

Hello,

I'm Ralph Garcia and I will be your Mentor this year. First I want to welcome and congratulate you on becoming a member of the class of 2012. My major is the B.M.A. of General Music with emphasis in vocal and will be a senior this year. I'm very active in the School of Music and DePauw community with concerts, recitals, speakers, ensembles and DePauwCappella (Co-ed a cappella group).

I am sure you are counting down the days, hours, minutes, and seconds until August. You will FINALLY get to move into your room and meet your floor mates. Your parents will hug and kiss you goodbye. And then you will...wait...what comes next?

This is where I come in, my role as your Mentor is to work closely with the group to help you understand the philosophy, the goals of the DePauw University, and to make these a reality for you throughout the year. We are going to have a great time getting to know each other and make friendships that will last well beyond your years at DePauw. Our mentor group activities will allow you to get your feet wet before jumping into classes. After orientation, our mentor group will continue to meet throughout the year to catch up and eat dinner, see a movie, or go bowling. Our group will be all students of the School of Music. This will be a great opportunity for you to meet and interact with fellow musicians whom all share your love of music.

I hope you are as excited for DePauw as I am for you to be here! Of course the main reason for coming to college is the schoolwork aspect. Classes are fun and DePauw students definitely know how to have a good time outside of work time. Some of my favorite things in Greencastle are: garlic cheeseburgers from Marvins (We will definitely eat there as a group as one of our first outings!), playing campus golf (hitting a tennis ball with a golf club toward "holes" of your choice), the Monon Bell football game (our rivalry with Wabash College), Relay for Life, Dance Marathon, and the Little 500 Bike Race. Of course, there is plenty more to do, and I am sure you will find your own favorites in no time!

Now, I hope I haven't gotten you TOO excited! Make sure you make the best of the rest of your summer! Spend time with your family and high school friends and build those relationships so you can keep them strong over distance. I'm sure most of you will be finding your way onto the wonderfully addictive world of Facebook so I encourage you to Facebook Friend me, so can begin to get to know each other. I look forward to meeting you and I hope you are as excited as I am. I will be around for questions and any problems that may occur morning, noon, and night. If for any reason you have questions or need help please don't hesitate to contact me.

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Looking Forward to Meeting You!

Your Mentor,

Ralph