Dear new summer intensive students,

Welcome to the Carey Business School. Here are a few things that we would like to share with you to help you be more successful.

Relationships

If I were you, I would participate in many conversations with my fellow classmates, have more interaction with my instructors from day 1, and be brave to talk to people from different backgrounds.

Good places to visit

At school: Visit the Homewood campus, Peabody Library and the Barnes & Noble bookstore at N. Calvert Street (they sell JHU t-shirts, mugs, pants, etc.).

In Baltimore: Fells Point, Power Plant, Arundel Mills (outlet shopping), Towson, Rockville, and most excitingly, the National Aquarium. Use Yelp (mobile app) to get ratings and directions.

Enjoy your life in the United States! Travel and explore as much as you can. You have to try crab cakes in Baltimore! Also, try the Woodberry Kitchen and RA Sushi; they are great restaurants.

Personal Lessons

One, it is okay to make mistakes. The more mistakes you make, the more experience you gain. No pain, no gain. Two, be brave to push the envelope. Don’t worry; you will know what that means before Summer Intensive is over.

I wish someone would have told me that …

In order to deal with stress, you can go to the gym, watch movies, go to Carey Music Club (CMC) or other Carey clubs’ events, go to EDM concerts, and hang out with your friends. If things are still not that great, don’t hesitate to visit Johns Hopkins Student Assistant Programs (JHSAP), you will see their flyers everywhere on campus.

The Career Development Office people are nice. Talk to them. The topics do not necessary have to be career development related.

Go to Student Success Center (SSC) every week. Once you start your semesters, you’ll realize once per week is far from enough. Therefore, make appointments with SSC as early as possible.

Ok, Done. Good luck! You will get the opportunity to write a similar letter to the next class. Don’t plagiarize. 😊
Dear new summer intensive students,

We are so happy to provide some advice. As we have been at Carey for about 6 months now, we have some tips for you. Baltimore is small but cool. You can enjoy a lot of things around Baltimore. For example, amazing crabs, endless baseball games at Camden Yards, and Fells Point (famous for its nightlife). Rockville is a good neighborhood as well. You can hunt for great Chinese food there when you feel homesick. In Rockville, you can also find KTV.

Carey is a warm place; there are many helpful resources you can make use of. For example, Carey Compass, the Career Development team, the Writing Center, and cozy study rooms for group meetings. Do not forget to join the Carey Music Club or any other club you find interesting! Make good use of these resources to make your stay more successful.

Hope you have a fantastic year here!

Joanna, Eileen, Stella, Katrina, and Ariel
Dear future summer intensive students,

As students from the 2014 summer intensive program, we would like to share some thoughts and make recommendations.

The most important thing about studying in a different country is to step out of your comfort zone and practice speaking whenever possible. Join student organizations to make new friends from different countries and programs. We recommend the Carey Music Club and Innovation Factory. You can also join the culture connection program, where Carey staff and faculty act as cultural ambassadors and invite students to participate in different social activities such as dinner, lunch, tea, coffee, etc.

Baltimore is a beautiful place. If you have safety concerns, we recommend traveling through Uber and Charm City Circulator. There are nice restaurants and bars in Little Italy and Fells Point. Also, you can use all the JHU facilities at Homewood and Peabody.

In terms of school work, there will be a lot of homework and projects, so time management is important. If you are stressed, hanging out with friends or working out at the gym would help a lot.

I wish someone had told me that I should have had more fun during summer intensive ahead of intense school work.

For resources, we recommend Lynda.com, a free online learning website provided to Carey students. Also, American Marketing Association (AMA) is a great resource for marketing students.

Lastly, just have fun and enjoy this one year. It is short, so make every second worth it!

Best,

Jessica, Wanting, Tingting, Jen
Dear friends,

Are you still suffering from the jetlag? Do you miss your families? Here are some useful tips for you to overcome these feelings and we hope you enjoy your time at Carey after reading this letter.

Tips:

1. Free shuttle is available in Baltimore (the shuttle transports students from the Homewood campus to Harbor East and back).
2. Use the Charm City Circulator to explore Baltimore. You can download the mobile app to check the schedule.
3. Living near the Homewood Campus or near Carey would be the most convenient for you.
4. JHU’s gym is great, but you need to pay for it. (It is around $90/ semester.)

Suggestions for good restaurants:

Honey pig, Hunan taste, Wong’s restaurant, Kong Fu Tea, and The Great Wall Supermarket.

Do not go out by yourself after 9:00 pm.

Try to get involved in different competitions such as Venture Capital Investment Competition (VCIC) and National Investment Banking Competition (NIBC). Be on the look-out for other competitions that will provide you with opportunities to apply your learning, solve business problems, practice communication skills, and make friends.

Things to bring: clothes (especially a dark color business suit and business shirts), shoes, stationary.

Welcome and good luck!
Dear 2015 fellows,

First of all, welcome to the Carey Business School!

We would like to share some valuable tips:

Academic life:

1. Work hard.
2. Try to go to every class and be prepared!
3. When you get too stressed, try to go to parties or the gym or even on a road trip. RELAX!

Daily life:

1. If possible, buy a car because it can be handy.
2. If you do not want to buy a car, rent one, we recommend zipcar or enterprise car rental services.
3. Bring your own clothes – especially a dark color business suit! You will be asked to wear business attire often.
4. You will learn how to cook eventually.
5. Baltimore is not dangerous, enjoy the night life!
6. Try “Popeyes.” There are some great Korean food restaurants, check them out!
7. For Chinese food, you can try Hunan Taste in Catonsville.

All right, again, welcome to “the greatest city of America”. Above are some of our personal recommendations, have fun and explore more on your own behalf!

We hope to meet you during the Summer Intensive and answer any questions you might have.
Dear Summer Intensive students,

Greetings! Here are some tips we think might help:

- Call Uber instead of a cab if you do not have a car
- Live with foreigners (forces you to use and practice your speaking)
- Harbor East and Inner Harbor are good places to live. (If you are not sure, you can try a short-term lease.)
- Do not live with too many roommates
- Chat with people in the elevator
- Travel as much as you can
- Try Airbnb when you travel

We hope you find the above suggestions useful. Enjoy your programs here; they are shorter than you think. Take advantage of them. So our instructor is telling us to wrap this letter up! Good luck!!

Ruopeng An, Xi Chen, Tianyu Jiang, Boliang Xue
Dear Summer Intensive students,

Here is our advice for you:

Relationships

- Do not be afraid to talk, get out of your comfort zone
- Join student organizations
- Participate in the culture connection program
- Network with students from other programs and countries

Navigation

- Driver’s license is needed if you plan on owning a car or renting one
- Uber, Charm City Circulator are good to use to get around Baltimore
- JHU library offers a lot of study space
- Carey Compass is the Career Development program for all students – use it!
- Visit Little Italy and Fells Point that are packed with restaurants and bars

Personal Lessons

- Group study is very useful
- Time management is very important
- Work out at the gym

Resources

- Lynda.com (free to Carey students to use for self-guided learning)
- American Marketing Association
- Student Success Center (free tutoring service provided at Harbor East and Washington, DC)

Have fun in Summer Intensive!! We hope to see you all!