

To the Newest Griffin:

First of all, congratulations are in order! Getting into Buckley is no easy feat and I personally commend you for the effort and hard work that got you here. I sincerely hope that you find your time at Buckley to be as enjoyable and meaningful as I have.

Granted, it has been a challenge at times. Being a Griffin is not something that just anyone can do. A lot is expected of us in the classroom, on the field, on stage, and pretty much everywhere we represent the Buckley community. But don't forget, you have been chosen because someone here knows that you have what it takes, and you will do a fantastic job pursuing whatever your passions may be during your time here.

Four years ago, I was in your shoes, reading my acceptance letter and the letter from the Student Body President at the time. Naturally, I was excited and nervous in anticipation of my debut in high school, so it was nice to hear some words from someone who had gone through Buckley as a student and had some advice to share. However, the one thing that I wish someone had told me was to remember to have fun.

So often I've found that at Buckley we sometimes get so caught up in everything that we do (which happens to be pretty much anything you want, just so you know) we forget how lucky we are. We have top tier athletics with defending league championships across the board; we have an award winning performing arts department; our teachers and faculty are beyond comparison (Literally. I've tried to find teachers that care as much, that know as much, and that inspire as much as Buckley teachers, but they physically don't exist.). The point is, the Buckley community is truly something extraordinary. My greatest hope is that you realize what a gift it is.

Other than that, enjoy your time here. Find ways to explore what you love to do; I guarantee you'll be able to do things here that you never thought you could if you just persevere enough. And if you don't yet know what exactly your passions are, use all of the resources we have here to discover them. Play a new sport. Learn a new instrument. Make new friends. But most importantly, just have a blast. It'll be gone before you know it, so value every second.

Welcome Aboard,



Wes Haas
Student Body President '11