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Dear Aquinas College First Year Students;

In about a month you will be joining us on campus to start your journey through college at Aquinas. This is both an exciting and busy time in your life and we at Aquinas want to do our best to help you make the smoothest transition into college as possible. To help with this transition we have our **New Student Orientation** program. New Student Orientation is a 3-day program, August 21-23, equipped with the essential information and activities that will guide you to a successful college start. You will have time in these three days to learn of the resources both on and off campus, participate in a community service project, meet faculty from your intended field of study but most of all meet lots of new friends and have fun.

Before you get to campus we have some vital information for you that will prepare you for the New Student Orientation program. The following information will highlight the steps you need to take in order to get registered for New Student Orientation.

1. **Registration:** We ask that you arrive on campus on **Thursday, August 21 between 1:30 – 2 p.m.** You will check in at the lower level of the Wege Center, where you will receive your Orientation packet and student ID card. For location of the Wege Center please see the enclosed campus map and please note that you will park in parking lot B. From check in you will proceed with the rest of the Orientation program.
2. **Aquinas Network:** You can actually begin your Orientation now by visiting our interactive, on-line, new student Orientation website. This site will provide answers to your questions, connect you with our student Orientation Leaders, and give you a preview of the Orientation program. Check it out at www.aquinas.edu/students/orientation. Also, don't forget about signing up to participate in the Mentor Program, you can sign up online through the orientation website.
3. **Student Accident and Health Insurance:** Enclosed in the orientation packet you received in the mail are brochures that explain the different options for Insurance plans that are available to you through Aquinas College. All students are required to carry health insurance. You may choose to either continue on your parents plan or you can pick up one of the plans offered by the college. If you have any questions regarding the plans offered please contact the College Health Center at (616) 632-2970.

As your summer continues to wind down take some time to prepare for the start of your college career. Make sure you are signed up for all your classes, remember to get your parking permit, read Mountains Beyond Mountains, and get ready to have fun at the New Student Orientation. If you have any further questions feel free to contact me at (616) 632-2457 or freessar@aquinas.edu. See you on August 21.

Sincerely,

Sara Frees
Director of Student Activities and Orientation