Welcome from the Dean of Student Affairs!

Welcome to the new students and welcome back to the returning students. I trust you all had an enjoyable and productive summer and are eager to begin classes. It is time to re-connect and welcome each other back to the Poly community. Make sure to catch up with old friends and take time to greet those who are new.

Whether you are a returning student or just beginning your collegiate career, you will find the faculty, staff and administrators will work with you to build a community of learners and to create an environment that promotes leadership, values diversity and respect for others, and fosters learning both in and out of the classroom.

As Dean, I am committed to the holistic development of our students through delivery of innovative programs and services which are responsive to the needs of students, address emerging issues, and foster community-building. The Division of Student Affairs (comprised of Athletics, Career Services, Counseling Center, Residence Life and Student Development) supports the academic mission of the University by enhancing student living and learning beyond the classroom that prepares you to function effectively in a scientific, technological, and diverse world. Working in partnership with other members of the University community, Student Affairs provides a rich array of programs and services that add considerable value to the outstanding learning experience stemming from the classroom.

Some Keys to Success:

- A key ingredient to your success as a student at Polytechnic is to **become active in your education**. We encourage all of our students to become involved, whether it is joining a student organization, taking on a leadership role, working closely with faculty both in and out of the classroom, participating in athletics, finding an internship, studying abroad or working on campus. You will find that any of these activities can contribute to both intellectual and personal growth and prepare you for your future endeavors.

- Everyone at Polytechnic is expected to be a valuable and productive member of the community. As a student you will be asked to **balance** your academic responsibilities with your social, family, and personal activities, as well as all other aspects of an adult life. Notice how you spend your time studying, working, spending time with friends and family. Make sure that you commit time each day to enrich yourself, nourish your soul, and recharge your body and mind. Take advantage of the greatest college town around, New York City. Offering countless sporting, recreational, educational, cultural, and outdoor experiences, New York affords students all the best an urban campus has to offer.

- Finally, throughout the year you will need to enlist help or support in any number of ways. Be sure that you use the many **resources and services** for you to succeed here at Poly. Seek out those that are here to assist you in meeting your goals and responsibilities: the Polytechnic faculty, staff and administrators and your friends and family. We encourage you to set your goals and to keep them high.

You are a member of the “PolyThinking” community, with over 150 years of rich tradition. This tradition of PolyThinkers has been built on a legacy of commitment, equality, diversity and impeccable academic credentials. You are the next generation of this tradition and will play an integral role in creating the future of PolyThinking with an eye on inventiveness, innovation and entrepreneurship.

Best wishes for a successful year!

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