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Dear First-Year Counselor:

Congratulations on your appointment as a first-year counselor. It's going to be a great year! Your First-Year Counselor Handbook will be a useful tool for you during training and throughout the year ahead.

At the end of the handbook, you'll see pages for notetaking. I encourage you to collect and store all the advice and information you will receive in one place, so that you can refer to it quickly. You will build out this binder during the spring and fall trainings. Some of the information is ready for you now, but you will receive more when you arrive in fall – up-to-date contact lists for your fellow first-year support partners at Yale (heads of college, deans, DUSes, coaches, and peer liaisons).

Also enclosed in this handbook is a compilation of useful information, including advice from former first-year counselors, information on a wide array of Yale resources, and guidance for some of the more difficult situations you'll face as a first-year counselor. Please read this material carefully and consult with your residential college dean or me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you so much for your service to the Yale community and your leadership on campus. It really does make all the difference. I look forward to working with you all this year as we welcome the Class of 2028 and continue to build the Yale community together.

Sincerely,

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