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Dear Families of New Students,

Welcome to the Caltech family! We expect that your student will be eagerly anticipating their arrival at Caltech. Here in the deans’ office, we are also excited about the arrival of your student, along with every new member of our campus community. We understand too that as parents and guardians you may be experiencing a range of emotions. You have every reason to be proud of your student’s accomplishments to this point, but you may have concerns about the future, and about the transition this coming fall term.

To help address your questions and concerns, we have planned a Family Orientation Program as part of our Convocation welcome in September. You are all invited! If you will be at Caltech on Sunday, September 22, we hope you can attend an orientation program and reception from 5:30-7:15 pm. You will have an opportunity to meet the deans and other Student Affairs staff and administrators, and to learn more about Caltech and the resources available to you and your student. We will send more information about this in early September.

Later in the spring, the weekend of February 21-23, we will have a New Student Family Weekend. This will include panel discussions with current students and faculty, special interest sessions, a student performance showcase, and a campus tour for parents and guardians. We are also planning an informal lunch, where you and your student, their friends, and other families and guardians can mingle and spend time together. We will send more information about the weekend during fall term.

We look forward to meeting you at one of these events. Meantime, as we prepare to welcome your student, we appreciate that you know them best. So we want to invite you to write a letter to the deans about your student. Let us know who they are, and how we might best support them. Is there anything we should understand about their health and happiness, and what allows them to thrive? Please send your letter to the deans’ office email address (deansoffice@caltech.edu).

Finally, please make sure that your student has provided us with an emergency contact number so that we can reach you if needed.

Best wishes for an enjoyable summer, and we hope to see you in the fall.

Sincerely,

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