



*Education for Individual and Social Responsibility*

New Students:

Welcome to the Olivet College community. Your decision to join this college and our community of learners is one of the most important decisions you'll make. We're glad you made it and are eager to have you join us. We're confident both you and our community will be the better for it.

The Olivet College motto, *Education for Individual and Social Responsibility*, is a phrase that describes both the core values we hold as well as what we believe is the ultimate aim of education here at Olivet. We join this college community because we believe that students need to develop the knowledge and skills to successfully enter the workforce or graduate school and then to go on to have highly successful careers. And, I'm pleased to say there are many many alumni who have done so. However, we also believe that as wonderful as this is, it does not represent the measure of ultimate success. We also believe that with educational, professional, and economic success comes responsibility, responsibility for both oneself and for the betterment of the greater community in which we live. As with our academic studies, this is an area where continuous exploration, examination, reflection, and practice all work together to develop our ability to make a positive difference in our communities and in ourselves. I'm glad you decided to join us in this effort.

As you progress through orientation and begin your first semester, you'll find that our academic programs are strong and that our faculty are passionate about both their fields of study and their students... and this now means you. With your decision to enter college, you've decided to begin a phase of personal development that requires you to take the lead and responsibility for yourself, personally, intellectually, spiritually, socially, and otherwise. For some, this will be an easy transition and for others more difficult. As with other skills and abilities, this will take some practice, support, and time. My advice: work hard; have fun; find others who do it well and model yourself after them (while still being yourself); and ask for help and support. Be self-directed, yet don't be hesitant to seek guidance and support. Your faculty, the rest of the staff and I, and your fellow students are all here to help you be successful.

Again, I'm pleased that you've decided to join our college community. I look forward to getting to know you.

Best wishes,

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President

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