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START fans!

Welcome to the Winter series of START update emails. You'll get three messages as we work through our three winter sessions with updates on students, details to note, and other important information. Read on for more!

Winter Overall notes and reminders:

- We offer two in-person dates and one virtual session for winter. You can find out more by clicking the link below.
- Our [internal winter/spring page](#) with information is updated as we move through the season. Our [summer/fall page](#) is also being updated as we firm up plans for next summer.
- The in-person sessions for term orientations are slightly condensed from summer, using the “register for classes during the START day” model. You can find the [full schedule here](#).
- One glitch we uncovered today was that the **ALEKS assessment** to-do list wasn't populating for incoming winter students in their Beaver Basecamp. While we're working on getting that addressed with our EMIT partners, you may encounter a higher number than usual of students who have not completed the assessment.

Winter Virtual START #1 began today, December 8, 2024 and will conclude December 12, 2024 as students transition to their colleges for advising and registration from December 12th through 14th. For this virtual session, we're welcoming:

- **108 students**, 46 of whom are transfer and post-bacc students and 64 of whom are first-year students (mostly freshmen with less than 24 credits).
- From **9 of our 11 academic colleges**, with no one currently signed up with an Education or CEOAS major, while Honors and UESP have only one student each.
- 22 of these students plan to participate in the degree partnership program and 3 have been connected with the military and veterans support folks.
- **48 of these students** will be incoming international students, nearly half of this session!

Summer updates:

In order to be transparent about our “off-season” work, I've added a section to the bottom of the summer/fall page that lists what we've considered and decided, what we're currently working on, as well as the planned updates for next summer's START. This is one way you can see the impact of the feedback you've provided on our planning and gain clarity on when you might hear about a decision under consideration.

Thanks for being START supporters and I'll email again just before our December 15th session.

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