To: All New Freshmen and Transfer Students

From: Jim McLaughlin
Director, Campus Center, Student Activities, and New Student Orientation

RE: New Student Orientation

Greetings to all prospective new students,

We are pleased to announce that your application to WPI has been successfully received. Your acceptance letter will be issued shortly, and you will receive further details about the admission process.

This letter serves as a formal notification that you are officially accepted into the WPI community. We welcome you to the WPI family and look forward to your arrival in the fall.

Best regards,

Jim McLaughlin
Director, Campus Center, Student Activities, and New Student Orientation

WPI Admissions
Bringing Computers to Campus
Students are not required to bring a personal computer with them to campus as there are extensive computer lab facilities available for use. However, many students find it convenient to use their own personal computer to complete their coursework. Software is accessible both in the computer labs and over the campus network.

There are many benefits to bringing a computer to campus and attaching it to either our high-speed residential network (ResNet) or our convenient wireless network, but connecting via either method can raise some questions. To make this process easier, the Computing & Communications Center (CCC) has compiled a list of the most frequently asked questions (FAQ). Students planning to bring a computer to campus should check out this useful information by visiting http://www.wpi.edu/Admin/IT/Help/welcomefaq.html.

For information about recommended systems, computer labs and computing information, visit the Computing & Communications Center (CCC) web pages at www.wpi.edu/~CCC. For answers to specific questions regarding computing at WPI, please contact the CCC Helpdesk by emailing helpdesk@wpi.edu or calling (508) 831-5888.

WPI Campus ID Card
It is essential that you obtain your WPI ID Card as soon as possible upon arrival for Orientation on Sunday, August 24th. After leaving Harrington Auditorium, you should proceed across the Quad to the Access Grid Room, in Morgan Hall, first floor, to obtain your card. They will be open from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Your WPI ID Card is necessary for Residence Hall Access, Dining, Mailroom and Library. If you live near WPI and would like to obtain your WPI ID prior to Orientation, you may do so beginning Monday, August 4th through Wednesday, August 20th, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM in the Administrative Services Offices in Founders Hall, Lower Level. Obtaining your ID Card before Orientation will mean there will be one less thing to do, on what will be a very busy day on Sunday, August 24th.

Health Care and Immunization Information
You should have received health and immunization forms in a previous mailing. If you have not received these forms, or have questions regarding these forms, please contact the Health Center at (508) 831-5526. Please remember if you are not in compliance with Massachusetts Immunization Laws, you may not be able to register for class. The forms are available on the Web at www.wpi.edu/Admin/Health.

Health Insurance
Massachusetts requires that all college students have health insurance with a minimum of $25,000 medical coverage. WPI strongly recommends that you go beyond this minimum, with a medical policy that will cover any major illness and injuries. Additional information will be mailed with your WPI billing statement.

New Student Record
The 2008 New Student Record is sponsored by WPI’s Interfraternity (IFC) and Panhellenic Councils and contains information about the WPI Greek Community, in addition to photographs of your classmates in the Class of 2012. Herff-Jones, publisher of the New Student Record, has sent information under separate cover about including your picture in the book and purchasing your copy of the Record. IFC and Panhellenic will distribute these purchased copies at the beginning of Term A. Most students find this a great way to meet their fellow classmates; we therefore encourage all new students to participate by sending a photo, even if you do not wish to purchase a book.

Academic Information and Resources
First-year students who are not able to attend one of the "Great Beginnings" Advising Open Houses will find all the information they need to select their courses in "Designs: First Steps in Creating Your Academic Experience at WPI" and is available at www.wpi.edu/~Designs. If you need help, please contact the Office of Academic Advising at (508) 831-5381. Please be sure to register for your courses by the deadline of June 27th. Options for course selections will be limited for those students who do not register for their classes by the June 27th deadline. Transfer students should be in direct contact with the Office of Academic Advising for individual scheduling of courses (the “Designs” information is for first-year students only).

When beginning your academic career at WPI, you may want to take advantage of the Baldridge Reading Program. All new students will receive registration information from the Office of Academic Advising for this program.

