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Dear Columbia Family,

Congratulations on your student's acceptance into and decision to enroll at Columbia University in the City of New York. On behalf of the [Division of Student Affairs](#), I am pleased to welcome you and your family into the Columbia community.

The Division of Student Affairs provides a range of services designed to enhance the blend of academic, educational, social, and co-curricular activities that comprise the Columbia experience. These services are coordinated by caring professionals to ensure students receive support in all of their pursuits. Throughout your student's time at Columbia, you will undoubtedly hear about the services, programs, and support we offer. But in the meantime, I encourage you to visit our Web site to learn more about the [Center for Student Advising](#), [Office of Financial Aid and Educational Financing](#), and the units that make up our Community Development team.

The [Office of Parent and Family Programs](#), also housed within the Division of Student Affairs, is an excellent resource for parents and families. I encourage you to rely on this office throughout your student's time at Columbia and to visit the Web site often for guidance, information, and news.

Each year, the Office of Parent and Family Programs produces the [Family Handbook](#)—a comprehensive guide to campus life. The 2010-2011 *Family Handbook*, along with additional information regarding move-in, health services, e-billing, career education, parent involvement, upcoming events, and much more, will be available online in July.

The Office of Parent and Family Programs also has developed a comprehensive [Family Orientation](#) program to assist you with the upcoming transition. Family Orientation coincides with the official start of the [New Student Orientation Program \(NSOP\)](#) and is scheduled for Monday, August 30 (some programming will be offered on Sunday, August 29, for families of students invited to move in on Sunday). Family Orientation will conclude with Convocation, a formal ceremony in which new students and their families are welcomed into the Columbia community.

We are delighted to welcome you and your family to Columbia University and we look forward to having you join the Columbia community.

Sincerely,



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