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A LOOK BACK...

On September 4th and 5th, 551 volunteers, lead by a staff of 6, welcomed nearly 6000 new students to the University of Alberta campus. The new students came from high school, from other post secondary institutions, or were returning to university after a period of time off. Some were moving into Residence, others were living on their own for the first time, and some were living with their parents and adapting to the new university environment. Despite their differences, all of these students had one thing in common – they were all new to the University of Alberta. The mission of the Orientation program is to create a positive educational and personal experience for new University of Alberta students. The program seeks to successfully aid in the transition of new students into University life and integrate them into the University of Alberta campus and community. With the help of our 551 dedicated volunteers, Orientation 2006 was a huge success.

TO THE NEW STUDENTS WHO ATTENDED ORIENTATION 2006:

By choosing to attend Orientation you have given yourself a great head start to being successful at the University of Alberta. We truly hope that you learned a few things from our presentations, as well as how to navigate the U of A campus and were made aware of all of the services that exist to help you succeed. Most of all, we hope that you had fun, and met a wonderful group of friends. Best of luck in the next year and welcome to the University of Alberta community!

TO THE 551 ORIENTATION VOLUNTEERS:

Orientation would not run in any way, shape, or form without the help of you all! Your dedication and enthusiasm is unparalleled and we cannot thank you enough, but we will try our best!

A THANK YOU TO THE PRESENTERS:

This year's presentations were phenomenal. We would like to thank all of the Presenters and Computer Session Coordinators for their hard work and dedication over the summer months. It's pretty impressive to see the wealth of creativity that can result from a room with thirty-eight talented individuals. Once again, thank you OPs and CSCs for all of your commitment and for making Orientation 2006 a truly spectacular event.

A THANK YOU TO THE PROGRAMS ASSISTANTS:

This year, thirty-one volunteers in wasabi green t-shirts worked hard to make Orientation run without a hitch. These volunteers are none other than the OPAs! These dedicated volunteers ran our information tents, handed out prizes, helped run registrations, and were the stagehands of Orientation. We would like to thank all of the OPAs for their hard work and dedication! We couldn't have done this without you!!

A THANK YOU TO THE MUG & PSEUDO MUG LEADERS:

We would like to thank the My Undergraduate Group Leaders (MUGBusters!) for all of their hard work. Each and every one of them has put in many hours to make this year's MUGs program a huge success! However, their work is not finished yet, as they still have the whole year to inspire and help new students. Thus, we should also thank them for all the work they are about to do, for they are truly amazing volunteers.

We would also like to thank the Pseudo MUG Leaders for the enthusiasm, time and dedication they have given to support the MUGs program during Orientation. Without their extra help, the MUGs program could not be the success it is today.

A THANK YOU TO THE TEAM FACILITATORS:

The Team Facilitators in their infamous pink T-shirts deserve our recognition and thanks for their leadership, enthusiasm, and dedication that they brought to the program over the last 9 months. Together, they comprise the team of volunteers who recruits, selects, and trains all other volunteers; who organizes social activities for all volunteers; who oversees the creation and execution of our presentations; and who oversees the smooth execution of everything that went on both behind-the-scenes and directly with the delegates at Orientation. The TFs are at the heart of this program and we would like to thank them for all that they contributed to it.

A THANK YOU TO THE HIGH SCHOOL AND BTU ORIENTATION LEADERS:

Both the high school and BTU Orientation Leaders play a critical role in the Orientation program. Looking oh-so-stylish in lavender and burgundy respectively this year, both the high school and BTU OLs are the volunteers who work the most closely with the delegates - the most fundamental aspect of Orientation – and this program most certainly could not run without them. These volunteers bring knowledge, experience, and excitement to the program in order to support new students, and we thank them for the role that they played in this year's Orientation.

A THANK YOU TO THE ORIENTATION PHOTOGRAPHERS:

The Orientation Photographers work tirelessly behind-the-scenes to capture the memories of Orientation on film for all volunteers to enjoy. They work hard on a continuous basis to capture the faces of as many volunteers as possible and to put together displays for all to see. We thank them for their efforts and contributions to this year's Orientation.

Have a great year and thanks again!

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