Bienvenue à tous nos nouveaux étudiants de Fall 2013. Nous espérons que tout se passe bien en ces premiers jours de votre semestre à l'IAU d'Aix-en-Provence. This first week will be a busy one as we settle in for the next few months. You will eventually get your rhythm, but for now, take advantage of the intensity of these first few days. Things will slow down, but try to keep an open mind and curious spirit while everything is still so new.

Good luck to you all,
Dr. Leigh Smith
Dean of Students

Wednesday Sept. 11, 12:30-13:45, Main Hall
THE INSIDE SCOOP ON FRENCH CULTURE - Attendance Mandatory
(except for the Early Start students)
A conversation about some of the essentials in adapting to your new host culture. Learn to avoid some of the most common errors and avoid cultural misunderstandings.
Thursday Sept. 12, 18:30-20:30 - Meet in Front of Bon Pasteur
APERITIF PROVENÇAL
Ever heard of petanque? Bacci balls? We'll gather Thursday evening for a reception and lessons on playing the most Provencal of sports. Meet in front of Bon Pasteur to walk together to the park.

Friday Sept. 13, 14:30-17:00 - Main Hall
SCAVENGER HUNT IN AIX
The best way to learn to navigate a city, especially a city with such winding medieval streets as Aix, is to seek its hidden treasures. You'll be divided into teams to seek out some of the most important spots in the city, spots that will be useful to you throughout the months to come. Prizes for the winning teams.

17:30-19:00 - Main Hall
CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS OF AIX-en-PROVENCE
Meet some of the clubs and associations geared toward students in the local community. From student associations to sports and Church groups, you'll have a chance to get active in local life here in the city.
Saturday Sept. 14, 7:45 - Meet in front of Hotel Roi René (see google map)

**NICE EZE**
Bring your swimsuits.

Sunday Sept. 15, 12:30-6:30pm - Meet in front of Hotel Roi René (see google map)

**MARSEILLE**, European Capital of Culture 2013
Founded in 600 BC, Marseille is the oldest city of France. We will visit the MUCEM as well as Notre Dame de la Garde to see what makes Marseille such a European capital of culture.

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