Greetings from New Haven,

The Association of Yale Alumni is excited to let you know about upcoming changes to the Virtual Yale Station (VYS) email forwarding service. Yale has partnered with Google to offer a free, Yale-branded email service - now referred to as YaleMail - as part of Google Apps for Education. In the near future, your @aya.yale.edu forwarding account will be moved to YaleMail to offer you improved email features:

- **A dependable and easy-to-use email system that will replace your @aya.yale.edu VYS forwarding.** Your new YaleMail account will be a fully-functional web-based email account on the Gmail platform. You will be able to access your email from anywhere in the world via an Internet connection. You can also send emails using your @aya.yale.edu alumni address as the "from" address, which was not possible when using VYS with many email clients.

- **Your @aya.yale.edu address will not change.** After the migration, your new YaleMail account will use the same @aya.yale.edu address that you currently have. If you would like to continue receiving @aya.yale.edu in the same destination email account you use today, Gmail allows for forwarding set up.

- **Strict virus and spam protection controls.** Also included are spell check and search results features like Priority Inbox and auto-detection of calendar events.

- **Concerned about security?** Gmail for consumers and Google Apps for Education both run on the same infrastructure, however, Google Apps is a separate offering that provides additional security, administrative and archiving controls for education, work, and government customers. Google Apps for Education services don't collect or use individual's data for advertising purposes or to create ad profiles. Google will never sell or share your personal information.

**Next Steps**

- **Your action to activate your YaleMail account will be required soon.** Once Yale begins the transition process, you will receive an email from Google about your Google Education Gmail account. Please review this email carefully. The first step is for you to follow the instructions within the email to activate your new YaleMail account. These steps will ensure access to your messages after the new email service is turned on. In other words, you will not receive emails in the new YaleMail account until we switch off the VYS system and turn on the YaleMail Gmail service in February (exact date TBA). Once your account is activated and the YaleMail service is running, all emails sent to your @aya.yale.edu will reside in your YaleMail account. You will manage your @aya.yale.edu account through Gmail using your @aya.yale.edu user id and the new password you created during activation.

- **If you no longer use your Virtual Yale Station forwarding account and would like to deactivate it, please see the instructions below.** If you would like us to deactivate for you, please reply to this email.

- **If you are unsure about whether you would like to have a YaleMail account at this time, you will be able to create one at a later date once this new service has launched.**

If you have questions about your VYS or YaleMail accounts or about this communication, please feel free to contact the Association of Yale Alumni (@ya@yale.edu) or call 203-432-1907. Please review our FAQ page for further information. If you have questions not answered in the FAQ, please contact us. Thank you.

**TO DEACTIVATE YOUR VIRTUAL YALE STATION ACCOUNT:**

Please go to: http://aya.yale.edu/content/online-services and log into your account. Once signed in, check the box next to **Forwarding status** "Disable my permanent email forwarding until further notice" and select "Update Forwarding Info"
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