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## HOPE COLLEGE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE Tuesday Tidings!

September 6, 2011

Hello, Hope College.

I hope your first week of classes has gone well and you're beginning to feel at home--academically and personally.

**Want to do your best in your classes?** Take advantage of [supplemental and tutoring help](#)--there's a wide array--and most of it is FREE (because your tuition dollars have paid for it). Help with writing and researching....with math....with biology, chemistry, physics, engineering, computer science....with foreign languages--you'll find it all (and more) [here](#).

Professors are also wonderful resources--check out the back page of the trifold about academic advising your advisor gave you at the first meeting of FYS during orientation weekend. There you can read some ideas for making the most of meeting with your professors. You and your family probably chose Hope so you could get to know your professors--now is a great time to meet with them.

Hope has many resources to help you do your best work--please take advantage of them.

**Have questions? Want to know more about general education requirements, grade reports, majors, forms, or other advising issues?** [Connections](#) is an on-line guide for you and your families about advising issues of all sorts.

Connections are what advising at Hope College focuses on--we want to connect you with resources like supplemental help and professors; like off-campus study opportunities; like internships; like anything or anyone who can help you become the person you intend to become.

The [Connections](#) handbook is a great resource of information--probably not something you want to read in one sitting (unless you're having trouble sleeping), but rather something you'll want to dip into and consult if you have a question (there's an index in the back...and a table of contents in the front).

**Wednesday, September 7 is the last day to drop or to add full semester classes.** If you want to change classes, it makes sense to speak with your professor and your advisor (to ensure that the change is appropriate). To make changes, you'll need permission of the professors whose classes you want to drop and to add (e-mail permission or signature on a drop/add slip). Drop/add slips are available in the [Registrar's Office](#), first floor of the DeWitt Center. The Registrar's Office is open from 8 till 5.

Staff in the Registrar's Office are happy to help you--stop in.

**Adjusting:** Any time we begin something new, adjustments are necessary. For most new-to-college students, time management is a challenge. Your day at Hope College is probably less structured than what you experienced in high school. And most students find that reading and studying demands are higher than in high school.

The Academic Support Center has an on-line [semester planning calendar](#) you can use to help you organize your time effectively and to help you see in advance when multiple assignments, tests, and papers are due in the same week. Staff in the Academic Support Center can also meet with you to discuss time management, study skills, note taking, test taking, and other academic issues--check the [supplemental help link](#) for details.

And the adjustments you're experiencing are personal, not just academic. You may find this [information about making the transition](#) to college helpful--it comes from the University of Illinois, my alma mater. There are links to other resources as well.

Please keep in touch with questions or concerns. Working with students is the best part of my job!

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