Baldridge Reading Program
For more than 20 years, WPI has contracted with Baldridge Reading and Study Skills, Inc. to provide a program that helps students improve their reading comprehension, retention, speed and concentration. The program is optional and should be
considered by those students who feel their reading skills need improvement. Students use the reading material from their current WPI courses. A follow-up program in November is included. Students register directly with Baldridge. Contact the Office of Academic Advising for more details.

**Students with Disabilities**
Incoming students who have a disability and who wish to receive disability related accommodations should fill out the bottom portion of the Voluntary Disclosure form that can be found in the NSO package. This form should be sent, along with supporting documentation, to: Student Disabilities Service Coordinator. For more information, visit www.wpi.edu/Admin/Disabilities, or you may also contact JoAnn Van Dyke, Student Disabilities Service Coordinator at (508) 831-5235.

**WPI Mail Services (Located in the Campus Center, Lower Level)**
Mailboxes are assigned to all new WPI students upon registration and are used all four years. New students will need to log onto the Web Information System to get their mailbox numbers and combinations at registrar.wpi.edu, click on Web Information System, type in their ID number and their pin number, click on student services and financial aid, and then click campus mailbox information. Packages or mail delivered prior to New Student Orientation may be picked up Sunday, August 24th between 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM, with student ID, or during regular mailroom hours, which are Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM.

To ease the process of sending and receiving mail once you are here, use the following format as your address (encourage those writing to you to use this same format):

Your Name (as it appears on your WPI ID)
WPI – Box # (your mailbox number)
100 Institute Road Worcester, MA 01609-2280

**Varsity Sports**
Varsity Sports are an important component of campus life; however, all new students are expected to attend and participate in New Student Orientation. If you have been invited to fall preseason practices, or are interested in participating in a fall varsity sport, you need to contact the head coach in advance of your arrival to review your commitments for practice and for NSO activities. WPI's varsity coaches support and understand the importance of your attendance at Orientation for your academic success.

**The WPI Pep Band**
Welcome, incoming freshmen, to the WPI Pep Band (Plus Color Guard)! Visit our website www.wpi.edu/~pepb band. The WPI Pep Band is a completely student-run organization that, in addition to supporting our home teams at nearly all home football and basketball games, also performs a marching halftime show during football season alongside our Color Guard. To help prepare the show, we will be holding a band camp on August 20-23, starting three days before New Student Orientation. If you would like to perform in the Color Guard or march with us, we will need you to let us know by FRIDAY, August 1st, at the latest, as we will need to secure permission for you to move in early. To join, simply send an email to pepori@wpi.edu with your name, instrument, and student ID number and we'll be sure to keep you up to date on the fun!

**Parking on Campus**
All students with motor vehicles at the University must register with Campus Police within the first 2-weeks of A-Term. Decals will be available for purchase in the Campus Center Mid-Century Room on the following dates and times:

**August 27th – 29th** - 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

After the above dates, decals will be available between 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM at the WPI Police Department 26 Boynton St. Lower Level.

**Decal costs:**
- **All Undergraduate & Graduate Students at WPI only:** $75.00
- **Campus and Gateway:** $100.00
- **Gateway Only:** $50.00
- **East Hall Garage:** $350.00
Freshmen living in residence halls will not be permitted to park their vehicle on campus unless extenuating circumstances exist. If so, you should contact Campus Police in writing before arriving on campus (Chief Cheryl Martunas, Campus Police, WPI, 100 Institute Road, Worcester, MA 01609-2247).

Commuting students living outside a one-mile radius of the University may bring a motor vehicle to college and will be permitted to park on campus upon the completion of the registration process.

Please note: Registration of a vehicle is not complete until the University parking registration insignia is permanently affixed to the vehicle.

