June 25, 2020

Dear New Student of the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University,

Greetings from JST! I hope you are doing well.

I enjoyed seeing some of you on the webinar last Friday, June 19. For those of you who could not attend, you may view the recording, available at this link. We began by introducing some JST-SCU staff members, and Interim Dean Alison Benders provided further updates about online learning in the fall semester. I provided an overview of Orientation, and Sarah Brockmeyer addressed the visa application process for new F-1 and J-1 visa students.  We concluded with a "Q and A" (Question and Answer) session.

Please see the following updates on Orientation, some of which request action on your part:

1*) Fill out the Time Zone Survey*:  In order to facilitate class sessions and meetings with students in locations throughout the world, we need to know the time zone where you will be located in the fall semester, from September through mid-December. Please fill out the Time Zone survey at this link by next Thursday, July 2.

2) *Technology Requirements*:  The attached document outlines the technology requirements for online coursework at JST.  Please review these requirements and be sure that you are properly equipped with the technology that you will need to engage in online learning.

3) *Santa Clara University eCampus online portal:* The SCU eCampus portal will serve as your central online hub where you will be able to register for courses, view your student account, pay your tuition and fees, check your grades, and access other information. When you confirmed your intent to enroll, you should have received your eCampus user ID and the initial, temporary password, which will only work for a limited time. If you have not done so already, please log-in and update this to a permanent password that you will remember. At the top right hand corner of the home screen, you will see three dots.  Click there, and then click on "Manage Password." (*We recommend that you begin now to keep track of the various passwords that you will create to access the different platforms that you will need as a JST student.*)  By late next week, you will have full access to all the various sections (or "tiles") in eCampus. I will send further information about this next week.

4) *Campus e-mail account in google (scu.edu)*: By late next week, you will be issued an SCU e-mail account in google, in the scu.edu domain.  I will send further instructions next week about accessing this account.  All school communications will go through this account, so it will be very important for you to access your e-mail regularly.

5) *Orientation page*: Please see the Orientation Fall 2020 page for updates about Orientation.  We have begun posting communications to new students, and we will continue to update this page as new information is sent out.

We look forward to further interaction with you as we enter into the Orientation process. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact me at pkircher@scu.edu, or Mary Beth Lamb, Senior Administrative Assistant for Student Life and Formation, at melamb@scu.edu.

Blessings as you prepare for study at JST,
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