Dinners with Anteaters (DWA) Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What is Dinners with Anteaters (DWA)?**
   a. Dinners with Anteaters is a program that brings students, alumni, staff and faculty together for an evening of food, fun and conversation throughout Orange County. It is a great opportunity for students to network and get advice from alumni, faculty, staff and other students in a casual dinner setting.

2. **How does Dinners with Anteaters work?**
   a. Dinners with Anteaters takes place once per academic quarter, typically on a Saturday evening. Volunteer alumni/staff/faculty will host individual dinners on the same date, either in their home or at a local restaurant. The students will be pre-assigned to a specific dinner based their major and/or interests.

3. **I registered online. Am I guaranteed a spot in a dinner?**
   a. Unfortunately you are not guaranteed a dinner spot after registering. Dinner placement is subject to availability of dinners and time of registration. If you have been selected and matched to a dinner, we will contact you directly with your dinner assignment.

4. **When should I expect to hear back after registering online?**
   a. The process of matching students to dinners can take up to 3-4 weeks. Dinner assignments are usually finalized 1-2 weeks prior to event date. Note: Dinner placement is not guaranteed after registering. If you have been placed in a dinner, we will contact you directly with your dinner assignment.

5. **Will rides be provided?**
   a. Rides will be organized by the Student Alumni Association. However, students attending the dinner may be asked to volunteer and drive other students attending the same dinner. All student drivers will receive some form of compensation.

6. **What is a dinner lead and what is their role?**
   a. Each dinner will have an assigned dinner lead, who is a member of the Student Alumni Association. The role of the dinner lead is to communicate important information to both hosts and students. They also serve as the point of contact for any questions or concerns.

7. **How many students will be at the dinner?**
   a. The number of students can range from 3-50 and depends on how many the host can accommodate.

8. **How many hosts will be at the dinner?**
   a. The number of hosts varies per dinner. Some dinners will have a single host while others can have several co-hosts.

9. **Where and when are the dinners?**
   a. The time and location of the dinners will depend on the hosts. Your dinner lead will confirm time and location within 1 week of the event date.

10. **What is the dress code for the dinner?**
    a. Most dinners are casual unless otherwise specified. If there is a dress code, your dinner lead will inform you prior to the dinner.

11. **What happens if I have a dietary restriction? Will there be allergy/food considerations?**
    a. You will be asked to indicate your dietary restrictions and food allergies at the time of registration. We try our best to assign students to a dinner that is able to accommodate their dietary needs.

12. **I want to participate but I’m scared to go by myself.**
a. Don’t worry! DWA is a great opportunity to build new connections and make new friends. There will be other students who are also attending alone. The assigned dinner lead will also be in attendance and can address any questions or concerns you may have. Have fun and enjoy the free food and company!

13. How likely is it that I will be placed in a dinner with a host from my major/field of study?
   a. We strive to match students to a dinner related to their major or interests. However it is not always guaranteed due to limited availability of dinners. During registration, you will have the opportunity to indicate your interest of attending a dinner outside your major.