Dear Students,

Congratulations on your acceptance to KGI! As orientation approaches, we would like to take this opportunity to inform you of upcoming updates in the Sakai Student Portal. A new tab will soon be added to your student portal titled, “2019 Summer Ramp-Up”. This tab will allow you to complete the summer academic overview.

**Summer Ramp Up:**
In the “2019 Summer Ramp Up” tab in Sakai you will find resources to help you prepare for the academic year. The Ramp Up includes a series of tutorials and a mandatory series of self-assessments to make sure everyone starts with the same set of basic skills in math, statistics, biology, chemistry, and finance. The purpose of these is to:
- Help you evaluate your strengths and weaknesses in prerequisite material
- Familiarize you with Sakai, a learning tool you will use throughout your time at KGI
- Prepare you for the placement exams during the Academic Prologue
- Give your professors an understanding of class proficiency in certain topic areas

Additionally, you will find self-assessments and resources to support your academic success including study skills, time management, and more. The materials were curated by students to support incoming students, and also includes tutorials for commonly used technology used on campus in addition to a refresher of “need to know” academic content.

**NOTE:** The assessments in the Ramp Up will NOT affect your grades or course placement in any way. However, there will be two assessments during the Academic Prologue, a quantitative skills assessment and a writing assessment. The results will determine your placement into specific courses to improve your skills in those areas. Below is a tentative schedule for Academic Prologue.

**Friday, August 23, 2019**
9:00 am – 12:00 pm Workshops
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm Lunch

**Monday, August 26, 2019**
9:00 am – 11:00 am Writing Placement Exam
11:00 am – 11:15 am Break
11:15 am – 12:30 pm Project Overview
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm Team Building Lunch
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Informational Sessions
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Work in Teams

**Tuesday, August 27, 2019**
9:00 am – 5:00 pm Combination of Workshops/informational sessions & Working in Teams

**Wednesday, August 28, 2019**
9:00 am – 11:00 am  Quantitative Skills Assessment
11:00 am – 5:00 pm  Combination of Workshops & Working in Teams

Thursday, August 29, 2019
9:00 am – 5:00 pm  Professional Development Workshop
Working in Teams

Friday, August 30, 2019
9:00 am – 5:00 pm  Coffee & Refreshments
Professional Headshots *
Project Presentations *
*Dress code: business professional

If you have any questions about Summer Ramp-Up or Academic Prologue please contact us at Jane_Rosenthal@kgi.edu. If you have trouble accessing Sakai or have not been able to set up your student email account please contact helpdesk@kgi.edu.

We hope you are having a terrific summer and look forward to having you on campus for orientation soon!

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