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Dear New Students!

My name is Dean Lombard, and I serve the College of Environmental Science and Forestry as the Dean of Students. On behalf of my colleagues in the Division of Student Affairs and across campus, I am thrilled to formally welcome you to ESF! ESF is a small, like-minded community dedicated to Improving Our World. When I ask students, faculty, and staff to describe the ESF community, the words I hear most frequently are supportive, unique, caring, dedicated, passionate, and committed, among many others. Welcome to this special group – we are glad you're joining us!

You likely chose ESF because you know you will get an excellent education here. You will take classes from outstanding faculty members who are highly regarded in their fields. We have very high academic standards for our students, but I can assure you that if we didn't think you could handle them, you wouldn't be here. Understand these expectations through our Academic Integrity Policy, your professors through your course syllabi, and the ESF Student Handbook.

You might be wondering what a Dean of Students does. I have oversight for many of the out-of-classroom programs, services, and resources available to you as an ESF student. As an online student through the Open Academy, these areas include career services, academic support and coaching, student support, and engagement opportunities, just to name a few. Don't be afraid to seek out help when you need it. That's what we are here for.

I represent a team of hard working, extremely competent professionals in our Division who are committed to our mission: to *advance individual student learning, well-being, and success by intentionally designing involvement and engagement opportunities to promote contributions to the College community and greater society.*

We do this by planning programs and service projects, by helping you prepare for your internship and job searches, by coordinating tutoring programs, by assisting you with any challenges you may face, and by helping you to get connected and involved. You will learn more about our offices and other offices at the College during this your Online Orientation.

We are busy finalizing our plans in time for classes to begin in just a few short weeks. I hope you are looking as forward to that day as we are. Enjoy the remainder of your summer. We look forward to assisting with your successful transition to ESF.

Please don't hesitate to contact me or any of my colleagues in the Division of Student Affairs if we can help you moving forward. You can reach us via email at students@esf.edu or aelombard@esf.edu or by calling 315-470-6660.

Best wishes for a great semester!

Regards,

Dean Lombard

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