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Dear Blair First-Year and Transfer Students,

Welcome to Blair and Vanderbilt University! We all look forward to working with you this summer as you prepare for the fall semester.

We are sending this first note to both your Vanderbilt and personal email addresses so that we are sure you receive this important information. However, any correspondence after this **will only come to your Vanderbilt email address**. Remember to check it daily; it's a good habit to get into, since you will also need to check your VU mail daily after you arrive on campus. **Vanderbilt email will be our primary method of communicating with you, both now and throughout your undergraduate career at Vanderbilt.**

The first important deadline to remember is for **immunization**. Please complete all immunization requirements so that your paperwork can be processed in time for you to register starting June 10. Complete information is at: www.vumc.org/student-health/information-new-students.

[The Blair website](#) is the source for information about course registration, ensembles, degree requirements, transfer credit, etc. Be sure to explore every link! One of the most important things you can do is **thoroughly read the [Blair Student Handbook](#)**, which is available on the website. This guide will answer many of your questions both now and during all your student years at Vanderbilt. In addition, the [Undergraduate Catalog](#), which contains official degree requirements and academic policies, is available online in YES, and the [Enrollment Bulletin](#) is an excellent source of academic, registration, financial, and other important information.

Professor Amy Jarman, the Head of Academic Advising for Blair, will assist you in the course registration process. She may be reached at amy.jarman@vanderbilt.edu (or 615-322-7684). **Advising begins Monday, June 3; course registration is June 10-28.** After you have thoroughly read the handbook and additional information on the Blair website, you should log into **YES** to choose courses and place them in your cart. All Blair students will enroll in music core courses, including Syntax of Music, Musicianship I, Music as Global Culture, performance class for your instrument, recital attendance, ensemble(s), Keyboard Harmony, Technology for Musicians, and performance instruction. Each student will also select a course or courses in the liberal arts, depending on their major and their other academic interests. Please note that your enrollment in MUTH 2100, *The Syntax of Music*, will be based on your theory placement exam. Professor Jarman will let you know which section to choose as you register (Accelerated/Regular). Please refer to the *Blair Student Handbook* for a sample curriculum plan for your specific major.

While course registration will be open through June 28, if you are planning to pursue the pre-med track or a second major in a science, you should plan to enroll the first week. Please contact Professor Jarman the week of June 3 so you can plan your schedule appropriately. Some lab courses conflict with Blair classes; enrolling early is important for finding lab classes that fit your schedule.

If you have AP credit, you are responsible for having your official scores from the SAT and/or the ACT sent to Vanderbilt by the testing agency. Official score reports are required to receive credit. For complete information, see <https://admissions.vanderbilt.edu/academics/ap-ib.php> and the *Undergraduate Catalog*.

Once you arrive on campus in August, you will be assigned an academic adviser who will work with you to plan your studies. Your studio instructor will be another significant resource for discussing your academic goals. Until then, it is our pleasure to help you with the course registration period in June and answer any additional questions you may have. Professor Jarman is your primary contact, and Rachel Hobbs in the Blair Office of Academic Services (rachel.hobbs@vanderbilt.edu, or 615-322-7655) is also available to answer questions about registration issues, AP credits, and other registrar-related matters.

Each of you will be assigned a locker in the Blair building. The locker is large enough to hold the instrument and materials for your major performance area. Additional items will need to be stored in your residential space. We will send a locker agreement to you in early August. If it is signed and returned to us before you arrive, your locker information and key will be ready for you on Saturday afternoon, August 17, during the Blair Dean's welcome. Otherwise, you will receive your locker key on August 19 or later, after you sign the agreement upon arrival on campus.

Information about ensembles is also on the Blair website, in addition to the *Blair Student Handbook*. Please pay careful attention to the dress requirements for large choral and instrumental ensembles, on p. 61 of the handbook. **You must bring appropriate concert attire in August**, because the first ensemble concerts occur early in the semester.

You will soon receive information about our SEGUE program. Each of you will be mentored by an experienced Blair student who will communicate with you this summer and will help you during orientation in August. Be sure to check your **Vanderbilt email** for their messages.

I look forward to meeting all of you in August. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. Have a fabulous and relaxing summer!

Best wishes,



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