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Dear New Student:

Greetings from Bison Hill! I hope this letter finds you eagerly anticipating your arrival on campus at OBU. We are so excited that you will be joining us and are preparing daily to serve you. The purpose of this letter is provide you with information regarding Welcome Week in order for you to take full advantage of the opportunities each presents as you begin your OBU experience.

Welcome Week exists to invite new students to embark on a journey that will challenge thoughts, beliefs and ideas in order to deepen the experience of faith. This will be accomplished through an introduction to the Christian Liberal Arts as well as the integration of faith & learning. As a result, students will be connected to their classmates, community and the world through service and fellowship. The schedule of events for Welcome Week can be located on the web at <http://www.okbu.edu/campuslife/welcomeweek/schedule.html>

When you enrolled for classes at OBU you should have received a copy of Arthur Holmes' "The Idea of a Christian College." An integral part of Welcome Week involves eleven faculty members who will lead you in a discussion of the book. This will be accomplished in nine small group sessions with the faculty and your TriW's (Welcome Week Workers). The reading of this book, subsequent discussion and small group interaction will be highly beneficial as you begin your college career at OBU. Let me encourage you to complete your reading of this book before arriving on campus as the faculty led sessions and small group discussions will be more meaningful and productive if you come prepared to participate. In addition, all of our freshmen English courses will use this book as the source for a graded writing. Your reading of this book will provide you with an excellent opportunity to be well prepared for this important assignment as well as for the unique type of learning community that we are fostering at OBU. If you did not receive a copy of the book when you enrolled, please contact us at michael.burns@okbu.edu

I can't wait to meet you and welcome you to our amazing campus. It is my prayer that you will allow God to transform your life through the opportunities that are awaiting you on Bison Hill. I am here to serve you; to challenge you; and to support you as you begin your journey. Please do not hesitate to contact me (michael.burns@okbu.edu) if I can be of any assistance to you. See you on August 18th!

Sincerely,

Michael Burns, Director of Residential Life and Student Activities

PS: Stop by the tent on the lawn of Raley Chapel on Saturday, August 18th between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to pick up your Welcome Week T-shirt, info booklet and name tag. This will aid you in getting connected with all of the Welcome Week activities.