Welcome to the Herd!

Dear Student,

Summer is moving along, and we are continuing to plan for your arrival at Amherst College. Hopefully you have followed us on Facebook and completed the required forms in ACDa ta so far. If you have not, please do so as soon as possible.

At this time, I am writing to ask you to complete four tasks:

1. LEAP Orientation Experience
2. Submit Student ID Photo
3. Review Your Financial Aid Information
4. Family Communication Preferences Form

1. LEAP Orientation Experience
All incoming new students will participate in a two and a half day immersive experience that affords the opportunity to create connections in small group settings with other new students. LEAPs, which stands for Learn, Explore, Activate, and Participate, happen both on- and off-campus and focus on various topics of interest. Learn more about different LEAP opportunities online here and indicate your preferences within ACDa ta.

2. 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, eating at Valentine Dining Hall, doing your laundry, accessing athletic facilities, printing, and checking out books at any of the Five College libraries.

We will have your ID card ready when you arrive on campus in August. Your ID photo will also populate the Campus Directory and the class rosters your professors will use to get to know you. Submitting your photo now means you can avoid what can be a long ID photo line during campus move-in.

3. Financial Aid 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 website. Everyone you will see in the Financial Aid video is ready for you to reach out to them with your questions via email (finaid@amherst.edu), phone (413-542-2296) or in-person visit (Converse Hall).

4. Family Communication Preferences Form
Please be sure to update your family communication preferences form in ACDa ta, which informs the College about how we communicate with family in certain situations before August 1, 2019.

If you have any questions about Orientation or LEAP programs, please do not hesitate to contact us at orientation@amherst.edu.

Best wishes,
Dean Rick López