May 23, 2012

Dear LEAP students and parents,

Once again, I congratulate you on being accepted into the Saint Leo University LEAP program for summer 2012. Let me remind you that the program will begin when you join fellow new students and parents for summer orientation on Saturday, July 14th. If you require early arrival or move-in, please make certain that you confirm availability with the Office of Residence Life prior to making any arrangements as we want to make certain that the campus community is prepared for your arrival. In addition, please be aware that if you arrive early, courtesy transportation will not be available. Please check with Mr. Sean Van Guilder, Associate Director of Residence Life, at 352/588-8268 if you have any questions.

Previously, a letter was directed to each of you, outlining the LEAP program and persons to contact for information. If you failed to receive that letter, please feel free to contact our office by phone or email and we can send you a hard copy or attach one to an email: heather.deronde@saintleo.edu. Phone: 352/588-8497

Today, I want to share with you the plans and expectations we have for you during and after the LEAP program. When you arrive at Saint Leo on Saturday, July 14th, you may check-in at Marmion-Snyder Hall where you will receive your room key and room assignment. You will also receive your Saint Leo University ID and laptop. Please be advised that LEAP students do not have to take an English placement exam. LEAP students do need to take a Math placement exam prior to arriving on campus for the LEAP program.

At 3:00 p.m. we will hold a mandatory LEAP Orientation. There you will receive a packet of LEAP specific information to serve you throughout the weekend, as well as your first day of class Monday, July 16th, through your final day of class, Friday, August 10th. At that time you will meet your LEAP faculty, staff, RAs, and tutors, receive syllabi for your classes, and learn about academic and residence rules and expectations. In addition, you will receive general information about your first semester at Saint Leo University as a LEAP student. For example, when you complete the LEAP program with a “C” grade or better in each class, you will already be pre-registered for fall semester classes and assigned an academic advisor in your designated program of study.
In your first semester and beyond at Saint Leo University, no-cost tutoring will be available to you in all academic subject areas, and your summer RAs, as well as most of your summer LEAP tutors will be available to mentor you through academic or personal challenges. Further, mandatory learning labs will be scheduled for you throughout the first semester. The 90 minute, once weekly meetings will allow you to share concerns, ask questions, address academic issues, and keep you on course for your success at SLU throughout the 2012-2013 school year. Further, in November of your first semester, you will join the University community in a variety of service projects across campus and in our local neighborhoods. Saint Leo University Community Day gives new students a chance to fully engage our Benedictine tradition and core values while getting to know each other and the community; all the while working hard and having fun.

Finally, two copies of the LEAP Program Expectations are included with this letter. Please take the time to read this regulation and policy document very carefully, sign and date one copy and return in the enclosed postage paid envelope. If a LEAP student is less than 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must sign as well. Please keep the other copy for your personal records. A student health history and an immunization form are also enclosed. If you have not already done so, please complete these forms and return prior to your arrival on campus.

Hard work and having fun will be key ingredients to the LEAP program and your first semester at Saint Leo University and beyond. Please know that our entire University community is committed to assisting you find just the right balance of hard work and fun so that you may realize your full success and potential as a student and an individual. I look forward to meeting and working with you soon. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Heather DeRonde
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