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Dear Incoming Students,

As a member of the faculty, I write to welcome you to Dartmouth! I know my colleagues on the faculty are all looking forward to having you join us in the diverse community that is Dartmouth. We deeply enjoy working with bright undergraduate students like you – whether in the classroom or laboratory or studio, on a foreign study program, or on a field trip into the beautiful landscape around Hanover.

A wonderful way to begin your academic life at Dartmouth is the **DOC First-Year Trips** program run by the Dartmouth Outing Club. I strongly encourage you to consider participating, even if you have no experience at all in the outdoors. Trips are a relaxed way to get to know some of your new classmates while exploring the beauty of New Hampshire.

The students who run this program – it's entirely run by very committed students – are excited to make your entry into the Dartmouth community as fun and successful as possible. They can be a great resource; I encourage you to ask them about their classes, their major, or their research project. Ask them to introduce you to their favorite professor. Don't be shy – we professors love to meet new students, particularly because some of us were once in your shoes, getting ready to start our own DOC trip.

I look forward to meeting you this fall!

Best,

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