



Welcome

TO THE TUFTS COMMUNITY

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

WELCOME BACK to campus and to the new academic year—and a special welcome to the Class of 2010 and to our new transfer and exchange students!

It is the students, faculty, and staff at Tufts who make this university the special place it is. We start as a collection of individuals, proud of the diversity of backgrounds, experiences, and opinions we bring to this community. Learning from one another is as much a part of the Tufts experience as what we will hear in classrooms and on the playing fields. How each of us experiences being here will be defined in large part by the ways we interact with one another.

We are a community made up of individuals from every state and more than one hundred countries. We are diverse not only in our racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds and our gender and sexual orientation, but also in our values and political beliefs. We will not always agree with one another—that is the proof that we have achieved diversity. It is almost certain that at times each of us will feel wounded or hurt by something that another has said or done. No rules can prevent this. We would not be an interesting campus if we all held similar opinions about everything—or if we were not willing to engage in conversation with others whose views we find hard to understand.

You should anticipate stimulating and sometimes controversial dialogue about issues important to you. You should also anticipate that you may be shocked when another student voices an opinion radically different from yours. We should cherish the opportunity to be learning in a place where controversial expression is embraced. Ultimately, we rely on all of you, as citizens of Tufts, to understand the need for mutual respect, for patience, and for civility. When you have concerns, voice them to one another. When you need help in addressing concerns, please do not hesitate to consult your faculty and administrators. Together, we will try to achieve greater understanding and to enrich the experience for all Tufts students.

Celebrate Tufts. Be fully engaged in your course work, but also in the activities of the community. Get out there and get to know your classmates, particularly those who aren't just like you. They will be your lifelong friends; the friends with whom you will party at your graduation and at alumni reunions; and they will be your career network. You may even find someone with whom you will want to spend the rest of your life.

Welcome to Tufts—or, welcome back to Tufts. In either case, I look forward to the time we have together to make 2006–2007 an enjoyable and rewarding year.

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