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Good Afternoon:

It is hard to believe that orientation for some students will begin next week. This is an exciting time. I hope that you will use orientation as a tool to gain information about the university, to get to know classmates, to engage in conversation with advisors, and to just have a good time.

I have received several emails asking about scheduling classes. You may have friends that are attending Virginia Tech that have been asked to begin picking out classes, and you are wondering if you perhaps missed an email or some form of communication concerning class registration. First, I want to commend you for taking the initiative to ask questions. So many times students get into trouble because they are afraid to ask. Our college environment is one that believes there are no dumb questions. If you have exhausted the tools available on the internet to get answers to your questions, please call or email us. Please don't assume anything, and don't take the word of a friend. Rules vary from college to college. If you are uncertain, ASK.

Now the big questions everyone has been asking. How do I register for classes? The answer is you don't. To ensure that our students leave orientation registered for classes required by their major, we pre-register each student into required courses. So when you attend orientation, most of you will find that you have a complete schedule. Others may have to add a class or make changes due to dual enrollment courses or AP courses. If this is the case, we will have advisors available to help.

The second question I have been asked to answer repeatedly is what time will our advising sessions end. This will depend on your major and if you will need to make any changes to your pre-registered schedule. For the most part, everyone is usually finished no later than 1:00 p.m. most by noon.

The third question concerns textbooks. Don't worry about this now. We will give you information on how to order your text books during orientation or check out Beth's Blog on the College of Science Orientation page.

I will be sending out additional information concerning dual enrollment for college credits, Advance Placement for college credits, and International Baccalaureate for college credit on or before Thursday. So, please make sure you check your email often for updates and especially before you attend orientation. This will be one of my avenues of communication if we are missing any information needed for your orientation session.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. And feel free to check out our College of Science Orientation website at <http://www.science.vt.edu/student/orientation/index.html> for additional information. If you don't find what you are looking for, let us know and we will see about getting this information added to the site.

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