

Hello!

My name is John Cook and I will be your first-year mentor for the 2008-2009 school year. I can't begin to tell you how excited I am to get to know all of you when you arrive in August. First off, I'd like to congratulate you on choosing DePauw! Choosing DePauw has been the best life decision I've made thus far, and I hope you will feel the same way in a couple of years. Now, I'll tell you a little bit about myself.

I am from Kansas City (actually a suburb of Kansas City on the Kansas side). I swim here at DePauw and have pretty much swam my whole life. I'm an avid sports fan and my favorite teams include the Kansas Jayhawks, Kansas City Royals, Kansas City Chiefs, and I'm currently rooting for the New Orleans Hornets in the NBA playoffs. I love dogs, and I have two back home in KC. I'm planning on majoring in History and minoring in Economics. I love going to movies and I think the new deal DePauw worked out with the Greencastle movie theatre is incredible. The best part about DePauw, for me, is how our tight-knit community works with one another. You will soon realize what that's all about.

At this point you are probably a little bit overwhelmed with everything that's going on. Summer after your senior year in high school is a blast, but it's also kind of bittersweet. You are saying goodbye to those high school friendships (temporarily!) and moving on to the next phase of your life. But let me tell you, after experiencing it first hand, this phase will most likely be your favorite.

My role, as your mentor, is to help ease your transition when you get to campus in August. This letter was sent out to all of you are enrolled in the same first-year seminar. In addition to class (first-year seminar), we'll be doing some stuff outside of class as a group. Before you even realize it, you will know a small group of people on campus.

If you run into any questions over the summer, or just want to talk to someone who has some experience with DePauw, please don't hesitate to give me a call or shoot me an e-mail. My info:

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Again, I can't wait to see all of you in August. Enjoy the summer; it will fly by!

John Cook '10