Hello. Below you will find very important information regarding your arrival on campus next week. Please be sure to read this information completely.

Orientation Scene II is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19, through Saturday, August 22, 2015, so please mark your calendars now.

As a part of Scene II, your FYE (First Year Experience) seminar will meet five times over the course of Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Your participation in each of these meetings is essential. In fact, Scene II is mandatory for all members of the Class of 2019. This is the beginning of your first semester of college and, therefore, it is imperative that you are here to ensure a successful transition from high school to college.

The paragraphs that follow will give you a brief overview of the activities planned for Scene II.

If you are a resident student (living on campus), you should plan to arrive Wednesday morning August 19, at 8:00 a.m. Check-in will begin in the Jane P. Batten Student Center, where you will receive your Orientation Program and other pertinent information. Following check-in you will receive your room key card and may move into your residence hall room. Most likely, you will have a car or, perhaps, a second vehicle full of personal belongings and, given that possibility, I would suggest that you plan to arrive on campus as close to 8:00 a.m. as possible. Most resident students will arrive with family members to help them move in. Your parents are invited to be our guests for lunch. After lunch, there will be time for parents and students to say goodbye before beginning your Orientation Program with addresses given to the Class of 2019 by Student Government Association President Cassandra McEwan and College President Scott Miller.

Commuter students (living at home) should plan to arrive at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 19, for orientation registration. Commuter students will also check-in in the Jane P. Batten Student Center, where you will receive your Orientation Program and other pertinent information. Following check-in, the Orientation Program will begin with an address given by Student Government Association President Cassandra McEwan and College President Scott Miller to the Class of 2019. Commuter students will not be staying overnight during Orientation.

For ALL students, if you do not have a class schedule or you need to make adjustments to your schedule, there is time on Thursday morning (8:00 – 9:30 a.m.) built into the orientation program for you to meet with your advisor.

During the four-day Scene II experience (August 19 - 22, 2015), students will be required to attend five FYE Meetings and six Co-Curricular Events as well as advisor meetings and leisure activities. Orientation will begin with breakfast each morning and continue into the evening. Please refer to the Scene II Orientation Program.

On Sunday, August 23, the College's Chaplain, The Reverend Greg West, invites all students to attend SOAR – A Christian Worship Gathering open to all at 4:00 p.m. on campus in Monumental Chapel.

Very soon you will embark on your college journey. In Virginia Wesleyan's liberal arts setting, you will learn through the process of inquiry, starting with conversations during Scene II regarding your summer reading, Bad Feminist, by Roxane Gay.

In the weeks, months, and years ahead, your college experience will provide you with many opportunities for further growth and development in and out of the classroom. Your experience will be what you make
it. Accordingly, I encourage you to be engaged and to be prepared to make good choices. With your new independence come many new, exciting, and challenging responsibilities and you will want to make the most of these opportunities.

In closing and on behalf of all my colleagues, I want you to know how excited we are about you and your classmates becoming a part of our campus community. Go Marlins!

Your friend,

David E. Buckingham
Vice President for Student Affairs

P.S. Please note that your residence hall assignment (if applicable), registration, and participation in Scene II is contingent upon submission of your VWC health form.

FALL STUDENT-ATHLETES

The check-in date for all Fall Student Athletes is Monday, August 17, 2015, beginning at 7:00 a.m. There will be a mandatory NCAA meeting for fall athletes on August 17, in the Jane P. Batten Student Center, Convocation Hall at 4:30 p.m.