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MEMORANDUM

TO : HIGHER EDUCATION UNIT
RE : START OF NEW SCHOOL YEAR 2025-26

Welcome to the 2025–2026 School Year!

Our college-level classes will begin on **Monday, August 4**. In keeping with our Jesuit tradition, we invite faculty to use this opening week for “*schola brevis*” activities. This time may be used to introduce course outlines, review academic expectations, and discuss key policies such as grading, attendance, and academic integrity.

As is customary, we anticipate additional student enrollments and schedule adjustments during the first week. Changes to course offerings, instructor assignments, and classroom locations may also occur.

We kindly ask that **Deans and Department Chairs** ensure all courses are properly staffed and assigned to appropriate classrooms to help minimize disruptions. While some early-semester confusion is expected due to ongoing enrollments and facility renovations, let us work collaboratively to ensure a smooth and welcoming start for our students.

As we begin this new academic year, let us reaffirm our commitment to forming future leaders grounded in Ignatian values. Thank you for your continued support, adaptability, and dedication to our shared mission.

Blessings to all for a fruitful and inspiring year ahead!

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