Dear Student:

Welcome to Benedictine University. We are all looking forward to having you join our community of learners.

The faculty who teach writing have been deep in preparations for your first writing course, which introduces you to the Inquiry Curriculum at Benedictine University and to the course theme, “What Matters.”

The summer reading is intended to begin your initiation into an academic community where reading, writing, analysis, and discussion build college-level critical thinking skills. We hope the reading sparks your curiosity, helps you ask and begin to answer important questions, and enables you to participate in group discussions when you come to campus.

*I Am Malala*, by Malala Yousafzai, argues for the rights of women, the right to a basic education, and tolerance and respect for all. One of Benedictine’s hallmarks is “respect for each individual in a community and service to the common good.” Developing moral clarity, building community, and educating and serving others are essential tenets of our institutional identity, and we hope our students come to embody those distinctive Benedictine qualities as well.

Enjoy the summer, and enjoy *I Am Malala*!

Sincerely,

Michael Brophy
President