Welcome to the Herd!

Dear New Student,

Summer is moving along, and we are continuing to plan for the beginning of the Fall semester! By now, you should have already completed your Academic Interest Form in ACData, submitted your health forms and begun participating in Advising and First Year Connect. If you have not, please do so as soon as possible.

We are writing now with some next steps to becoming a Mammoth:

1. Submit Student ID Photo
   - Your Amherst College student ID is your ticket to important locations and services on campus, such as entering your residential hall, accessing dining, doing your laundry, accessing athletic facilities, printing, and checking out books at any of the Five College Libraries. Your ID photo will also populate the Campus Directory and the class rosters of your professors. Please take it to set up your account.

2. Submit First Year Seminar Preferences Form
   - Everyone you will see in the coming months will have some preferences on the First Year Seminar (FYS) topics. If you have not already submitted this form, please go back and review your submission, as there have been a few changes in FYS offerings. Be sure to click "Submit" at the bottom of each form.

3. Begin the New Student Orientation Moodle Course
   - You have already been enrolled in the New Student Orientation Moodle Course. This course will encompass the course of the summer to include more information. For now, focus on the modules surrounding advising and course registration. Please explore at least three different Academic Departments, relevant information about placement, and all Advising videos to get started.

4. AlcoholEdu and Sexual Assault Prevention
   - All new students are expected to take the AlcoholEdu course as well as the Sexual Assault Prevention course facilitated by Everfi. You will receive email prompting you to begin the course on August 1. We expect all new students to complete AlcoholEdu by August 14, and Sexual Assault Prevention by August 24. If you do not receive this prompt email, please email Orientation@Amherst.edu.

5. DeMott Reading
   - The Book of Delights by Ross Gay has been shipped to all students who requested a hardcopy. Students who requested an ebook, please access the ebook at Orientation@Amherst.edu.

6. Financial Aid Information and Student Accounts
   - Financial aid recipients should review their financial aid portal to ensure that all requirements have been completed. Options for payment are available through the Controller’s Office. Options for financing can be reviewed from the Financial Aid video. Everyone will see the Financial Aid video to ensure that all new students have access to important information about accessing aid.

7. First Year Connect
   - Hopefully you’re all enjoying the second week of First Year Connect. If you have any technology issues around the program, please contact them directly at Technology@Amherst.edu. We are eager to welcome you to our community in the coming months. Please continue to reach out to us with questions by emailing orientation@amherst.edu.

8. Trans Mentorship Program
   - Email in the language Trans Mentorship Program if you’d like to quickly connect to Amherst College’s trans community and learn how to access all the resources at your disposal, in your home town and beyond. Email student@soliya.net or visit www.soliya.com/FYS with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Dean of New Students