermont, where the foliage is mesmerizing and the apples are crisp. We thought it about time we introduce ourselves. We are your February Orientation Senior Co-Chairs, and we have been thinking about you, dreaming about you, and planning for your arrival for weeks. Before your Middlebury career officially begins, we hope to provide you a little taste of what you’re in for and to share how excited we are that in such a short time, you’ll be here to experience it with us!

Perhaps you thought that we’d forgotten about you, that we’ve got our heads in these Vermont clouds and our noses in beautifully bound library books. We assure you that that is certainly not the case. Three years ago we were in the same place, eagerly awaiting any news about housing, roommates, first year seminars, and classes. We remember the tiresome and confusing challenge of explaining to family and friends, “Actually, I start college in February,” and “I am going to college, just not yet,” and “Yeah I’m a Feb, for February.” With friends already at school, posting Instagrams and Facebook updates about their great college lives, we churned with some anxiety about our own collegiate futures.

By now, you’re well into this “Febmester” thing. You may be reading on a park bench in Inverness (like Anna) or sampling rooster testicle stew in Budapest (like Luke). Maybe you’re interning with a local politician, or you’re working at your favorite deli sculpting sandwiches and brewing coffee, or you’re taking a few classes at a university near you. No matter where you are or what you’re up to, be it adventuring, resting, getting bored or getting started, we cannot wait to meet you. Cherish this time, however and wherever you choose. Allow yourself to embrace this space you have, to feel all of your wild emotions, to breathe fully and to think deeply. Middlebury has chosen you to be a Feb for a reason, entrusted you with this time to seek out what you like and what you don’t like, to ask some hard questions and to understand what it is like to not know all the answers.

Never fear – great plans are in the making to ensure that your arrival to Middlebury is spectacular. When you get here, 26 super-enthused, creative, and warm-hearted sophomore Febs will usher you through orientation and welcome you to this amazing Middlebury community. So bring along some cowboy boots, some neon pants, and a crazy hat or two – who knows when they might come in handy.

We’ll do our best to keep the what’s-your-favorite-ice-cream-flavor circle games to a minimum, but we can’t make any promises about dancing or snowball fights or …

You’ve done all the hard work already – that’s why you’re here. And sooner than you know you will actually be at Middlebury, finding what inspires you, what drives you, what challenges and what moves you.

We can’t say enough times how excited we are to meet you. See you so soon!

Love,
Your Feb Orientation Senior Co-Chairs

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