Out-Of-State Vehicles
Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c.90 § 3, as amended by chapter 46 of the acts of 2003. This form must be completed by every nonresident enrolled as a full time student at a school or college in the Commonwealth who operates a motor vehicle in Massachusetts that is registered in another state or country during any period beginning on September 1st of any year, and ending on August 31 of the following year. This applies to students commuting from out-of-state to a school in Massachusetts and students temporarily residing in Massachusetts. The school will issue the required decal, which must be affixed to the uppermost center portion of the windshield. The penalty for a nonresident’s failure to comply as required is up to $200.00.

Selecting a Bank
WPI will have a new TD Banknorth full service automated teller machine which will be located in the WPI Campus Center in August 2008. We anticipate that an additional TD Banknorth ATM will be installed outdoors on the lower campus area in the near future. Here is a list of other banks in the area, some within walking distance of WPI. For your convenience, several of the banks listed will have representatives on campus during Orientation on Sunday, August 24th. At that time you will be able to open checking accounts, saving accounts, etc. For further information, call the numbers listed below.

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Orientation Web-based Information
For more information on the New Student Orientation program and schedule of activities, visit this site: www.wpi.edu/"NSO. The detailed four-day Orientation program schedule will be on the website in July. There are also workshops throughout the day for parents at Orientation. Parents should plan to stay at WPI until the end of the evening barbecue at approximately 5:30 PM on Sunday.

Reminder Checklist
- Return Health and immunization forms to WPI Health Center
- Return Course Selection Sheet to Office of Academic Advising
- Return New Student Record photo and/or order form to Herff-Jones
- Locate my Social Security Card or birth certificate copy for potential on-campus employment. (If you plan to work on campus, you must bring one of these items with you to be eligible to work on campus.)
- Register for optional Baldridge Reading Program
- Check out the Admitted Students web page at http://www.admissions.wpi.edu/Admissions/congrats.html
  The password is: wpi2008.
The following student organizations requested the announcements below be sent to all new students.

**WPI Comedy Productions**

Do comedy at WPI! A surprising fact is that we have three comedy groups at WPI despite being a tech school. Whether you're interested in laughing or making other people laugh, you should watch us perform during NSO and meet us at the activities fair. Until then you can check out our website http://comedy.wpi.edu/.

**WPI Greek Life**

Congratulations! You've made the great decision to come to WPI. Get the most out of your college experience...GO GREEK.

Greek life has been active on our campus since 1891 and WPI has some of the best fraternities and sororities nationwide. Through Greek life you have the opportunity to give back to the community, show school spirit, build a great networking bond with alumni all over the country, and most importantly, build life-long friendships. We will be having an information session during your freshmen orientation; come find out what being Greek is all about.

Formal recruitment starts in B-term this fall, don't miss out!

See you then,
Dan Szewczyk
Interfraternity Council President
Sigma Alpha Epsilon

**WPI Hellenic Student Association**

Come experience Hellenic culture, tradition, and dance. Come feel what it is to be Greek! For more information, please visit www.hellenictradition.com or contact Andrew Tsitsilanos at tsitsa@wpi.edu.

Have a facebook? Check out our group: The Odysseans. There you can find pictures and videos from our performances, as well as information on upcoming events.

**WPI PEP Band**

The WPI Pep Band is a student-run organization that plays in the stands at all home football and basketball games. The band, complemented by a color guard, also performs a full marching halftime show during the football season. No marching experience is required to join. If interested, please e-mail pepoff@wpi.edu before August 1 to learn more, and be sure to check out our website at http://www.wpi.edu/~pepband.

**WPI Social Dance Club**

Social Dance Club is a large, widely varied group of people on campus who socialize through dance. We come together for lessons, socials, and large events focusing on various styles of dance including salsa, swing, and tango. Tuesday nights between 7:00pm and 12:00pm, our dancers can be found on the Campus Center stage for Tuesday Socials where everyone takes a break from the craziness of the week to chill with friends and dance for a few hours. We also host lessons for beginners on Sunday afternoons, and offer gym credit for interested participants.

Be sure to check out Latin Dance Party on August 29th at 7:00 pm in Alden Hall where we will have Cuban salsa lessons. Come learn a new dance, or maybe a new twist on an old favorite—no experience or partner required! For more information about Social Dance Club email sdc@wpi.edu.