DEAR HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS:

I’d like to thank you for your efforts in helping thousands of high school seniors find their next academic home.

This year was certainly a busy and ever-changing one. Prospective freshmen submitted 51,754 applications for the academic year 2015-16, with an anticipated freshman enrollment of approximately 6,000 students. Though our enrollment target has remained consistent for several years, increased interest and acceptance of our offers of admission have created an over-enrollment trend that we wanted to stop this year. We realize this process may not have yielded the results many students were hoping for, but we do believe we have assembled a student body with broad interests who are also keenly interested in pursuing their educational goals at the University of Michigan.

Be assured that our extensive, holistic admissions review process and your thoughtful input helped us to shape this class. We appreciate your diligence and insights. Your involvement has improved our interaction with prospective students through recruitment programs that allow us to meet the students you’ve counseled and directed our way.

As we begin planning for the fall 2016 recruitment season, we will strive to continue updating you on our strategies, goals and recruitment plans as early as possible. We recognize the important role your encouragement and guidance plays in helping students consider applying to - and ultimately enrolling at - universities like Michigan each year.

Over the years, I’ve met and talked with many of you. We’ve discussed your challenges, your concerns, and the hopes for both your students and the direction of the University. I want you to know that we’ve listened - and the University continues to hone its outreach programs to ensure that no qualified student is overlooked.

Have a wonderful summer.

Go Blue!

Sincerely,

Erica L. Sanders
Interim Director
Office of Undergraduate Admissions

LSA, Engineering offering new Data Science Major

The College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and the College of Engineering are offering a new multidisciplinary Data Science major.

In this current age of “big data,” it’s increasingly important to be able to understand and synthesize the information we receive to make new discoveries that will improve our lives. Combining computer science, mathematics, statistics, and information science, this major will teach students to manage, analyze and interpret data at scale.
SCHOOL OF MUSIC, THEATRE & DANCE

New Dean Recognized for Leadership, Diversity

The School of Music, Theatre & Dance welcomes Aaron Dworkin as its new dean in July. As the founder and president of the world renowned Sphinx Organization, Dworkin is recognized internationally for his leadership and advocacy of diversity in the performing arts. He earned both his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in violin at SMTD, and is a MacArthur Fellow, President Obama’s first appointment to the National Council on the Arts, and Governor Rick Snyder’s appointee to the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

“I am tremendously honored to be joining a community comprising leaders committed to scholarship and artistic excellence,” said Dworkin when his appointment was announced in March. “As we progress into an age that redefines artistic pursuits, I am eager to bring my experience and skill sets to bear as we nurture and empower a diverse student body.”

Learn more about the new dean at: www.music.umich.edu/about/news.php?id=404

ROSS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Ross Undergrads Go Global

The Ross School of Business continues to expand opportunities to study abroad for undergraduate students. Through our Global Initiatives office, students have opportunities to spend a few weeks or a full semester studying in another country, while our summer study/internship programs offer amazing hands-on international experience. Our global practicum courses combine on-campus study with fieldwork abroad during March break – next year, locations may include Chile and Morocco.

SCHOOL OF KINESIOLOGY

Kinesiology Launches Hands-On Learning Courses

The U-M School of Kinesiology is proud to offer two new experiential learning courses this fall in partnership with the U-M Office of Digital Education & Innovation (DEI). Motion Capture, taught by movement science associate professor Melissa Gross, teaches students how to use technology to collect and analyze human movement data - an amazing blend of science and art. Clinical Gait Analysis, taught by movement science assistant professor Deanna Gates, teaches students how to visually assess how patients walk - great for future physicians and physical therapists.

Learn more about these courses at: bit.ly/UMMotionCapture and bit.ly/UMGaitAnalysis.

COLLEGE OF LITERATURE, SCIENCE, AND THE ARTS

LSA Introduces Minors in Law, Justice, and Social Change, and Food and the Environment

LSAs new minor in Law, Justice, and Social Change focuses on the legal and social institutions that exacerbate social inequality, and the ways in which social groups challenge these institutions and produce social change. The Food and Environment minor seeks to address questions of food production, consumption, and policy in relation to the environment, health, and equity. Students will examine food systems and the role they play in global hunger and obesity, analyzing them across disciplines to find sustainable and equitable ways to produce and deliver nutritious food.

LSA Internship Network Continues to Grow

With more than $500,000 in scholarships awarded to facilitate internships for the summer of 2015 and more than 120 student interns placed in 18 different countries, the LSA Internship Program continues to expand opportunities for liberal arts students to gain valuable experience and extend their learning outside of the classroom.

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Nursing Provides Global Learning Experiences

Nursing students have some of the most exciting opportunities on U-M’s campus and internationally. They travel across the Americas and to Africa and Asia for global health experiences. They participate in interdisciplinary, hands-on research with top faculty members and are often part of professional publications. They take leading roles in numerous volunteer programs (Dance Marathon to raise funds for pediatric hospitals, for example), student government, ROTC, and sports (two nursing students won boxing titles in 2015!). Whether they are looking for something extra to further their studies or contribute to the community, Michigan nursing students can find groups that make a large university feel like home.

Nursing students to benefit from new building, added space and technology this fall

Freshman nursing students this fall will be the first to benefit from a newly constructed building featuring active learning classrooms, a technologically rich clinical learning center, skills labs and simulated patient suites. This major project at the School of Nursing was designed with students in mind, with key components orchestrated to foster both collaboration and community. The more than 75,000-square-foot structure on Kingsley Street is located just north of the current UMSN North Ingalls building.