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You probably don't know why you are getting a letter from two upperclassmen, so we'll go ahead and introduce ourselves. Our names are Lauren Clark and Matt Welch, and we are your first-year mentors. Before telling you too much about yourselves, we would just like to be the first to congratulate you and welcome you to DePauw. As your mentors, we hope to be your first friends here and help you adjust to college life. During orientation, we will be leading you all in the activities to help you learn about the DePauw community and meet other first-year students. We'll also be a resource for you in any ways you need for your entire first year here. Whether you want advice about your dorm room, roommates, schoolwork, or just want to hang out and talk, we'll do our best to help. Now, a little bit about who we are:

Matt: Hey everyone, I'm Matt Welch and I'll be a junior at DePauw this year. I'm very excited to start my second year as a mentor and to meet all of you in August. I had an amazing first year at DePauw, and I hope you're ready to have as much fun and as many unique and enjoyable experiences as I had! I'm from Carmel, Indiana (just north of Indianapolis; Go Colts!). I haven't declared a major yet, but I think I'm going to double major in economics and Spanish. On campus, I'm the president of a fraternity, a managing editor of The DePauw (our campus newspaper) and a member of the Media Fellows program. I'll also spend plenty of time this year relaxing, listening to music, hanging out, playing the occasional intramural sport, and, of course, studying in four challenging classes. In the spring, I'll be going on an internship in Colorado — but don't worry, I'll be leaving you all in Lauren's capable hands! I hope you're as excited as Lauren and I are about this next year, because I promise it will be a blast!

Lauren: Hi everyone! I'm LC! Lauren Clark! You can call me either name, doesn't matter... I'm not a difficult person. Anywho, I'm one of your mentors next year (lucky you) and I am absolutely thrilled about it because it's my first year being a mentor! I'll be a sophomore this year and I plan to declare a major in English Writing and Communications. Although I'm a serious, hardworking, intelligent, and bright young lady, I can get pretty silly sometimes, too. I love to hang out with my friends, go on road trips, spend time with my family, make people laugh, and I love any opportunity to express myself and get creative. Here at DePauw I'm a staff writer for the DePauw newspaper and I'm involved (very heavily I might add) with the theatre department. Right now, I'm working at a summer camp at the YMCA and it's really fun. I get to swim like everyday... it's pretty sweet, but I can't wait to meet you guys and I hope that your pumped to arrive on campus in August so make sure you enjoy the rest of your summer and get ready for an amazing semester!!!!

Well, that's about it. We can't wait to meet you all — hope you're excited! If you have any questions before arriving next fall, please feel free to e-mail either one of us. We remember how stressful the last week before going off to school is, so don't hesitate to ask questions. That's what we're here for! Feel free to e-mail us: matthewwelch_2010@depauw.edu or laurenclark_2011@depauw.edu.

Can't wait to meet all of you!

Matt and Lauren