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Dear <<STUDENT>>,

Congratulations and welcome to Warner Pacific College! We have been waiting for you! As you are celebrating this new step of life, in the midst of all the joy there is a lot of transition. One of my favorite life-gurus, Dr. William Bridges, believed that *changes* are the ever-moving circumstances in our lives, and that *transitions* are the ways we adapt to the change. Coming to college is an exciting time full of hope and wonder, but it can also be a time of uncertainty and unfamiliarity.

At Warner, we want to provide you with the best possible structure to not just survive your transition to college, but to *thrive* and *succeed* as a student here! That’s why we want to connect you with our First-Year Learning Communities (FYLC). As a member of an FYLC, you’ll be with a small group of students who take two classes together in the fall and one class together in the spring. The FYLCs are more than classes—they are experiential opportunities to be connected with academic, spiritual, and social support networks through dedicated faculty, co-curricular staff, and upper class peer mentors, as well as they provide fun and engaging ways to access campus resources and the city of Portland through critical thinking and service learning. You’ll spend time out of the classroom and in the city, putting your learning to real-life circumstances, all with a group of people who genuinely want to support you and your academic journey.

I hope you will take time to look at the enclosed First-Year Learning Communities brochure, and see how joining an FYLC isn’t just “taking another class;” it’s a *community* that will be crucial to your *successful* transition to college. It will orient you to what it means to be a life-long learner and collaborator.

I encourage you to talk with your admissions counselor about enrolling in one of Warner’s First-Year Learning Communities, and experience first-hand how the relationships and support you’ll receive will be the foundation of your entire academic career. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any further questions, and I look forward to your arrival on campus in the fall.

Blessings,

Jessie Thompson

Director of Learning Communities