Hearty Maine Hello! In just a few weeks we will be welcoming you to campus as you move into your residence hall. In preparation for your arrival to campus we want to give you an overview of the logistics for your move-in day, some steps you can take to prepare for moving in, and what to expect from us when you arrive to campus. Please read this letter thoroughly, and plan to bring this packet of information with you to campus on August 28th.

1. Before packing please read our list of recommended items for residence hall living, as well as the list of items that we do not allow in the halls for safety reasons. This information can be found at umaine.edu/fye/mainehello/newstudents/.

2. Mark all bags, boxes, and suitcases with your last name, and residence hall name and room number (i.e. “Smith Oxford 120”). As volunteers assist you in unloading items from your car, this will help assure that all belongings go to the correct room.

3. The map provided within details your assigned route to campus (A, B, or C). It is imperative that you follow the correct route as we close and redirect many campus roads, thus making re-routing misdirected traffic difficult.

4. If you are coming to campus early in order to handle other university business (to purchase books, pick up your MaineCard, etc.) please follow Route A into campus, follow signs to the Memorial Union, and park in the CCA or Belgrade parking lot. After completing your business, and once your assigned move-in time slot has begun, exit and re-enter campus via your assigned route.

5. If you are bringing more than one vehicle to campus, please make sure that the driver in the first vehicle has the information in this packet. Please let traffic personnel know that you have more than one vehicle so they can be kept together.

6. As you approach your assigned building you may be redirected into a nearby staging area to wait for a space at your building to unload. Staff members in these parking lots will verify your housing assignment to ensure that you are in the correct location and may be able to answer questions while you wait. We will also have snacks and water!

7. Once you arrive at your building we ask that a driver stay with each vehicle at all times. As soon as each vehicle is unloaded, we will ask for the vehicle to move so that we can continue to unload vehicles in an efficient manner. The driver will be directed to park in the CCA or Belgrade lot and walk back to the residence hall.

8. If you are arriving on your own, or you will not have a family member with you who can stay with the car while you are checking in, please speak with a staff member in a yellow shirt outside at your residence hall. This person will walk you to the front desk and allow you to go to the front of the line in order to expedite your check-in process.

9. As the student, you should go directly to the front desk of your building and get in line to check in. As you wait, volunteers will begin to unload your vehicle(s) and will take your stuff up to your room and leave it outside the door. You will need a photo ID in order to check in. *Please note that due to a limited number of volunteers, move-in assistance will only be available at the following halls: Somerset, Oxford, Knox, Androscoggin, Cumberland, Gannett, Penobscot, Colvin, and Balentine.

10. If your family will be arriving on campus without you (you will be on a school trip, at practice, etc.) you will need to work with your trip leader or coach to determine what time you can plan to meet your family. Your family will not be able to check into or access your residence hall room without you present, as it is a liability to allow anyone except the person whose name is on the housing contract into the room.

11. Please note that pets are not allowed in the residence halls. We are also a smoke-free, tobacco-free campus. We ask that you please abide by all campus policies while visiting us.

If you have any questions or concerns leading up to Maine Hello, please feel free to call the First Year Center at 207.581.1420 or to email us at mainehello@maine.edu.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you soon! Kelly Beers, Assistant Director for Residence Life