Dear UC1 Student,

***Welcome to the U. of A. and to University Chemistry 1!***

I’m so eager to meet you and to begin the semester!

You now have my email if you have any questions, and you’re welcome to stop by my office any time to introduce yourself to me. I’m in CHEM 130, and I invite you to come by, sign my guest book, chat awhile, and grab a piece of chocolate.

We’ve been hard at work mobilizing resources to help you with the course, and I anticipate a great semester together. There are many exciting concepts to master in this course, and they have such important and fascinating applications. I am convinced you’ll find our course an important and an interesting one as you begin your academic career here at the U. of A.

You’ll find information on Blackboard (Bb) to help you get started in preparing for our course, but I’m attaching the syllabus so you can get an early look at it if you’re interested.  Please print it out and have it with you when you join our class on Monday, the 23rd. By the end of this week, you’ll find a first day of class lecture outline and the learning objectives through the first exam (very important to print out and have in your class binder). You will find lots of other “getting started” information that will help you during the first week. If you have questions as you read through the Bb material, the FAQs might have the answers for you. However, if you’re still concerned about anything, please join me in my office or email me at lobrewer@uark.edu.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact our community and although we cannot require vaccination by Arkansas state law, we know that the more students, faculty, and staff who are vaccinated, the healthier and safer we are as a campus community. There are certainly benefits to being vaccinated, and until the community is better protected it is important that we follow all masking mandates and other important COVID-19 guidelines to protect each other’s health and that of our community. Please make every effort to consider the best ways you can help ensure that our Razorback and Fayetteville communities are healthy. If we work at it together we will ensure a quicker recovery from the pandemic, and we can maintain the opportunity to be together in person for classes and fun opportunities that make the university experience so amazing.

Have a great time moving in, getting settled, enjoying your beginning of the semester week on campus, and starting all your classes next week. Again, welcome…we are very glad that you are here! See you Monday!

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