

June, 2011

Dear Parents and Guardians of Incoming International Students,

A warm welcome from the staff in the Office of International Programs! We congratulate you on your daughter's admission to the college! Every year, a number of international students prefer to travel to Bryn Mawr College with parents or family members. If you are a parent or a family member of an incoming international student, and you are planning to accompany your daughter to Bryn Mawr College, we would like to introduce you to a number of resources that we hope you will find helpful to make your visit and brief stay enjoyable and productive.

Overview of International Student Orientation (ISO)

Our office is delighted to welcome your daughter to Bryn Mawr through the International Student Orientation (ISO) program. ISO is a program designed to ease your daughter's transition to life in the United States and to familiarize her with academic life and culture at Bryn Mawr College. Most importantly, she will have an opportunity to form friendships, have fun and settle in before the arrival of the rest of our students. ISO is mandatory for all new international students. This year, the ISO program is scheduled to run from Sunday, August 21, 2011 through Wednesday, August 24, 2011.

Arrival and Accommodations

If you choose to come to the United States early, please be advised that there are no accommodations for international students at the college before August 21, 2011. In addition, Bryn Mawr College is not able to lodge family members during International Student Orientation. We therefore, recommend that family members organize their travel and lodging through a reputable travel agent. Please visit the Bryn Mawr Admissions website at <http://www.brynmawr.edu/admissions/> for information about visiting the Philadelphia area.

What to Expect At ISO

Arrival Day, Sunday, August 21, 2011: Students and their families can arrive on campus starting at 10am on Sunday, August 21. Arrival day is devoted exclusively to move-in activities. Families can spend time with their daughters as they collect their dorm keys and to move into their assigned dorms. There will be no formal scheduled events and activities for parents and families on arrival day. Students should, however, plan on remaining on campus that evening to participate in some fun social events with their peers.

International Parent Program, Monday, August 22, 2011. Parents and guardians are invited to attend a series of information session designed for parents and guardians of international students.. Attendees will meet with Bryn Mawr faculty, staff and administrators to learn about student life and support services available on campus. .

International Student Orientation continues, Tuesday, August 23, 2011. International students will be busy all day with required orientation activities. Parents, guardians and family members who choose to stay should make off-campus plans (today would be a great time to explore Philadelphia!)

College Welcome and Refreshments for parents of all incoming students, Wednesday, August 24, 2011. Domestic students arrive at Bryn Mawr and move into their assigned dorms. Parents and families are invited to attend the College Welcome and Refreshments for parents of all incoming students.

Please visit the link below for information on area accommodations, restaurants and local stores and attractions.

<http://www.brynmawr.edu/admissions/>

Sincerely,

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