Dear FIG Student,

_Bienvienue _à _the University of Oregon!

My name is Naomi Wright and I am your FIG Assistant (FA) for _Vive la France!_ This FIG will introduce you to the exciting world of French culture, as well as the development of French culture through Greco-Roman influence. Don’t worry—no language experience is required!

I am a sophomore from Bend, Oregon studying Theater Arts and Psychology at the University of Oregon. I’ve loved French since my first class when I was twelve, and I had the amazing opportunity to spend a gap year in Senegal, a French speaking country in West Africa. When I’m not rehearsing for a play or studying in the library, I love to cook, go on adventures, practice yoga, and listen to hip-hop or classical music.

All FIGs combine two general education classes with a once-weekly College Connections course. For _Vive la France!_ we will be taking French 150: Cultural Legacies of France, taught by Professor Fabienne Moore, and Humanities 101: Introduction to the Humanities, taught by Professor Mary Jaeger. Additionally, our College Connections class will meet once a week.

Professor Moore will be teaching your College Connections and Cultural Legacies of France courses. A native of Southern France and a scholar of the “quarrel between ancient and modern,” Professor Moore is uniquely qualified to help us understand the connections between ancient works, modern France, and the global impacts of French culture.

As the name implies, the College Connections class will establish overlaps and interplay between FR 150 and HUM 101. Through film, art, and literature we will explore the influences of classical Greek, Roman, and early Jewish and Christian cultures on the history and culture of France and Francophone (French-speaking) countries. It’s amazing to see how a sculpture or story from more than 2,000 years ago is still highly relevant and influences modern culture. You will begin preparing for our explorations of French culture by completing your summer assignment: watch the films, _Midnight in Paris_ and _Vatel_. Please watch them by our first College Connections class.

_Vive la France!_ is a _residential FIG_, so everyone in the FIG will be living in the same residence hall—with moi! This will provide you with unique opportunities to establish connections with other students who have similar interests and will make it easy to participate in activities or outings that are specifically geared to our FIG.

Your first week on campus will be busy! Remember to keep in mind these important events: We’ll have our first meeting for _Vive la France!_ on **Friday, September 21st at 11:00 AM in**
Columbia 150. Make sure you arrive on time, because we aren’t staying at that location. On Sunday, September 23rd, we’ll be going to University Convocation as a group, where the President of the University of Oregon will be speaking. Be sure to keep both events on your calendar, and to bring your Student Handbook (you will receive this at IntroDUCKtion) to class. You will need it throughout the year.

Meanwhile, please send me a short email introducing yourself at naomiw@uoregon.edu. Feel free to email me with any questions you might have regarding me, Professors Moore and Jaeger, Vive la France or the University of Oregon in general. This email address is important so we can reach you over the summer with more news about this coming Fall.

We hope you are enjoying your summer, and we are looking forward to getting to know you this fall!

Warmly,

Naomi Wright and Fabienne Moore

Summer Assignments:

Introduce yourself via email

Watch Midnight in Paris (2011)
Check your local library, video rental store, or Netflix.

Watch Vatel (2000)
Check your local library, video rental store, or Netflix.

***If you are unable to find a copy of either film, please contact Naomi ASAP so that we can find a way for you to complete the Summer Assignments!

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