February 24, 2018

Dear MAA Student:

On behalf of the Department of Sports Administration at Ohio University, I would like to welcome you and congratulate you on your decision to be part of our Master’s Program in Athletic Administration. As part of the first online athletic program focused solely on interscholastic sport, you will be joining an accomplished group of students and alumni.

You will soon learn firsthand the strengths of the MAA Program. First, the application-based curriculum allows you to directly apply the lessons to the daily operations of an interscholastic athletic program. Second, the program is student-centered, and the faculty and staff are dedicated to providing you the best possible experience in online education. Third, students in the program become part of a tight-knit and supportive learning community and develop lasting personal and professional relationships.

Your first task is to complete the New Student Orientation in Blackboard. The Orientation will introduce you to the structure of the program, the learning management system and other technology used in the program, and other important information as you get started. **The Orientation will be available in Blackboard no later than Saturday, May 5, 2018, and must be completed by Saturday, May 12, 2018.** You will receive an email sent to your Ohio University email address when the Orientation opens. Your first course, SASM 6100, will begin on **Monday, May 14, 2018.**

I look forward to working with you in the program and meeting you in Athens during the Athletic Leadership Forum. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions during the Orientation or at any time during your course of studies.

Sincerely,

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