Hello Moving to MTV FIG member! My name is Elaine Miller and I am going to be your FIG Assistant (FA). I am a junior here at the UO majoring in Psychology. I am part of the Duck Corps volunteer group here on campus, I study American Sign Language, and I am a member of the National Society for Leadership and Success and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. I have played clarinet for twelve years and played piano for five and regularly take part in recreational jam sessions!

Your College Connections (MUS 199) professor Mike Grose plays the tuba! He was the principal tubist for the Savannah Symphony and is the current one for the Eugene Symphony. Professor Grose was a tubist with the Civic Orchestra of Chicago and the Illinois Philharmonic. He is a very accomplished chamber musician! He has been teaching FIGs for about ten years now, so we are in good hands!

Our FIG consists of three classes. In MUS 125 Understanding Music, taught by Professor Sean Wagoner, we will be presented with the basic elements of music with an emphasis on the historical style periods of Western art music and the development of popular music. In DAN 251 Looking at Dance, taught by Professor Shannon Mockli, we will get an overview of dance as a cultural and aesthetic experience and examine its meaning and impact on contemporary United States society. In MUS 199 College Connections, we will combine what we’re learning in MUS 125 and DAN 251 and talk more in depth about the ideas behind dance and music. We will have many guest speakers that are experts in their fields, take a field trip to the Hult Center, and much more!

We have a fun summer assignment for you! Here is a link to a 60 minute story called Joy in the Congo. Watch this and e-mail us a few of your thoughts about how it made you feel.
http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=7404678n&tag=cbsnewsMainColumnArea.9

The first week of your UO experience is called “Week of Welcome.” It is going to be a ton of fun! As a FIG we will all meet together Friday, September 21, 2012 in Columbia 150 at 11 a.m. along with a big group of students from other FIGs! After a few brief remarks to the whole group, we will separate in to our individual FIGs and re-locate to meet Professor Grose. Here is a link to take you to a map of campus that will help you be on time!!!
http://www.uoregon.edu/maps

Two days later on Sunday, September 23, 2012 there will be the University Convocation where all students, faculty, staff, and Eugenians are welcomed to the scholarly world of the university. There will be a picnic dinner for students and faculty on a campus lawn afterward. We are going to both the Convocation and picnic dinner together as a FIG!

We are so excited to have a blast this fall term! So we can get to know a little bit more about you, (and get your contact information) email Elaine at: ebm@uoregon.edu. Let us know what your name is, why you’re from, why you chose “Moving to MTV”, what you hope to get out of it, and any questions you have about our FIG or UO!

You are stepping into an exciting world of challenging academia, personal and social growth, and infinite opportunity. We cannot wait to aide you in any way that we can to make this experience here the best it can be!

See you Friday, September 21, 2012 in Columbia 150 at 11am!

Go Ducks!!

Elaine Miller and Professor Grose