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Dear New Spider,

Welcome to the University of Richmond! Richmond is committed to making your collegiate experience rewarding and meaningful during and after your years here. That's why I'm extending you this special invitation to participate in the Roadmap to Success Program, an enrichment opportunity specifically designed to prepare driven, first-year students like you for the college classroom by providing the skills and support to more successfully navigate the transition from high school to college. **The registration deadline is July 1, 2017**, but space is limited so **please take a few minutes to reserve your place now at roadmap.richmond.edu/about/register.html!**

Sign up now to take advantage of these rewarding experiences:

- Participate in a faculty-led short-course of your choosing, giving you 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 your academic advisor, unless you are a Richmond Scholar.
- Explore the city of Richmond by going off-campus several times.
- Take part in a series of skill-building sessions that will help prepare you for a better first-year experience.
- Get to know fellow new Spiders through social activities in the evenings.

The program runs from **Sunday, August 20 – Wednesday, August 23**. You will move into your residence hall on Sunday, August 20, three days before the rest of the first-year class. Parents even have their own orientation with all necessary information on Sunday and Monday. During the academic year, we have follow-up programs once a month over dinner, allowing you to stay connected to your 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 your classes!

Your participation in the Roadmap program is **FREE**; the University pays for everything. I don't want to see you miss out on this opportunity because I believe it may be just what you need to alleviate the anxious feelings common among first-year students and begin your college career on a path of continued excellence. The **July 1 registration deadline** is right around the corner and space always fills up quickly so **please don't wait another moment to register!**

Please take a moment to review the program schedule and additional details at roadmap.richmond.edu and in the enclosed brochure. If you have any questions about the program, please do not hesitate to contact my staff or me at (804) 289-8415 or by e-mail at agurka@richmond.edu.

I hope to see you on campus on Sunday, August 20!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A.Gurka".

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