Dear Student:

Welcome and congratulations on your acceptance to Shippensburg University! We are excited that you will be one of the newest members of our campus community. While the transition from high school to college can be challenging, with hard work, commitment, and dedication, we are confident you can be successful. You will soon come to learn that there is so much to offer at Ship if you take advantage of the resources available to you.

As a confirmed student, and to ease your transition into Shippensburg, you are invited to participate in one of our two Jump Start Programs. This is a unique opportunity for a limited number of students to get a head start on their college requirements. These programs are open to all students and all majors especially students who are undeclared or whom will face demanding academic schedules for graduation. The two programs are described below.

**Program Opportunity One: 5 week-long program in Shippensburg, PA**

Program runs from July 10th through August 11th, 2011

By participating in our program, you will be able to:
- Get a head start on your academic career by earning six (6) credits by taking two (2) college classes
- Familiarize yourself with the Shippensburg University campus, policies, and resources
- Explore majors and careers before your first semester
- Attend voluntary weekly college success seminars
- Declare your intended major

**Program Opportunity Two: 4 week-long program in Wallops Island, VA**

Program runs from June 27th through July 22nd, 2011.

This is a 4 week program offered by Shippensburg University and taught at the Marine Science Consortium located on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. During this experience, you will have the opportunity to take 2 college courses that count towards your general education requirements. The program also offers a series of College Success Seminars to help you succeed in college. If you select this option, the two courses you will be taking include: Introduction to Ecology and Introduction to Literature with an emphasis on environmental literature. Please go to the website to learn more about the Marine Science Consortium, [http://msconsortium.org](http://msconsortium.org) and check out the Shippensburg Jump Start website as listed below.

All participants in the Jump Start Program will be responsible for paying associated tuition, room & board, and fees for either program. Approximate cost is $3,000. It is possible to utilize financial aid to participate, however you will need to complete the FAFSA and all appropriate documentation. For more information on costs and FAFSA, please visit [www.ship.edu/student_accounts](http://www.ship.edu/student_accounts) and [www.ship.edu/financial_aid](http://www.ship.edu/financial_aid).

Although the Jump Start Program is completely voluntary, we hope you will consider it and take advantage of the opportunity. If you still have questions about the program please visit our website, [www.ship.edu/JumpStart](http://www.ship.edu/JumpStart) or contact us. Since space is limited, please respond to this offer within the next three weeks by filling out the Jump Start Enrollment Agreement. Students will be enrolled based on available space.

Once the program is full, additional students will be placed on a waiting list. Best wishes to you for a successful collegiate experience and we sincerely hope you will be joining us for the Jump Start Program.

Sincerely,

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