March, 2008

Dear Member of the Class of 2012:

Congratulations on your acceptance to Worcester Polytechnic Institute’s Class of 2012. The Student Life staff is pleased to officially welcome you to our community and looks forward to your participation in the August New Student Orientation program which begins on Sunday, August 24, 2008. We think you’ll enjoy our Orientation program, which uses upper-class students as orientation leaders which we refer to as Community Advisors. The Community Advisors, along with the faculty members, will work with you as peer academic advisors during A and B term through the Insight program. You will also receive valuable additional support as a new student from your Resident Assistant. You will receive another letter from Connie Peppes, Director of First Year Advising in late April regarding course selection and some new academic programs available at WPI.

We believe it is important that you feel comfortable with WPI before arrival on campus. Therefore, please find enclosed much of the information you need to know about coming to our campus. This material will be followed by other mailings that provide specific information regarding our campus community, and in particular, the August New Student Orientation program. Within this packet, please find the following materials:

- WPI Dining Services Brochure
- Housing Request Form
- Housing and Food Service Contract
- WPI Health Examination Letter
- Disability Services Letter
- Information regarding the new “Living Math and Science” Experience

If any of these forms are missing, please contact Kim Wykes in the Campus Center Administrative Office at (508) 831-6806 so that we may send appropriate replacements.

As a new member of the WPI community, it is mandatory that you attend the August Orientation Program set to begin on Sunday, August 24th. Please plan to arrive on campus between 9:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M.. After your arrival, you will meet your Community Advisor, one of the many individuals whom you will interact with upon your initial arrival on campus. If you are a transfer student, you will receive a special mailing later this summer; however, please plan on joining us for the whole program!

The Campus Center Office, along with many other offices, are working to develop an orientation program that emphasizes academic success, co-curricular involvement, and campus community. Your involvement in these major components of student life is essential to prepare you to be successful in our community. We look forward to helping you succeed in your academic and social endeavors at WPI. We will send an additional reminder letter to you about New Student Orientation in June.

Sincerely,

James McLaughlin
Director, Campus Center and Student Activities

Enclosures