Dear Parents,

Congratulations! It is our pleasure to welcome you and your newly admitted student to the Savannah College of Art and Design.

Helping your child consider his or her future can sometimes feel overwhelming. With so much to prepare in the coming months, it can be difficult to know where to begin. We care about the continued academic success of our international students and realize this is an important time of cultural, social and academic transition. This summer, the International Student Services Office and the SCAD Atlanta Language Studio, which provides international students with English as a Second Language instruction, will offer the unique pre-arrival program called SCAD CAPP — Cultural and Academic Preparation Program (scad.edu/scadcapp).

We would like to extend a special invitation to your student to enroll in this engaging and interactive four-week academic and cultural program for incoming international students whose native language is not English.

SCAD CAPP is designed exclusively for new international students who have been admitted to SCAD for Fall 2017, and provides first-year, non-native speakers of English the opportunity to get settled in early, and therefore be prepared for academic success. The program is designed around four weeks of themed instruction: “Life in the United States,” “Academic Life” and “Intercultural Communication.” In addition to ESL instruction, SCAD CAPP offers a variety of other essential topics to help your student:

• Learn campus safety tips from SCAD and the city of Atlanta.
• Open a bank account.
• Locate safe and affordable off-campus housing and understand lease agreement documents.
• Set up a U.S. cellphone service.
• Obtain a driver’s license or a Georgia state identification card.
• Understand vehicle driving laws in the U.S.

One of the most relevant outcomes of SCAD CAPP is to ensure all participants are well prepared for the ESL placement test. SCAD CAPP participants take the ESL placement test at the beginning and end of the program. Many of our program’s previous participants have been able to vastly improve their English language skills in just four intensive weeks. As a result, they are better prepared to focus on beginning their journey toward a successful creative career when classes begin Monday, September 11, 2017.

We hope you will take a moment to consider this valuable opportunity for your future SCAD student.

Enrollment is limited. For full consideration in the program, please complete the application and pay the US$300 application fee. The remaining balance of US$2,700 to cover the SCAD CAPP program fee is due by Monday, June 26, 2017.

If you have any questions or would like more information about how to enroll, please email pmay@scad.edu.

Sincerely,

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