Welcome! I am pleased that you have chosen to attend Wesleyan and look forward to working with you as your class dean over the next four years.

Wesleyan will challenge you to make important choices and assume personal responsibilities that will influence your educational and co-curricular goals. By leaning into your curiosity, working hard, understanding the expectations of your professors, exercising good time management and study skills, and being unafraid to ask for help, you will put yourself in a position of strength from the start. As your class dean and part of your advising network, I am here to support you in this process and help you take full advantage of the resources that will facilitate your success at Wesleyan.

Your engagement with life at Wesleyan as a pre-matriculated student begins in early June when you will receive your email account information and access to WesPortal. There are various tasks that you will need to complete in preparation for the fall semester, including information related to housing, course registration, arrival day, and orientation activities. To ensure a smooth transition into the Wesleyan community, it is important that you pay attention to the deadlines throughout the summer. You will continue to receive weekly, summer emails and blog posts to provide you with vital information, resources, and reminders to help you prepare for the fall.

Wesleyan is offering students in the Class of 2026 the opportunity to take a course remotely from home over the summer before matriculating in the University this fall. The summer course curriculum includes four small writing-intensive First-Year Seminars (FYS). All incoming students are encouraged to complete one FYS within their first year at Wesleyan. The course registration process will be open from Thursday, June 9 through Monday, June 20. Every student who submits course preferences during this time period will have an equal chance of getting scheduled into a class. Students will be notified of their final course schedule by Monday, June 27.

Each year we select a common reading for all incoming students. This year’s common reading is a book titled Guardians of the Trees by Dr. Kinari Webb. You will receive details about how to access your free copy of the book early this summer. You should finish this reading and upload your written response via your WesPortal before you arrive on campus so that you are prepared to discuss it with your new classmates and faculty.

New Student Orientation begins on Wednesday, August 31. You are expected to be an active participant in all the activities throughout the summer and the start of the fall semester, which include faculty advisor meetings, academic and campus life workshops, and an array of residential life programs and social activities. Many orientation activities will provide you
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with genuine opportunities to establish relationships with people that may last a lifetime!
This orientation is designed to familiarize you with the Wesleyan community—what you can
expect from us and what we expect from you—and to prepare you for the academic and
personal challenges and joys of your undergraduate career. Information will be available and
continually updated at http://www.wesleyan.edu/orientation/.

To this date, your academic achievements, co-curricular accomplishments, many talents, and
hard work have brought you to Wesleyan. I invite you now to continue on this trajectory and
to engage with the myriad learning opportunities that Wesleyan offers both inside and
outside the classroom. Get ready for an amazing four years!

Sincerely,

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