Welcome to the Herd!

Dear New Student,

You will arrive on the campus of Amherst College in a short 27 days! The emails from the College will be coming to you more regularly as we enter into August and prepare for your arrival. Please begin checking your Amherst College email address multiple times per week.

As you begin your own preparations, we want to draw your attention to several upcoming expectations and opportunities. Please review the following information and let us know if you have questions as you get started.

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Everfi Pre-arrival Online Education Courses: On Sunday, August 1, you will receive an invitation from Dean of Students, Liz Agosto on Sunday, August 1 to complete three online courses through EVERFI centered around student health, safety, and well-being: AlcoholEdu, Mental Well-being for Students, and Sexual Assault Prevention for Undergraduates. The invitation will have a direct link to the Foundry platform that you can access using your Amherst user ID and password. These courses are mandatory for all incoming students and you are expected to complete all three by Sunday, August 15.

Laptop Registration: All students are encouraged to register their laptops online. Laptop registrations are available online now. Login with your Amherst College login information, read all guidelines, and complete all information on the form(s). Once your registration is completed, a registration sticker will be sent via campus mail to your AC box.

Student Stories on Social and Academic Life: You will receive an email tomorrow containing letters from current students and recent alumni. You will need to read these letters and complete a reflection before coming to Orientation.

Register for The Hub: Log in today to activate your login using your email credentials! Use it to browse over 100 Registered Student Organizations (RSOs), seek opportunities to get involved on campus, and learn about upcoming campus-wide events. Click here for a brief overview of how to navigate within the platform.

Trans Connection Project: Do you identify as trans, non-binary, gender nonconforming, genderqueer, and/or gender expansive? Connect with current students, staff, and/or faculty who identify with the trans* community by participating in the Trans* Connection Project! Students will have the opportunity to build community through social events, explore Amherst College and local resources, and attend workshops. If you are interested, please complete this interest form by Sunday, September 5th at midnight ET: More details to follow. For questions or more information, contact Jxhn Martin, Director of the Queer Resource Center, and/or Hayley Nicholas, Director of the Women’s and Gender Center.

Dietary Information: Amherst College Valentine Dining Services asks for your response to a brief form asking for your dietary information. Please complete this form by August 13.

Academic Advising and Course Registration: Your advisor will be in touch with you in the coming week to set up a time to meet with you the week of August 16. If you do not hear from your advisor by Wednesday, August 11 please reach out to them. To find your advisor’s advising information log into ACData and navigate to your Student Summary in the Academic Profile section. This meeting will prepare you for course registration on Monday, August 23.

Preparing for Arrival: Residential Life has prepared a packing list for your reference. They will be in touch with you by August 15 with your housing assignment. In that communication we will also assign you an arrival window on Wednesday, August 25 between 7:30am and 11:30am. We look forward to welcoming you into the Amherst Community!

Sincerely,

Marie Lalor
Director, New Student Program

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