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Welcome to the second Sage News email for the Accelerated MBA Class of 2010. This message has some new information – which will be highlighted at the top – and will repeat information from our prior note for your reference.

Please read each of these messages very carefully and contact us immediately at NewStudents@johnson.cornell.edu if anything is unclear.

Also remember that our New Students Website is a great resource as you prepare to join us in Ithaca; access it often as we will be continuously updating items as new information is available. We also have a Facebook group for both the AMBA and 2 year programs. Additionally, our outgoing AMBA class has created their own Yahoo Group to share information with the incoming AMBA class – that group is entitled Amba2010_Cornell_Johnson.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Ithaca very soon. Keep in touch over the next two weeks and let us know if you need anything!

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Career Management
If you can accomplish career management some pre-work prior to your arrival, you’ll lighten your already very full task list. Career Focus must be a priority. We know that many MBA’s come to business school looking to make a career shift -- whether radical or minor. Because the program moves at an extremely fast pace, getting focused quickly will give you an advantage. Two blog posts from MBA students at Kellogg help illustrate what many MBA’s experience as they search out a career.

Here’s a checklist of some of the tasks to get started on prior to arriving on May 18.

☐ Reaffirm your career goals:
   Take a career self-assessment ‘test’ designed for MBAs. We will use this assessment as we begin working with you during the first week of your program.
   
   Website: CareerLeader
   User name: please contact the Career Management Center at 607-255-4888
   Password: please contact the Career Management Center at 607-255-4888
   Note: servers are case sensitive

☐ Take a stab at putting your resume into MBA Format:
   Use our Resume Template to help you with layout and formatting.
Read through the Career Planning sections of the New Students Website: Before you get to Sage and are busy with courses and other activities it is a great time to start researching careers and industries that interest you. You should also start networking on and gathering contacts that you will build on when you start the program and your official job search.

Interested in Consulting? See CaseQuestions.com (on the left under case questions), an interactive site that allows you to individually learn about and practice case interviews. A 2008 MBA graduate used this tool to help improve her interview skills prior to her McKinsey interview. She got the offer and is joining McKinsey in the fall. The site will help you prepare for all aspects of your consulting career pursuit.

Leadership@Johnson
As part of your MBA program, you are scheduled to participate in the Johnson School’s Leadership Orientation beginning on May 18, 2009. This year, our Leadership Orientation program will focus on three themes: Leadership and Presentation Effectiveness, Self-Knowledge and Team Effectiveness, and Leading with Emotional Intelligence.

You must complete one online survey instrument – the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) – before you arrive at the Johnson School, and you will be asked during your first week at Johnson to complete additional instruments that focus on emotional intelligence. The instructions for completing the MBTI are outlined below and more detail is attached. You must complete the MBTI by Friday, May 15, 2009.

Myers Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI)
Go to: http://online.cpp-db.com
Your initial, temporary login information will be:
Login: please contact Nancy Bell at (607) 255-6637
Password: please contact Nancy Bell at (607) 255-6637
User ID: leave blank on first login
(Please note: the login and password are case-sensitive, all lowercase )

Once you have logged in, follow the instructions provided on the SkillsOne CPP Website. If you have any questions about this assessment, please contact Nancy Bell at (607) 255-6637 or nch5@cornell.edu.

Financial Aid and Bursar Information
Financial Aid
US Citizens and Permanent Residents, if you have not done so, it’s not too late to apply for summer and/or academic year student loans. Visit our website for information and procedures at http://www.johnson.cornell.edu/newstudents/finaid_loans.html

Federal Subsidized/Unsubsidized and Grad PLUS Master Promissory Note (MPN):
For students accepting the Federal Direct Loan that was outlined in their award notification and have applied for Grad PLUS, an online entrance counseling session and MPN will need to be completed. An email with instructions on how to complete these two steps was previously emailed to you. Your loan(s) will not be credited to your tuition bill until the entrance counseling session is complete and MPN(s) are signed.

International Students who are interested in our new no-cosigner loan program will receive a separate email in the coming weeks with the application instructions. This new loan program will allow our international students to borrow up to the cost of tuition less any scholarship received. You still have the option to borrow up to the cost of education with a credit worthy US or permanent resident co-signer. A co-signer loan may carry a lower interest rate.

