Greetings from Berry! I hope that you are having an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to new beginnings at Berry this fall. We are very excited about seeing you in just a few short weeks.

Your Student Orientation, Advising and Registration (SOAR) program begins on Wednesday, August 22, 2012 with "Check-In" for both residential and commuter students between 8:00 a.m.— 8:30 a.m. in the Krannert Center Spruill Ballroom. At 8:30 a.m. you will start SOARing with a "SOAR Welcome Breakfast" and then follow the attached schedule for the rest of the day Wednesday. During this SOAR, students and parents/supporters will meet key people at Berry, get answers to your questions/concerns and learn about the opportunities and resources available to you at Berry. You will also meet your academic advisor and receive your fall schedule. If you have requested a student work position, you will receive that assignment and learn about the work program. Please review the detailed SOAR schedule enclosed with this letter.

Move-in for **residential students** who did not attend a June SOAR session is Tuesday, August 21, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There is helpful information about what to bring to college posted on the Residence Life webpage. To get your keys, please go to the Residence Life Office located in the Ladd Center. A virtual tour and map of campus is available from the Berry website if you need directions *http://www.berry.edu/vtour/*. If you are a **commuter student** who did not attend SOAR in June, you should plan to be on campus starting at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 22, 2012 for "Check-In" in the Krannert Center Spruill Ballroom.

Viking Venture starts where SOAR leaves off on Wednesday, August 22, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. with a welcome ceremony for you and your family in the Cage Center Arena. During Viking Venture, you'll be involved in a variety of activities that will provide you with more information about your new life at college. You'll attend many of the Viking Venture activities with your BCC (Berry College Course) 100 class, including BOLD Beginnings (an adventure challenge course), Make A Difference Theatre (a student-written performance piece about community living) and a dinner discussion from your summer reading of *The Dressmaker of Khair Khana*. Viking Venture is part of your BCC 100 class, which is a graduation requirement for all students who enter Berry with 24 credit hours or less. A full Viking Venture schedule will be posted very soon on the Berry College website, and you will receive a copy of the schedule when you come to SOAR.

So, what do you need to do to be ready for August 22, 2012?

- Complete Enrollment Forms: Log on to Viking Web https://vikingweb.berry.edu/ics and enter your Berry ID Number («id_num») as your User Name. If you do not remember your password, click on "I forgot my password" to have your password reset and sent to your e-mail address (I suggest that you copy and paste the new password). Then, click "Enrollment Forms" on the Viking Web Admissions tab. You'll want to submit all of the other forms between now and your SOAR session on August 22nd.
- Take the foreign language placement test: If you previously studied French, German or Spanish in high school and intend to continue in the language, you must take the online WebCape placement exam to determine which level language course to register for at Berry College. The Placement Exam can be accessed via: http://webcape.byuhtrsc.org?acct=berry Enter the account password: Vikings1. When prompted for your identification, please enter your Berry ID Number.

- **Copy your health insurance card:** The Health and Wellness Center keeps current health insurance information on file to help serve you. Visit the health and wellness web site for more information: http://www.berry.edu/stulife/health/
- **Students with documented disabilities:** Please review recommendations and contact persons at http://www.berry.edu/academics/services/support/
- Complete student work paperwork: Finally, if you plan to work on campus you will need to bring the proper forms of identification to the Student Work Station at Viking Central in the Krannert lobby on Wednesday, August 22, 2012. You should bring a current driver's license and your Social Security card **OR** a current driver's license and a certified birth certificate **OR** a current passport to be eligible for work on campus. For more information about student work, please visit http://berry.edu/stuwork/page.aspx?id=5054 or call (706) 236-2244.

We are looking forward to seeing you on campus! If I may be of help to you, please call the Dean of Students Office at (706) 236-2207 or email me at *jbumpus@berry.edu*.

Sincerely,

Julie A. Bumpus

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