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Dear First-Year HESA Students:

Welcome to the Indiana University Higher Education and Student Affairs Program! I am excited to have you join us in August and wanted to take a moment to go over a few things that you will need to complete before the semester begins.

HESA orientation will be held Monday, August 18 and is designed to provide you with information about how to complete your academic requirements and register for the Fall 2014 semester. You will receive an e-mail at the beginning of August indicating who will be serving as your academic advisor. It is during orientation that you will meet with your advisor, register for courses, and become acquainted with the HESA community. You are not required to attend orientation, but we strongly encourage you to take the time to join us. If you are unable to attend orientation, please let me know so that we can make other arrangements for you to register for classes.

As you prepare for the start of the HESA Program, please be sure that you have done the following:

- Mark your calendar for orientation:
  - HESA –Master’s Orientation @ IUB, Monday, August 18
  - IUB GPSO New Grad Student Orientation
  - Date/Time TBD

- Send a check by August 1, 2014 for IUSPA Lifetime Membership Dues ($60.00)
  - Make check payable to IUSPA
  - Mail check to: HESA Program
  - c/o Nina Koretoff
  - W.W. Wright Education Building
  - 201 N. Rose Avenue, Suite 4200
  - Bloomington, IN 47405-1006

- Establish your IU e-mail account at http://itaccounts.iu.edu

- Read all of the material online: http://www.indiana.edu/~iuspa/Students/index.html
  - Please note that information will be updated throughout the summer on this site.

- Send the following information to Nina Koretoff via e-mail (jmcrow@indiana.edu) by 7/15/14:
  - Bloomington/Indianapolis Area Address and contact information
  - New IU/IUPUI e-mail address
Campus where you intend to enroll in the majority of your courses (IUB or IUPUI)

Your journey at IU offers opportunities for you to engage both inside and outside of the classroom. English author C. C. Colton stated “Great minds must be ready not only to take the opportunities, but to make them.” As a graduate student you will need to be ready to create your own opportunities throughout the next couple of years. Be ready to participate in classroom discussion, explore new areas of higher education and student affairs, talk with faculty members outside the classroom, research current issues, be an active member of IUSPA, and work with your peers. You will be a graduate student and a member of the HESA community for at least two years. Take the time to get to know your fellow colleagues and the faculty.

Learning how to get around IU, if you have not been here before, can be a challenge, and I encourage you to take time during your first few days on campus to explore and get a sense of where the major buildings are located. If you have any questions prior to your arrival please feel free to contact me by phone (812-856-8382) or via e-mail: ddesawal@indiana.edu. I look forward to seeing you on campus in August.

Sincerely,

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