Dear Incoming Student,

This letter serves as confirmation of your participation in the Ohio Wesleyan University “August StART OWU” program (Student Advising, Registration and Testing), scheduled for Wednesday, August 19, 2015. ALL students who were unable to attend one of the StART programs in June are required to attend this event. We expect to host approximately 140 incoming students and their families for this program. We look forward to your participation.

Enclosed you will find the Tentative Schedule of Events, a campus map and a list of area accommodations/restaurants. Please review the information below for additional details:

1. The schedule is tentative. As the planning of the program continues, some elements of the schedule (mostly room locations) may change. You will receive a finalized schedule of events when you arrive to campus. Sessions listed on the schedule are for BOTH students and parents, except where specifically noted.

2. Ample parking is available behind the Hamilton-Williams Campus Center (bldg. # 1), behind the library (bldg. # 6) and beside Edwards Gym (bldg. # 18). You will not need any special parking pass.

3. Check-in for StART OWU will take place from 12noon – 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 19th. There are several things that students will need to do during that time frame (see schedule), but you will not need the whole two hours. Check-in when it is most convenient for you, but try to leave yourself at least 30 minutes to complete the necessary check-in steps. A Welcome Program will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m.

4. For students who aren’t already on campus for an earlier program (pre-season sport, International Student Pre-Orientation, Multicultural Pre-Orientation, Fresh-X, etc.), move-in will take place on Wednesday, August 19th between 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. To move in, simply arrive to your assigned residence hall during these times, check-in at the hall lobby and pick up your key. If you have not yet received your housing assignment, please contact the Residential Life Office at 740-368-3175.

5. OWU Meal cards are not activated for use until 8-20-15. All meals on 8-19-15 are on your own. Smith Dining Hall will be open for Breakfast (7:30 – 9:00 a.m.; $6.55), Lunch (11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.; $8.65) and Dinner (5:00 – 6:30 p.m.; $9.70). Meals in Smith can be paid for with CASH ONLY. Guests may also prefer to dine at one of many eateries in the local area (check enclosed area accommodations sheet for more information).

6. Dress for this event is casual. Participants will be moving across campus for various sessions. August in Ohio can be quite warm. Please dress appropriately.

7. Please be sure you have completed and returned the StART OWU academic materials (Course Registration Guide, Academic Advising Profile, Course Checklist, etc.) that were mailed and/or emailed to you. These forms were due on July 17th and should be submitted ASAP (if you haven’t done so already). Forms can be submitted electronically at http://start.owu.edu/. If you prefer to fill out the paper forms that were sent to you via postal mail, they can be faxed to the StART OWU office at 740-368-3499, scanned and emailed to startowu@owu.edu OR mailed back to:

   START OWU, Ohio Wesleyan University
   Academic Resource Center, R.W. Corns Building
   Delaware, OH 43015.

8. Students should plan to bring the START OWU Booklet they received in the mail and/or via email (can be downloaded from http://start.owu.edu). Some sessions will refer specifically to it. Students who have already registered for courses may wish to print out their schedule via Self Service and bring it with them to START.

If you should have any questions prior to the date of the StART event, please feel free to contact me at (800) 922-8953, (740) 368-3026 or at lspatton@owu.edu. If you have questions, problems or concerns while en route to Ohio Wesleyan for August StART OWU, please feel free to call or text me on my cell phone at 740-972-3533. We look forward to seeing you on campus!

Cordially yours,

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