July 5, 2016

Dear Students in the Entering Class of 2020,

Congratulations on your admission to Brown and on becoming a Sidney E. Frank Scholar! We are thrilled that you have chosen to attend Brown, and we are eager to welcome you to campus.

As a member of the twelfth class of Sidney Frank Scholars, you are part of a remarkable group of talented and accomplished Brown students with records of high achievement inside and outside the classroom. The Sidney Frank Scholarship program recognizes your hard work, your determination, and your noteworthy record of accomplishment. It also represents a promise on our part to provide you with a network of advisors that will help you realize your academic and personal goals.

Brown’s Advising Team will communicate with you throughout the summer about your course registration, your advisor, and your Orientation program. We have planned Orientation to help you acclimate to Brown’s distinctive living and learning community and to help you connect with your classmates. We will also host a series of events and programs just for you, beginning with the Sidney Frank Welcoming Reception (with class photos) in mid September. Current Sidney Frank Scholars will be on hand to greet you, along with deans and directors who can provide you with an introduction to the array of academic programs and co-curricular opportunities at Brown awaiting you.

You will hear more about these programs from Dean Maitrayee Bhattacharyya during the summer. Maitrayee is the dean for the Sidney E. Frank Scholars program. She and I encourage you to contact her if you have specific questions over the summer or wish to discuss your academic plans.

Meanwhile, we look forward to meeting you when you arrive on campus. Until then, please accept our congratulations on your achievement and our very best wishes for a restful and thoughtful summer.

Yours,

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