Dear Students,

Welcome to Wake Forest!

As you think about the college courses you would like to take, we would like to extend a special invitation to you to apply to be part of a unique learning community during the fall semester. In a learning community, students work together in two or more courses, spanning different disciplines, to create a shared academic and social experience. Studies have shown that students learn better and enjoy it more when engaged in such collaborative learning.

The courses involved are BIO101, Biology and the Human Condition, and PHI 161, Medical Ethics, both introductory level courses that satisfy divisional requirements for the College. To be part of this learning community, students must enroll in both courses, whose content will be coordinated. Students in BIO 101 will study basic principles in biology with special emphasis on advances in biology that have ethical, social, political and economic significance. These topics will then be discussed at length in PHI 161 with respect to their ethical implications. Topics include stem cell research, cloning, regenerative medicine, organ transplantation, and death and dying. By linking these courses together, we hope that students will not only understand the biotechnologies that are changing science and health care, but also be able to identify the inherent ethical issues and formulate informed opinions on these issues.

To apply to be a part of this shared learning experience, you need to merely fill out the short application form on the next page. The deadline for applications is June 21st. Please email your application form to iltisas@wfu.edu and browne@wfu.edu.

If you are accepted, you will automatically be registered for both courses. You will be notified of your acceptance before the first round of registration this summer. Bio 101 section B meets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11:00, and PHI 161 section A meets Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30.

***Please note that while Biology 101 fulfills a divisional science requirement, it is not the recommended course for pre-med students or Biology majors.***

Enjoy your summer, and we look forward to seeing you at Wake Forest in August.

Dr. Ana Iltis, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Center for Bioethics

Dr. Carole Browne, Professor of Biology

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Name:

Wake Forest e-mail address:

Briefly explain how the goals of this collaborative learning experience resonate with your own interests and goals.