Update from the Director

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With the semester complete and winter break underway, we begin looking toward the spring semester. In January, students will start a new semester filled with new classes and new opportunities to pursue their goals and aspirations. I wanted to provide some insights into topics that you might want to discuss with your student before the start of the semester. Hopefully, broaching these topics early will help frame the conversation.

Sorority and Fraternity Recruitment: January 16-February 2

With about 30% of Emory undergraduates belonging to a fraternity or sorority chapter, spring recruitment remains a major commitment for prospective new members as well as returning members. For more information, click here.

Please join us for our Family Chat, a webinar series for Emory families, on Thursday, January 9 at 6:30pm. Click here to join the webinar.

Career and Internships

Thinking about summer job and internship opportunities? Encourage your student to attend the Career and Internship Fair on Tuesday, January 21 from 11am-3pm in the Cox Hall Ballroom.

One of the best ways families can support Emory is considering hiring an Emory student. If you have possible job or internship opportunity, then please contact Eileen Buecher, Associate Director for Employer, Alumni, and Recruiting Relations, at eileen.buecher@emory.edu or 404.727.0510. You may also submit opportunities to the Eagle Ops online job-internship
posting system at https://emory-csm.symplicity.com/employers/.

**Residence Hall Room Selection for 2014-2015**

Applications for 2014-2015 campus housing open on January 13, 2014. Housing selection for all returning students takes place during the month of February and is complete by Spring Break. All rising second year students must live on campus and are guaranteed housing. Rising third and fourth year students are encouraged to apply but are neither required nor guaranteed housing.

Please join us for our Family Chat on Wednesday, January 30 at 6:30pm. to learn about the upcoming the process for selecting a room for the next academic year. Click here to join the webinar.

**Study Abroad**

*Summer Programs*

Approximately 50% of Emory student participate in a study abroad program. Summer study abroad application opened on December 15 with various deadlines until March 1. To search summer programs, click here.

*Semester Programs*

If your student might plan to spend Fall 2014 or Spring 2015 abroad, you might begin those conversations this winter. During semester study abroad programs, existing federal and Emory-based financial will be applied towards the program costs. For more information about the application process, click here.

Finally, I don’t think it is ever too early to start planning for Family Weekend 2014. We are happy to announce that we will host the 34th Annual Family Weekend on October 24-26. So, mark your calendars now.
Extracurricular Activities

Although co-curricular involvement is meant to supplement academic life, for many, what goes beyond the walls of the classroom starts to become their first priority. The sports editor of the college paper dashing to meet a deadline feels the rush of excitement as he joins his coterie of fellow journalists in a common pursuit. No journalism class could measure up to this laboratory of learning. No fraternity bond could be stronger than the one he feels in the community. A junior who had enjoyed singing in a campus choir in prior years now spends many evenings at rehearsals with a small madrigal group and is taking lessons in the flute as a result of her growing passion. As a computer science major she has found the complexities of sophisticated programming intriguing, but she considers the friends who share her passion for music to be her college family.

For more information visit http://osfl.emory.edu/prospective_members/faq.html
Ishaan Jalan 14B is more than familiar with taking a creative approach to problem solving. As the founder of several on-campus events such as TEDxEmory, HackATL and the Emory Entrepreneurship & Venture Management Club (EEVM), Ishaan has helped Emory foster a culture of creation and new ideas. As founder and organizer of TEDxEmory, one of the largest independent TED events in the country, Ishaan wanted to expose Emory students to the leading thinkers of the world and empower students to have a positive effect the communities they live in.

Ishaan has furthered his commitment to empowerment by founding HackATL, a business competition where teams have 48 hours to build a business from scratch, and the EEVM, designed to give students hands-on experience with investing and creating new ideas.

After graduation, Ishaan will work at Lazard Frères & Co. in New York working on mergers, corporate acquisitions and restructuring, and says that he owes much of his success to the support from Emory faculty, staff, and the community as a whole.

“At Emory, the faculty has been a huge source of support for all my endeavors, such as Dr. Benn Konsynski at the Business School and Dr. Fotion and Dr. McAfee in the Philosophy department. They’ve encouraged me in both my academics and extracurricular pursuits and I owe to them much of my Emory experience.”
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