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Dear New Spider Parents,

Welcome to the University of Richmond! Richmond is committed to making your student's collegiate experience rewarding and meaningful during and after their years here. Many first-year students report feeling anxious about succeeding academically and choosing a major that will translate into success after graduation. The Roadmap Program will help prepare them for the college classroom by providing skills and support to more successfully navigate the transition from high school to college.

The program has four components:

- Participating in a faculty-led short-course of their choosing, giving students the opportunity to experience a college class in advance of the semester. (These courses are limited to twelve students each). The faculty for this course will also be their academic advisor, unless they are a Richmond Scholar.
- Exploring the city of Richmond by going off-campus several times.
- Taking part in a series of skill-building sessions that help prepare them for their first-year of college.
- Getting to know other first-year students through social activities in the evenings.

The program runs from **Sunday, August 20 through Wednesday, August 23**. Students will move into their residence halls on Sunday, August 20. Parents even have their own orientation with all necessary information on Sunday, August 20 and Monday, August 21.

During the academic year, we have follow-up programs once a month over dinner, allowing students to stay connected to their faculty and peers, learn more about the University, and have the opportunity to go off campus. Don't worry, as these don't interfere with their classes.

Our registration form, the student program schedule, the parent and family orientation schedule, as well as additional information about the program can be found online at: <http://roadmap.richmond.edu>. **There is no cost to participate in the Roadmap program; everything is paid for by the University.**

Registration is limited to 200 students, and the deadline is **July 1, 2017**.

I hope you will take a moment to review the program information on our website with your student and encourage them to participate. If you have any questions about the program, please do not hesitate to contact me at (804) 289-8415 or by e-mail at [agurka@richmond.edu](mailto:agurka@richmond.edu).

Sincerely,

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