Dear computer science students,

On behalf of the faculty in the Department of Computer and Information Sciences, I want to welcome you to our department. You have chosen a great discipline. Furthermore, you have chosen an excellent institution in which to pursue your degree. Computer science at IUSB is one the best and most affordable publicly funded programs in the Michiana region. Our faculty have doctoral degrees in computer science and closely related disciplines. Class sizes are typically less than 30, providing a superb environment for interaction and learning. In addition to numerous public laboratories, our department offers two laboratories with up-to-date computing facilities for the exclusive use of upper-level computer science students. Our curriculum is based on the recommendations of the Association for Computing Machinery, which is the premier international association for computing professionals.

Computer science is an exciting, demanding and competitive field. Our faculty and staff will do their best to provide you with an excellent learning environment. In return, we simply ask you to do your best.

In order to help you succeed in our program, the department provides a number of services. We hope that you take advantage of these services as you continue your studies at IUSB. These services include academic advising, tutoring facilities and opportunities for membership in the student chapter of the Association of Computing Machinery (ACM). Academic advising is an important aspect of our mission to guarantee that you will receive appropriate information about the best way to progress through your coursework and achieve your academic goals. Making use of our tutoring facilities can be instrumental as you take your freshmen level computer science courses. Membership in IUSB’s student chapter of the ACM allows you to interact with others in your class as well as juniors and seniors, who can answer many of your questions about college life in general, and computer science in particular.

I encourage you to visit our department’s web site at http://www.cs.iusb.edu. The web site contains a great deal of useful information about the department, faculty, courses, students, degree requirements and numerous other facts. We want to do all we can to make your studies at IUSB an enriching and enjoyable experience. I will be your academic advisor, so if you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact our department secretary (574) 237-6521 for an appointment with me. I look forward to visiting with you soon.

With best wishes,

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