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Dear New USF Student:

Congratulations on your admission to the University of San Francisco! This is an exciting time for you. I would like to invite you to apply for a unique USF program – the Foreword Summer Bridge Program. Foreword takes place two weeks prior to school starting, and is designed to provide a challenging and rewarding experience to a select group of incoming first year students by helping you learn what it takes to succeed in college. We want to assist you in setting high academic expectations for yourself, to help you build learning skills, and to enhance your understanding of how best to maximize your strengths. We realize that you may have unique challenges and needs, and the Program is here to help you during the first year.

During the program, you'll be taking courses in writing, math, contemporary issues in multiculturalism, and information literacy. You'll also participate in workshop about learning styles, USF resources, and time management to name a few. While Foreword classes are held on Monday through Friday, 8:00am through early afternoon, there will be plenty of time to participate in group meetings, discussion groups, hands-on learning exercises and a variety of on- and off-campus activities. You will receive 2 units of elective course credit for successful completion of this summer program.

Current USF students will be your Peer Mentors and will work closely with you. Peer Mentors are a wonderful resource -- they've been in your shoes and can really help you develop the skills and confidence needed to ensure future success.

The program begins on Sunday, August 7, 2011 and ends after graduation Friday, August 19, 2011. You must completely commit to the Foreword Program during this time -- the program is, in effect, your "full time" job for these two weeks. The daily schedule begins in the morning and, on most days, continues through the evening hours. Required activities are also scheduled over the weekend (August 13-14). We have reserved space on-campus for you to live in a University residence hall for the duration of the program. If you'll be living on campus in the Fall, you will remain in your assigned Foreword rooms. Food is also included.

If you are interested in applying to Foreword, go online and submit your application via our website: www.usfca.edu/foreword. You must submit it online to us and pay your non-refundable application \$100 program fee by Wednesday, June 15, 2011. We accept applications on a rolling basis, so get your application in early! Applications received after the date will be considered on a space available basis. Space is limited, so please be sure to turn in your applications on time to be considered for the program.



Foreword Summer Bridge Program

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Please note – if you are interested in Foreword, please complete the USF Rooms application. Once completed, you will see Roommate Selection. *Please do not participate in Roommate Selection process.* You will be paired with a fellow Foreword participant by the Foreword Summer Bridge Program staff. This individual will be your roommate for the remainder of the school year.

If you have questions or would like to talk with someone about the Foreword Program, please contact me at (415) 422-6841 or via email: lobo@usfca.edu. We are very much looking forward to greeting you on campus when you join us in August!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Charlene P. Lobo Soriano', is centered below the text 'Sincerely,'.

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