



Summer 2017

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 we 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 help new students transition to OBU. Our hope is for students to soon call this place home! There will be many opportunities to learn about our culture, adjust to the campus and 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/student-life/welcome-week>

When you enrolled for classes at OBU you should have received a copy of Rick Ostrander's *Why College Matters to God*. An integral part of Welcome Week involves multiple faculty members who will lead you in a discussion of the book. This will be accomplished in small group sessions with the faculty and your Tri-W'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 me at melissa.stroud@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 if I can be of any assistance to you. See you on August 19th!!!

Sincerely,

Melissa Stroud
Assistant Dean of Students for Community Leadership and Engagement

PS: Stop by the tent outside the GC on Saturday, August 19th between 8.30am and 3pm to pick up your Welcome Week T-shirt and name tag. This will aid you in getting connected with all of the Welcome Week activities.