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Dear Northwestern Student:

As a new arrival at Northwestern, you bring a fresh appreciation of the opportunities and privileges of higher education. Northwestern offers more, and expects more from you, than any other school you may have attended in the past.

To protect the value of your academic record and the education it represents, Northwestern maintains standards of fairness and honor in all academic work. The essence of these standards is a respect for individual achievement and an intolerance of any form of lying, cheating, or theft that threatens to devalue such achievement.

The purpose of this guide is to set forth the terms under which academic work is pursued at Northwestern and throughout the larger intellectual community of which we are members. Please read this booklet carefully, as you will be held responsible for its contents. It describes the ways in which common sense and decency apply to academic conduct. When you applied to Northwestern, you agreed to abide by our principles of academic integrity; these are spelled out on the first three pages. The balance of the booklet provides information that will help you avoid violations, describes procedures followed in cases of alleged violations of the guidelines, and identifies people who can give you further information and counseling within the undergraduate schools. It also includes a non-exhaustive list of sanctions that may result from a violation. For example, beyond the consequences listed, a violation may result in a delay of graduation or a report to a professional school that requests information about your undergraduate academic record.

Each of the undergraduate schools enforces our common principles of academic integrity according to its own procedures. You can find links to the procedures in each school at

<http://www.northwestern.edu/provost/students/integrity/index.html>

We hope that you will find the guidelines in this booklet helpful as you experience the many wonderful opportunities that await you during your career at Northwestern University.

Sincerely,

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