Dear Student:

On behalf of everyone in the Dodge College of Film and Media Arts, I am delighted to welcome you to our creative Television Writing & Production community for fall 2016. We look forward to getting to know you—to learning about your talents, interests and passions—during your time at Chapman.

**First classes:** We suggest that you enroll in one or more of the following as space is available; if classes are full, you can enroll in the spring semester:

- SW 227 Fundamentals of Screenwriting
- FTV-130, section 05, 09 or 10 (Introduction to Visual Storytelling)

One of the following:

- TWP 114/114L Introduction to Television Production: Studio and Lab, *or*:
- TWP 116 Introduction to Television Production: Location

**Meet the Major:** We look forward to seeing you at our “major meeting” during Orientation week. We will meet in Marion Knott Studios (rooms will be listed in the Orientation program). At that time please be prepared to introduce yourself to the group and bring any questions you might have. The faculty will be on hand to get acquainted and to discuss pathways for success within the major.

**Registration/advising:** You should already have received information regarding pre-registration and advisement for new students. Advising is available online or you can set up an appointment with Dodge College advisor, Joe Barrett at jbarrett@chapman.edu or through the Advising Center at 714-744-7959. See [http://www.chapman.edu/students/new-students/](http://www.chapman.edu/students/new-students/) for advising and registration details. You will be assigned a Dodge College Faculty Advisor and will receive further information on this soon.

**Get involved:** We hope you will get involved in our many activities as soon as you get to campus with groups such as the Prime Time TV Club, which offers a variety of speakers and activities that will help you make professional connections and expand your education outside of the classroom as well help you get to know other students in the major. Information on these activities will be sent to you each week in the Dodge College email newsletter, *The Slate.*

**Immerse yourself in your discipline:** Take advantage of the summer months to explore your chosen field of study. Watch the latest, most buzzed about series on the networks or Netflix. Rent some of the classic series that you may have missed (*Cheers, Friends, The Wire,* whatever suits your tastes). Take a look online to see what web series are trending and how they work, or don’t work. Check out some of our students’ work on the Dodge College site at [http://www.chapman.edu/dodge/showcase/index.aspx](http://www.chapman.edu/dodge/showcase/index.aspx).

Should you have any questions regarding any aspect of your enrollment in Dodge College, please give us at mediaarts@chapman.edu. Also, please continue to check your Chapman email account as we will send all future communication via email. Have a great summer. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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