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Dear New Middlebury Student:

On behalf of the entire Middlebury College community, we write to extend our warmest welcome to all of you who will be joining us this February as members of the class of 2017. Everyone here is eagerly anticipating your arrival, and individuals and offices across campus stand ready to support you and your family during this time of transition. You received a letter in November from the senior co-chairs of February Orientation, Luke Greenway and Anna LaSala-Goettler, so you already know how very excited the Feb Orientation staff is to make your acquaintance and to help you settle into life at Middlebury.

In this packet you will find information regarding your first-year seminar selection, as well as information to help you select the classes you will register for when you arrive on campus and details about the Common Reading. Read through this information carefully, and do not hesitate to contact one of us here on campus if you have questions regarding first-year seminar registration, placement exams, or Spring term course registration. Keep in mind that you will have a one-on-one advising session with your academic adviser (your first-year seminar professor) during Feb Orientation, so many of your questions may be answered in person at that time.

In years past, this packet has also included a rather hefty sheaf of papers containing lots of “nuts and bolts” information about your arrival at Middlebury. In an effort to make Feb Orientation as “green” as possible, while ensuring that your access to this information is simple and straightforward, we’ve moved the bulk of this material to the orientation website, go.middlebury.edu/febweb. Here you will find helpful information on everything from life at Middlebury to driving directions to campus, and from where to set up a checking account to what kinds of pets(!) are allowed on campus. This site will be updated frequently, and most things you receive by mail will also be posted to this site. The final schedule for your actual orientation week will be fine-tuned throughout the month of January, so that is the one aspect of the orientation website that may not be up to date until after the start of the new year.

We hope that the weeks leading up to your arrival at Middlebury are safe and satisfying. It will be wonderful for those of us here on campus to learn of all that you have been doing during your “Febmester.” We look forward to meeting you when you arrive in early February.

Sincerely,

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