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Friends—

Things are about to change here in the First-Year Program...after 11 years I'm making a run for it! The west coast is calling my name and beginning in February I'll be relocating to Washington state. I hope you can attend the reception on the 22nd, as I wish to see all your faces before I go. It has been a fantastic experience working with all these unique courses and individuals, and I know they will continue to flourish with your love and dedication to the program.

Thank you all for making my time here so very special.

— Sarah Miller
Assistant Director for Student Administration
First-Year Program

From the Director

As you know by now, the First-Year Program's longtime Assistant Director for Student Administration, Sarah Miller, is leaving us to relocate to Washington state. A native of Southern California, Sarah moved to Chicago in August 2001. In October 2004, she began working at DePaul as Program Manager for the Office of the First-Year Program and Bridge Program until June 2006, when she transitioned into her current job. In the 11.5 years she has worked here, she has enrolled more than 25,000 first-year students and answered many of the questions they and their parents had about starting at DePaul. The hundreds of faculty, staff, and students who have taught Chicago Quarter and Focal Point Seminar learned to rely on Sarah to get

things done, find the answers, make it work. To do this effectively, she maintained communication with hundreds of people in offices all around the university. She will be missed by many. You are invited to come celebrate and say farewell at a reception in Sarah's honor on Friday, Jan. 22, from 3-5 p.m. in the First-Year Program lobby in Munroe Hall. Light refreshments will be served.

I hope you've had a good start to 2016. The annual Chicago deep freeze has been setting in, but so have our Winter Quarter Focal Point Seminars. If you are teaching one, I hope it's going well. We'll have a chance to get together and talk about the classes at our quarterly Faculty Chat, which is on Friday, Feb. 12, from 10:30-noon in Richardson Li-

brary 400. Hope to see you there.

If you are planning to submit a Focal Point Seminar proposal, the annual deadline is Feb. 1. Information and forms can be found at go.depaul.edu/fyp.

And if you wish to teach your Chicago Quarter or Focal Point Seminar again next academic year, let your department or program chair know this month. If your teaching for us is not through one of those, please contact Mike Edwards or myself.

Finally, I have a couple notes to share with you below.

Have a wonderful quarter and stay warm.

—Doug Long

Dear DePaul Colleagues,

Given your work with DePaul first year students who are actively discerning and envisioning their future academic and work careers, I wanted to be sure you knew that author/researcher Dr. Tim Clydesdale will be coming to DePaul on **Friday, February 19th, 9:00-10:30 a.m. in Room 120 of the Lincoln Park Student Center** to discuss with us the results and insights from his latest book, *The Purposeful Graduate: Why Colleges Must Talk to Students about Vocation*. The program is made possible by a Vincentian Endowment Fund grant.

Dr. Clydesdale is coming to DePaul in support of the new Vincentian Values and Vision (V3) initiative at DePaul, which is focused on encouraging wider student and institutional engagement (faculty, staff, alumni) around "purpose exploration" consistent with our Vincentian mission. In November 2015, DePaul was one of 20 institutions awarded a Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE) Program Development Grant of \$50,000 to implement this V3 initiative.

As we work to imagine and implement the Vincentian Values and Vision (V3) initiative at DePaul, we anticipate that we will gain a wealth of knowledge and counsel from Dr. Clydesdale, who is a (if not *the*) leading expert on the implementation of these types of purpose/vocation-oriented programs on college campuses nationally.

Please [RSVP here](#) and please let me know if you have any questions or would like to know more about the V3 initiative.

Mark Laboe, AVP of University Ministry

Greetings Focal Point professors,

Would you consider allowing ASK (Alumni Sharing Knowledge) information in your classroom?

Connecting with freshmen—We are excited to share our program with freshmen. Fewer than 5% of freshmen use the ASK program. Yet, here is how we are here for you:

- Provide you with more resources for your classroom
- Connect with volunteer alumni sharing your area of interest
- Better understand your student areas of interest

Do you have 10-15 minutes of class time to share? Thank you for considering allowing us to share this remarkable resource to your students.

Leslie Chamberlain,
Associate Director, Alumni Career Services
& ASK (Alumni Sharing Knowledge)
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Important Dates!

Friday, Jan. 22	Sarah Miller Reception, 3-5 p.m., Munroe Hall FYP Lobby
Monday, Feb. 1	Proposals for new Focal Point Seminars
Friday, Feb. 12	Faculty Chat, 10:30 a.m., Richardson Library 400
Friday, May 27	Chicago Quarter Best Practices, Student Center 120