This email serves as confirmation of your reserved space in Roads to Success for fall 2015. Formal class registration will occur at your Orientation: Advising and Registration this summer. If you plan to live on campus, apply right away for housing in the Freshman-Year-Experience (FYE)*. Housing costs are covered for students living in FYE for the additional days before the housing contract begins; we are unable to offer early move-in for University Pointe at this time. Please contact them directly for arrangements.

*You do not need to live on-campus to participate in Roads. Off-campus students are encouraged.

The Roads to Success program begins at 3pm on Monday, September 14 with an Ice Cream Social/Welcome Celebration for you, family, and guests at Viking Bowl & Billiards (SMSU Basement).

COURSE INFORMATION:
The course (UNST 198) begins on Tuesday, September 15, at 9AM. Class meets from 9AM-4PM on each of the following days: September 15-18 and September 21-25 (two weeks prior to the start of fall term).

In addition to the two-week course, Roads includes an additional one-credit seminar course, (UNST 298) which meets every second Wednesday, starting week 2 of the term from 3-4:50pm throughout fall, winter, and spring terms. You will earn a total of 6 credit hours (3 credits for UNST 198 + 1 credit for UNST 298 for fall + winter + spring terms) for your successful participation in Roads to Success*1.

The seminar course (298) during fall, winter, and spring are a time to reconnect with friends, check-in on academic issues, and continue to explore the critical academic and support resources that were introduced in the 2-week program.

The following information is important for registration; having a space reserved in Roads does not register you for the course. You will register for fall classes when you attend Orientation. Winter and spring registration occurs in November and February, respectively.

CRN 15349: UNST 198 (2-week course prior to fall term)
CRN 15350: UNST 298 (fall meeting time on every other Wednesday from 3-4:50PM). If you are unable (due to scheduling) to participate in the fall seminar on Wednesdays, you may be able to work with you so that you can still participate in the program. Contact Liane directly for information at 503.725.9549.

UNST 198 (3cr) + UNST 298 (1cr) = 4 credits total (Fall term)
Class is offered for graded credit only (A-F)
Roads credit applies toward your general degree requirements at PSU.

FACULTY INFORMATION:
You will have two lead professors in Roads, a lead graduate teaching assistant and several peer mentors (successful graduates of the 2014 Roads cohort selected to return as mentors). In addition, students living on-campus have Residence Assistants specially selected and trained to work with Roads students while they are living in housing.

COST:
The only cost to students for Roads to Success are the PSU tuition & fees associated with the credit hours earned which are billed as part of your fall term tuition. For questions about the cost of attendance at PSU and tuition/fees please visit: 2015-16 Tuition and Fees website.

1 Based on student need, winter & spring term offerings/times are subject to change
WHAT WILL WE BE DOING IN ROADS?
Roads to Success is a fun and engaging learning environment; you will not find lectures in the Roads classroom. Instead, learning occurs in what we call a "learner-centered" classroom, meaning YOU are the center of what we do.

We created a sample schedule of a typical “day in the life” of a Roads student on our website. Each day will bring new and exciting activities, guest speakers, panels, projects, and ways to connect with the PSU campus. The first week (Sept 15-18) is intentionally more academically rigorous to ensure that students are able to participate in many of the Viking Days activities scheduled during the second week of Roads (Sept 21-25). Many of the not-to-be-missed activities that week are already scheduled into our Roads day; we attend many of these events as a community, including New Student Convocation and Party in the Plaza.

Class meets during the week from 9am-4pm in Neuberger Hall 222 beginning on Tuesday, September 15. It is required that you attend class for the full day. We will also offer many fun evening activities during the first week of Roads that begin at 8pm including Capture the Flag, Waterfront Walk to Voodoo Donuts, Movie & Game nights, etc. You are encouraged (though not required) to attend evening activities whether you are living on or off-campus.

HOUSING & MOVE-IN INFORMATION:
On-campus students can move-in on Monday, September 14 from 10am-2pm. This is a special move-in day reserved for Roads students only. You will move into the same room you will have for the entire year.

Depending on whether you live on or off-campus, Roads also provides (free of charge):

FOR STUDENTS LIVING ON-CAMPUS: Room and board (including breakfast, lunch and dinner at Victor’s Cafe in Ondine) is provided to students before Saturday, September 19 when the housing contract begins. After that time, your housing contract covers your room and board at PSU.

FOR STUDENTS LIVING OFF-CAMPUS: Lunch is provided for the duration of the 2-week program at Victor’s Cafe (the residential dining hall in Ondine).

We look forward to meeting you at Orientation and in September. Congratulations on making the choice to join Roads to Success – you have taken an important step toward your future academic and college success! Please feel free to email the program coordinator directly should you have any additional questions.

Liane O’Banion, Assistant Director on behalf of the 2015 Roads to Success Team

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