Welcome to the University of Puget Sound community. My name is Alva Butcher and I am an Associate Professor in the School of Business and Leadership at the university. I teach topics in finance and international finance. On Sunday, August 23rd, I will be guiding you through the Prelude workshop. The general objective of Prelude is to spend some time thinking and learning to get us all ready for the intensity of the academic life that characterizes Puget Sound.

The Prelude workshop provides some opportunities for you to experience an “intellectual warm-up” prior to your first week of classes. It also introduces you to the culture of a liberal arts university. During these sessions you will frequently be working in small groups. We will use articles and projects as a basis for reading, writing, thinking, discussion, listening, and revision.

The following is a link to some notes on plagiarism from Purdue’s Online Writing Lab (OWL). Please read this prior to the Prelude workshop.

https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/589/01/

Although the workshop is intensive, it is also fun. There are no grades! You have time to meet some of your classmates and to engage in intellectual conversations. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions about the undergraduate experience with a junior or senior student who knows the ropes.

I look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to Puget Sound.

Sincerely,

Alva Wright Butcher
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