If you are receiving summer aid (loans and scholarships), credits will appear on your account beginning May 18th! Some students may have financial aid in excess of the summer charges (tuition, health insurance, parking, etc). If you have applied for aid greater than the summer charges you will receive a refund for the difference. Once all summer aid has been credited to your account any credit balance will be refunded beginning early June. These checks will be available at the University Bursar Office, 260 Day Hall or you may sign up for direct deposit by visiting the bursar website at http://www.bursar.cornell.edu/Direct_Deposit_for_Student_Refunds.cfm
**Bursar**

Your summer tuition bill will include your summer tuition charge of $27,700 plus your fee for summer student health insurance* of $504.67. Summer payment is due by June 9, 2009. Cornell uses an online E-bill system to bill tuition and you will need your 7 digit Cornell ID number and Net ID to use the system. If you do not have this information and wish to review and pay your bill you can contact the University’s Bursar office directly about your bill.

* All enrolling students are required to have health insurance. The University automatically enrolls students in their Student Health Insurance Program unless you appeal and present proof of alternate health coverage. Information about appealing and the Appeal Application is attached to this email.

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**Enrollment Forms**

There are several required and optional forms to complete as part of your enrollment at the Johnson School and Cornell University. The following are forms that you will access online through the Cornell Bound Forms for new students. As your Cornell NetID is still in process you may complete these forms by following the instructions to create an account within the forms website.

**Required Forms:**
- **Student ID Form** This card identifies you as a current member of the Cornell community and is used in libraries, dining units and for access to facilities on campus, including rooms within Sage Hall. This form will require you to upload a digital photo of yourself for your ID card.
- **Bursar Disclosure Statement**
- **Health History Form** Due June 12, 2009

**Optional Forms:**
- **Commuter & Parking Services 2009-2010:** To learn more about the commuting alternatives available to you please visit: [www.commuting.cornell.edu](http://www.commuting.cornell.edu).

Note: this form is set up to order passes for the academic year beginning in the fall semester through August 31 of the following year. You may purchase commuting and parking options that will be valid during the summer portion of your program: May 18, 2009 through August 21, 2009.

To make purchases for the summer, please use the existing Commuter and Parking Services form at the New Students website and simply include a note in the 'Additional Information' section at the end of the form (you may cut and paste the following):

- I am a student in the Accelerated MBA program and require transit or parking options valid during the summer portion of the program.
- I am requesting the following commuting option: (state your request)
- My Ithaca summer address will be: (include your summer address)

We will contact you for a payment method, if necessary, and mail your transportation option to your summer address. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Jordan, Senior Customer Service Representative, by telephone at (607) 255-7601 or e-mail, [hjj3@cornell.edu](mailto:hjj3@cornell.edu).

You may also make arrangements in person at the Commuter and Parking Services office at 116 Maple Avenue. Their office hours are Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. during the summer.

- **Other Forms:** Request for Disability Services and Accommodations, Cornell Fitness Centers Members Enrollment, Cornell United Religious Work, Cornellcard Application

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**Spouses and Partners**

Welcome to the partners and families of incoming Johnson School students! We have a way for the partners and families of Johnson School students who will be in the Ithaca area over the summer to connect. The goal is to provide social activities for partners of current students and to help incoming partners and families with the transition to life in Ithaca. There are no membership fees or dues of any kind for this summer group (you'll learn more about joining Joint Ventures a bit later.) It is open to all partners and families of Johnson School students. Just go to [http://groups.google.com/group/summer-ventures](http://groups.google.com/group/summer-ventures) and enter your information (name, email address, etc.) to sign up.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mary Harkness at [mhmharkness@gmail.com](mailto:mhmharkness@gmail.com)
Important Dates and Summer Schedule Overview

Monday, May 18: Registration starts at 8:30 a.m., the day continues with Orientation activities, your first classes in Statistics and a Welcome BBQ for students, their families, faculty and staff at 5 p.m. at Willard Straight Hall on Cornell’s campus
Friday, August 7: Last exam of the Summer
Saturday, August 8 – Wednesday, August 19: AMBA Break
Thursday, August 20 – Saturday, August 22: Johnson Outdoor Experience – offsite retreat for MBA Class of 2011 with AMBA students serving as facilitators alongside the Class of 2010
Monday, August 24: AMBA CMC Programming and Core Courses begin
Thursday, August 27: Fall semester elective courses begin

Your summer will be very intense, with classes meeting for most of the day, 4 days a week – generally the core courses run on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from about 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a lunch break. Weekends are also busy with preparation for the coming week and in at least one instance, exams. At present, we do know that there will be midterm examinations in Accounting and Economics over the weekend of June 6 and 7, so please plan your calendars accordingly. Additionally, an out of town trip to New York City for company visits and career networking is planned for Thursday and Friday, July 16 and 17.

