



Dear WMU Faculty:

We hope you had a successful spring semester and are enjoying the beginning of summer. You may have read about Fall Welcome's *Pizza with the Profs* in your invitation to participate in the Convocation program, and now we would like to tell you more about this event.

Pizza with the Profs will take place on Wednesday, September 2, immediately following Convocation in Miller Plaza. This meet-and-greet event is designed to help students connect with faculty before their classes begin. The informal atmosphere allows you to talk to students and puts them at ease as they get to know you outside of the classroom. Everyone will receive a free pizza lunch from Papa John's.

In order to encourage students to connect with faculty, each student will have a sheet that will require one signature from a faculty member. Students who obtain a signature will then be entered into a raffle later that evening. When a student approaches you for a signature, please take that opportunity to engage the student in conversation and possibly point out colleagues who may instruct other classes that student is taking. We believe this will be a positive way for students to begin making those important first connections.

With all first-year students expected to attend Fall Welcome this year, the opportunity to make connections with students will be higher than ever. It is our goal to have representation from each academic college and your participation is necessary to make this event a success.

Please consider attending the Convocation ceremony and then joining us for Pizza with the Profs. If you would like more information regarding attending Convocation, please call the Fall Welcome Office at (269) 387-2332; if you would like to participate in Pizza with the Profs simply return the attached form to Fall Welcome Student Co-coordinator Matt Pankow at fye-fall3@wmich.edu by August 1.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Adrienne Fraaza
Fall Welcome Coordinator

Matthew Pankow
Fall Welcome Student Co-coordinator

Fall Welcome 2009

Pizza with the Profs

_____ **YES!** I will participate in the "Pizza with the Profs" lunch on Wednesday, Sept. 2 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Papa John's Pizza will be provided for all participants!

Name: _____

Department: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Courses you will teach in Fall 2009: _____

-OR-

Title within the department: _____

Please return this form to fye-fall3@groupwise.wmich.edu or

1535 Ellsworth Hall, mail stop 5285

By August 1, 2009