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Dear Roadmap Parents and Family,

Congratulations on your student's acceptance into the University of Richmond's Roadmap to Success Program – their first step towards a fulfilling and rewarding college career! We appreciate that this is a bittersweet time for you; whether this is your first to go off to college or you are an experienced veteran of this rite of passage, it can still be an emotional time for everyone. By participating in the Roadmap program, your student will begin their college experience on a positive note – having fun and making friends in a community of like-minded students and faculty who will become their support system during the sometimes bumpy road ahead. Our Roadmap faculty and staff are committed to making the Richmond experience a positive one.

During Roadmap, your student will take a short course, led by a dedicated Richmond faculty member, as well as have an upper-class student mentor. Past Roadmap participants have said that these connections were pivotal in their success during their first year at Richmond. Listed below are your student's selected short course, faculty member and upper-class student mentor:

#### **Individualized information on student's short course, student assistant, and city excursion**

On Sunday, August 20, you will be able to help your student move into their residence hall room. Check-in will occur between 9:00 a.m – 3:30 p.m. Our program for your student begins at 4:30 p.m. For parents and families, we have a parent reception that begins at 6:00 p.m. with our faculty and other key partners on campus. Your student will be eating dinner with the other Roadmap students, so we hope that you will attend our parent reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, and opportunities to engage with our faculty as well as other parents and families.

The orientation for parents and families continues Monday, August 21 from 8:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m with faculty and administrator presentations that offers similar information that the rest of the first-year class will receive when they move in later that week – most parents do not return (or stay) to campus for the new student orientation that occurs later in the week. Please review our information for parents and families on our website at: <http://roadmap.richmond.edu/parents/index.html>.

The schedule for Roadmap is very concentrated, and your student is kept very busy. Your student will have class for their chosen short course twice a day on Monday and Tuesday, August 21 and 22. In between classes, there are seminars that will introduce students to concepts and tactics to help them make the most of their time at Richmond. Students will go on a chosen excursion into the City of Richmond, which will help introduce the city to them. In addition, there will be plenty of opportunity to meet other students in the evening during formal and informal activities we have planned.

Please remember that we are here to help you and your student. If you have any questions or concerns, please visit our website (<http://roadmap.richmond.edu/>), or feel free to contact me. Our website is a great resource and is updated regularly throughout the summer with information about Roadmap, move-in and our contact information. We will also send out an additional update, by email, in early August with more details about move-in.

In the meantime, we look forward to meeting you and your student soon.

Sincerely,

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