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Dear Class of 2020,

On behalf of the College Writing Program (CWP), we would like to add our welcome to the many you have probably received since you arrived on campus. The purpose of this document is to provide a brief introduction to CWP as well as information about where on campus you can turn for help with writing.

CWP was founded in 1987 for the purpose of supporting writing on campus. The program is staffed by writing associates (WAs), students from all majors who are trained to help their peers with writing. WAs are not editors or proofreaders, but fellow students who are very good at coaching writing-in-progress. They are skillful readers who ask thoughtful questions aimed at helping writers discover their intentions and improve their writing. WAs are assigned to individual courses across the curriculum, and they also staff Drop-in Hours Sunday through Thursday from 4-9pm in Pardee 319.

Each of your FYS sections has a WA, who will meet with you 4 times during the semester to discuss your writing. Your FYS professor will tell you more about your WA and about how writing conferences will work. There will also be a 4th-hour colloquia series for first-year students that addresses a range of topics in academic writing. Your FYS professor may recommend or require your attendance at one or more events in this series. Locations and times will be announced over email and posted on the online College Calendar.

For help with writing in courses other than your FYS, you can visit Drop-in Hours. WAs provide support on all types of writing (including new media) and at any stage of the writing process. Individual conferences last approximately 30 minutes. No appointment is necessary. Just bring your writing and the original assignment to Pardee 319, and a WA will be happy to meet with you.

For more information about CWP, please visit our website: cwp.lafayette.edu. You are also welcome to email any of us at the addresses listed below.

Sincerely,

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