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Dear [REDACTED]

Welcome to the University of Victoria, and to the Faculty of Science.

I am pleased that you have chosen to study science at UVic. Our Faculty is an exciting one in which to learn--much is on offer, from particle physics to marine biology, from climate modeling to the study of sleeping sickness, from pure mathematics to the development of alternate energy sources from waste organic matter. We have one of the very best groups of teachers and researchers in Canada. They will challenge you, but they are also dedicated to helping you learn about the world and to prepare yourself for an important role in it.

As I'm sure you know, when you join UVic, you will become part of a moderate-sized but exceptionally progressive and stimulating community. The flexibility of degree programming in Science will allow you to obtain an education that best suits you. Also, UVic has a history of dedication to cooperative education in the sciences, and should you choose Co-op, you will benefit from one of the most student-oriented, well-resourced programs of its kind anywhere.

There are very good student support services at UVic, including the Advising Centre for Humanities, Science and Social Sciences, which will help you achieve your goals. The First Year Advisor may be contacted at (250) 472-5039 or by email at adva@uvic.ca. Early on in your first year here, I would encourage you to visit Career Services (<http://www.stec.uvic.ca/>). Their staff offer career counseling, mentoring services, labour market information and the like and are there to help you. So too are the helpful employees of UVic's counseling services (<http://www.coun.uvic.ca/>). I'd urge you to drop in and explore what they have on offer once you have arrived on campus.

Again, welcome to Science at UVic, and best wishes in all of your activities here.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Pedersen
Dean of Science