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STUDENT ORIENTATION

Summer 2009

Welcome to Mills College where you will join an amazing 157-year legacy of meaningful traditions as well as an extremely diverse community committed to outstanding education for women and men. We are excited that you will be joining us as we engage in our Graduate Student Orientation on Monday, August 24, 2009. We have created opportunities for you to get connected to critical allies and resources to ensure that you begin your career as a Mills graduate student with unabashed support.

The following materials are available here for your review:

http://www.mills.edu/admission/graduate/graduate_student_orientation.php

- Letter from President Janet L. Holmgren
- Graduate Student Orientation Schedule
- New Graduate Student Checklist
- Campus Map
- Transportation Information

We encourage your full participation in Orientation. Research shows that students who are involved both in and outside of the classroom are more likely to succeed academically and persist to graduation. Orientation will give you a head start in making meaningful connections with your new classmates, continuing Mills graduate students, your academic advisor and your chosen academic department. It will provide an introduction to a host of resources to assist you in meeting your goals as Mills students who “make the world more!” We know that this is not only an important milestone for you, but also for your family, loved ones, and other important people in your life who may be impacted by your decision to join the Mills community.

As the Dean of Students and Vice Provost, I have the awesome pleasure and responsibility of leading the Division of Student Life (DSL) in promoting our vision that you have “a transformative student learning experience” at Mills. DSL is comprised of four departments that are here to assist you during this important journey:

- **APER**, Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation
- **Community Life**, comprised of the Office of Residential Life (ORL), Office of Student Activities (OSA), and Student Diversity Programs (SDP)
- **Student Services**, comprised of the Career Services Office (CSO), Wellness and Community Outreach (WCO), Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD), Counseling and Psychological Services (CPS), and Spiritual and Religious Life (SRL)
- **Operations**, comprised of central systems and the Administrative Support Team – in partnership with the **Dean of Students Office**
- To contact someone in the Division of Student Life, please call 510.430.2130 or email deanofstudents@mills.edu.

This is a particularly exciting year as the new Mills Student Health Center will open just in time for your arrival. Students will have access to health care on the campus in addition to extensive medical care that will be available through the Kaiser Student Health Plan at Kaiser Permanente facilities. I would also like to encourage you to invite your family to attend Family Weekend on October 2 and 3. This will be an excellent opportunity for you to share your new Mills community with your family.

We look forward to having you join our amazing Mills community! I look forward to meeting each of you, and to challenging and cheering you on through this amazing journey.

All the best,



Joi D. Lewis

Dean of Student Life and Vice Provost