While the schedule is packed we believe that the Accelerated MBA summer is a great time to get to know your classmates, and enjoy Ithaca in one of its best seasons! A draft of the complete summer schedule will be circulated in the coming weeks as programs and events are confirmed. If you have a particular concern about the schedule, please contact us.

Academic Preparation

Statistics
Your first class will be the week-long Statistics course which assumes prior experience with the topic and is therefore taught as a refresher. You will need to purchase the textbook, *Statistics for Business and Economics, 10th edition*, by Anderson, Sweeney and Williams, South-Western division of Thompson Learning (ISBN 978-0-324-36068-4) and begin completing a self-study of the topics and exercises described in the Pre-arrival schedule on the course website. Again, statistics will be taught as a refresher, not as an introduction so it is important that you complete the Pre-arrival work to be fully prepared for the course.

Quantitative Skills: Online MBA Math Course
To help develop the quantitative skills you will need throughout the core curriculum we strongly encourage all incoming students to complete the online course, MBA Math. Recognizing that the AMBA program will start very soon we would recommend prioritizing the Accounting and Economics sections of MBAMath as those will be your first core courses after the week-long Statistics course. (Note: The “Marginal Analysis II” section under “Economics” is optional.)

Additionally, you will continue to have access to MBAMath throughout the fall and spring for additional work in these areas.

Please note if you just deposited this week – after last Friday, April 10th, your account is not yet activated. We will activate these accounts by this Monday the 20th.

To access MBA Math:

*The Johnson School has paid for your subscription, so do not register again as an individual.* Using the links in this email, go to the homepage and click the 'Existing User Sign In' link at the top right. Then sign in with the user name and password as follows:

**Username:** your full email address (this will be the email that was "on file" with the Johnson School at the time you paid your deposit)

**Password:** please call Jenny Ruhanen at 607-254-5446
Other Summer Core Courses
Your summer will consist of 6 more core courses: Accounting, Economics, Finance, Strategy, Marketing, and M&LO. A listing of the required and optional textbooks for each of these courses is found on the Accelerated MBA Core Books page on the New Students Website.

Technology Skills
At the Johnson School, students rely heavily on strong computer skills, particularly with MS Office applications including Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook. If you need to improve your skills in these programs, we have provided access to computer based training in these programs called SkillSoft. Instructions for accessing this training are found on the Computer Skill Recommendations page on the New Students Website.

Housing
It is important that you search for and secure housing and get settled as soon as possible. The New Students Website’s Housing page will provide you with a number of resources to aid in your search.

Some notes and tips as you search for housing:

The Accelerated MBA program is scheduled to begin on Monday, May 18th, so you should be looking for housing that is available as close to that date as possible – namely leases scheduled to start on/around May 15.

If an apartment you are interested in is not listed with a May 15 start we suggest that you inquire with the landlord regarding the ability to move in early on a June 1 lease. Many leases will be advertised with a June 1 start, but there may be flexibility depending on when the current tenant will move out. If the current tenant is not a graduating student, they may be moving out prior to Cornell’s commencement weekend (May 23-24, 2009).

There are some apartment complexes in town that are not as reliant on student leaseholders as others and therefore may have more availability at the time you need it. One example are the complexes advertised at: www.ithaca-apartments.com (their complexes include NorthWood and WarrenWood).

There may also be some availability within on-campus graduate student housing; if you are interested in pursuing those options please contact Cornell’s graduate housing program.

Good luck and please let us know if there’s anything we can do to help you with your search.

Purchases of Computers and Other Tools
An English, Windows-based laptop computer is required for the MBA program at the Johnson School. There is extensive information about system requirements and recommended features on the Computer Requirements page on the New Students Website.

You will also need a calculator that can perform common financial functions. An HP 10b or HP 12c is recommended, but other calculators with similar functions can be used.

Your Cornell NetID
Over the course of the next few weeks Cornell Information Technology will send out, via a hard copy letter, your Cornell NetID and activation code. This will come in a standard business envelope with the return address of The Johnson School at Cornell University. Your Cornell NetID will enable you to access various Cornell technology services before and after you arrive on campus. The letter will provide instructions, and you will also be directed to a website for instructions to activate your NetID, and to access the various services. So please keep an eye out for your Net ID letter!