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Secretariat General

Email to Administrative Staff Members Welcome Message for the 2026–27 Academic Year

Dear UA Members,

This year's Welcome Week will take place under the theme "Fuel Your Power: Drive, Strive, Rise." Yet the momentum we seek to instill in our students is not generated in the classroom alone. It is also nurtured by the way they are guided and accompanied within each of our services.

For many of them, the University begins well before the first class, at the campus entrance, over the phone, through an email, or at an office desk. You are often among the first faces they encounter, and the way you receive them can dispel uncertainty, make a difficulty seem less daunting, and reassure them that they have a place among us. The smile you offer is more than a gesture of courtesy. From the very first exchange, it can establish the trust upon which every constructive interaction depends.

Furthermore, the way you carry out your duties also reflects the values you bring to your role. Your patience, sense of professional responsibility, and availability give tangible expression to the values of Antonine University. They are visible in the quality of a response, in the care with which a space is maintained, in the discretion exercised when handling a sensitive situation, or in the attention given to a request that can seem minor from our perspective, but not from theirs. Our tagline, "**Education in Service of Human Flourishing**," also comes to life in these details, in the everyday actions through which an institution reveals the value it places on each person. No role is secondary when our students' experience depends on it.

The excellence of a university is measured not only by the knowledge it imparts, but also by the way it treats every person who walks through its doors. As the campus returns to its full rhythm, I would like to thank those who ensured the continuity of our services throughout the summer, as well as all the teams preparing to welcome our students. Their experience of our services should confirm, in practice, the commitments the University has made to them.

May this year open under the blessing of Our Lady of the Seeds, and may she accompany us throughout our mission. I hope that, by the end of the year, each of you will be able to point to one improvement you helped bring about and one professional achievement you can genuinely call your own.

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