



SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
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Dear Parents and Families,

Greetings from the Medford/Somerville campus, where we're off to a soggy start this summer. For the past month, students working in faculty labs, completing summer courses, and conducting independent research have had to trade in their afternoon lunches on the President's lawn for umbrellas and rain boots. We were treated to a beautiful sunny day on May 21, thankfully – one worthy of Commencement – and are hoping to see a return to sunnier weather sometime soon. I hope you and your family are beginning to enjoy the first days of summer, rainy or otherwise.

Summer at Tufts is a time to prepare and look forward after celebrating the special accomplishments of the graduating class. The members of our incoming class have already received their official Tufts email addresses and have considered Pre-Orientation programs. Many of them have also completed the Housing and Advising surveys due later this month, and we know they're beginning to anticipate all the good times, intellectual challenges, and growth opportunities coming their way. I'm lucky to be a primary resource for all first-year students in the School of Arts & Sciences and School of Engineering at Tufts, which means I get to be a part of their exciting transition to collegiate life. This stage might seem like a distant memory to our rising seniors! But for me, working with incoming students is the best part of each summer. Welcoming their parents and families is also one of the best parts of my role at Tufts. We in the Dean of Student Affairs Office are looking forward to welcoming our Class of 2021 parents and families.

One of our key departments at Tufts for first-year students is the [Office of Residential Life & Learning](#), which provides comprehensive resources for co-curricular engagement. First-year students connect with a variety of opportunities and supports for the first time through our [professional staff](#) in Residential Life, and they take many of their first steps with the help of our [student staff members](#). I want to highlight, too, that the Office of Residential Life & Learning is a point of connection for second-year and upper-class students as well, as is the [Dean of Student Affairs Office](#) at Tufts. We believe that your student's education extends beyond the

classroom, and both our professional and student staffs are committed to advancing their intellectual, social, and personal growth throughout their time on the hill. We also serve as a resource for parents and families. As your student moves through their Tufts career, I'd encourage you to connect with Residential Life via reslife@tufts.edu and the Dean of Student Affairs Office via deanofstudentaffairs@ase.tufts.edu. We would be happy to discuss ways to support your student's engagement at the University and can help suggest a variety of programs, leadership opportunities, and supports.

I'm looking forward to welcoming your student back to Tufts this September. I hope you and your family enjoy a restful summer.

Very best - and hoping you have plenty of sunshine,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris R.", written in a cursive style.

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