Dear prospective actuarial science student,

First, let me thank you for taking the time to consider Dordt College and actuarial science as part of your search for a college and your life’s calling.

**What is actuarial science and why consider it?**
As you may already know, actuarial science is one of the most appealing career choices for students with God-given talents and interests in mathematics and interests in serving His kingdom in the business world. Actuaries use mathematical and statistical models, combined with an intimate knowledge of the mathematics of finance, to assist companies in risk management. One way to think of an actuary is like an accountant, in that it mixes mathematics and business, but who uses more sophisticated mathematics (statistics and calculus, in addition to algebra) on a regular basis. In our increasingly data-driven world, actuaries stand ready to translate data into decisions. Our actuary students do so with a broad appreciation for how God has created the world and our role in serving it. If you haven’t done so already, please visit [www.beanactuary.org](http://www.beanactuary.org) to learn more about the Actuarial Science field.

**Why Dordt College?**
Here at Dordt you will receive an excellent Christian education – an education that interweaves the theological underpinnings of the world we live in with the practical implications of our faith with our life’s calling. In actuarial science you will be served by top-notch faculty, sit alongside academically strong Christian students like yourself and be well-prepared to enter the workforce immediately upon graduation – serving in some of the top actuarial firms in the world. Read more about what makes our program distinctive [here](http://www.beanactuary.org).

**Next steps**
If you are a sophomore or junior student, I strongly recommend you consider visiting us during our week-long summer program which explores careers in mathematics ([www.dordt.edu/ideas](http://www.dordt.edu/ideas)). If you are a senior, we’d love to have you visit us any time. Links on the Dordt website ([www.dordt.edu](http://www.dordt.edu)) make it easy to arrange a visit. Furthermore, don’t hesitate to give me a call or send me an email (contact information is below). I’d love to talk with you about our programs and help you in the process of discerning whether Dordt College and/or actuarial science are right for you.

I firmly believe that students like you – academically strong and passionate about their faith – will have a huge impact on this world. I speak for all faculty at Dordt when I say that we stand ready to prepare you for the exciting journey God has in store for you in the years ahead. I look forward to talking with you and meeting you soon.

Sincerely,

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