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Dear MBA student:

Welcome to MBA 545N700 Accounting Foundations, for the fall semester of 2009. This course will run the entire semester commencing on August 31st and run through December 18th. We will be very busy for the entire duration of the semester.

The textbook for the course is ***Accounting: What the Numbers Mean 8th Edition*** by Marshall, McManus and Viele. McGraw-Hill / Irwin. 2008. Please obtain your textbook as soon as possible. You can check the Marist bookstore at <http://Marist.bkstore.com> for availability and ordering or you can use one of the online sources of textbooks. Please be sure to get the 8th Edition as homework problems/answers, page references, and other material will differ.

In order to access the course, go to <https://iLearn.Marist.edu>. Your login name is your Marist account. For new students, your initial password is the first eight digits of your social security number. If you do not have or do not know your Marist account, contact the Marist College HELP Desk at (845) 575-4357.

If this is your first course in the on-line MBA program or your first course using the *iLearn* software, please click on the “Student Web Tutorial”, “Student FAQ” and “Tips for Students” links on the login page. You may have to experiment a little but these resources should provide an overview of how to navigate in our course.

Students will be able to access the course on or about August 28th, 2009. When you first logon, please be sure to view the syllabus posted and become familiar with its contents. Also, please go to the *Forums* area and post a short biographical sketch where indicated (under “Introductions/Biographies”). I ask that you include any information that you feel will help me and fellow students understand your perspective on course content and discussions. Feel free to include educational background, work experience, how far into the MBA program you are and how much online learning experience you have. Please also include your thoughts on what you expect to gain from this course. This will allow us all to get to know each other.

Please know that I check my *Messages* and e-mail regularly and will get back to you usually within 48 hours. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me using the *iLearn Messages* tool. My e-mail account is Allison.Rossi@Marist.edu but my goal is to keep all course communication within the course. Use my e-mail account only if absolutely necessary.

Once again, welcome to Accounting Foundations!

Sincerely,

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