

June 9, 2008

Thank you for submitting your registration form to us, confirming your participation in the 2008 Summer Institute for First-Year Students! We will expect to see you on IIT's campus the week of July 6, for our first meeting as a group.

In the meantime, as my colleagues and I finalize curricula and plan field trips, we ask that you take some time to accomplish the following, if you have not done so already, to help us better prepare for your arrival next month:

- Complete the Math Placement Test online, by **Monday, June 16**.
- Contact your academic advisor. (If your advisor has not yet been in touch with you, please email Matthew Bauer, Director of Academic Advising, at bauerm@iit.edu and he will help you make the proper connections.)
- We have registered you for Summer Orientation, which will be the first two days of the Summer Institute Program. We will resume the official program for the Summer Institute for First-Year Students on the morning of Wednesday, July 9.

Once you have all completed these steps, we will follow up by email with more logistical information about what you should plan to bring and prepare for, as well as a list of useful contacts for you and your family. As always, if you have any additional questions concerning the procedures above, please contact me directly, at doyle@iit.edu or 312.567.5203.

Lastly, I have noticed that on many of the registration forms we received from you and your fellow Summer Institute participants were concerns about entering college. Several of you are unsure of what to expect; others are wondering how you will transition. While, of course, we hope to help you anticipate these changes and opportunities through the Summer Institute for First-Year Students next month, we would also like to give you a head-start in thinking about college by sending you a copy of one of our favorite books, *Making the Most of College: Students Speak Their Minds*. Author Richard J. Light spent a decade compiling real students' stories about working with new material and people in new places, and experiencing the new world of college. Of course, this book is not required reading – we encourage you to share it with anyone you know who wants to connect learning with life, in college and beyond – but we would love to hear your thoughts on it.

For those of you who have already graduated this spring, congratulations! For those of you who will do so in the coming weeks, be sure to enjoy the remainder of your senior year! We can't wait to welcome you to college.

Sincerely,

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