



Graduate Enrollment  
Services

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Congratulations New Graduate Students

# Agenda

**Welcome to our Graduate Student Community**

**Living in the RIT Community**

Sonja Phongsavanh, Associate Director Graduate Enrollment Services

**International Students on Campus**

Kate Blackburn, International Student Services

**Industry Connections, Employment and Career Services**

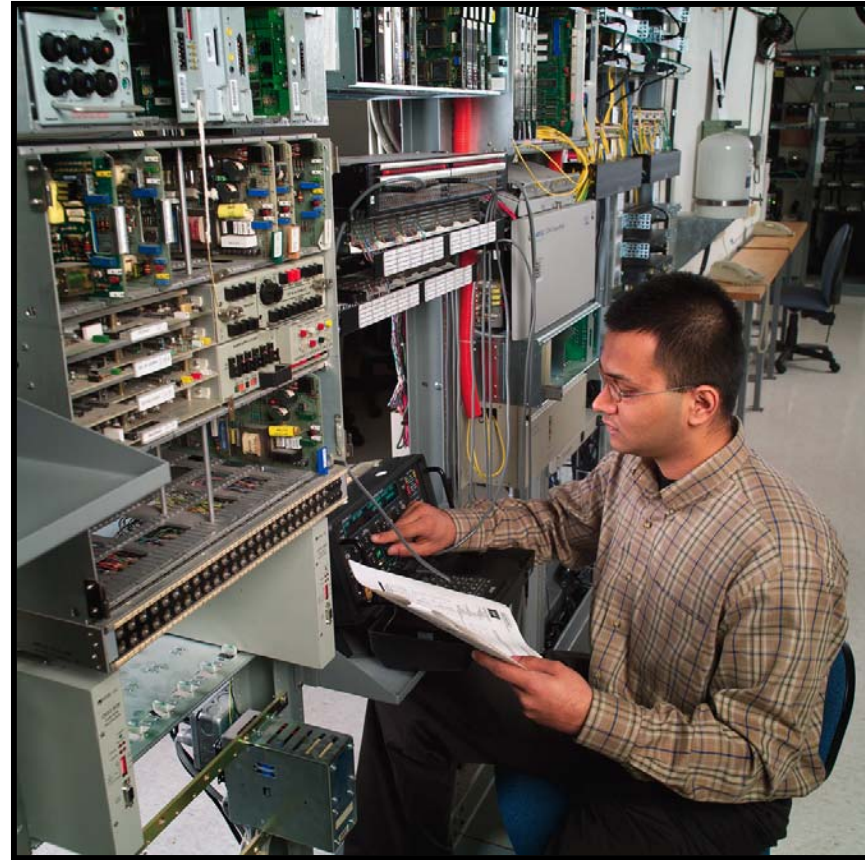
An interview with Melissa Rosario

**Financing your Graduate Education**

An interview with Barbara Hoerner, Associate Director,  
Financial Aid and Scholarships

# Campus Population

- The 15th largest private university in the US
- Internationally recognized
- 16,000 students
- 13,500 undergraduate students
- 2,500 graduate students
- 1,700 international students
- 102,000 Alumni Worldwide



# Graduate Students

- ▶ 2,600 students (2,500 Masters, 100 PhD), from the region, the nation, and the world
- ▶ 38% International, 30% part-time
- ▶ A cosmopolitan, diverse, hard working, academic community dedicated to intellectual exploration and future professional success
- ▶ Our students are preparing for careers in applied science and technology, business, sustainable systems, the creative arts, and public service



# Living and Learning Facilities



## The Campus

- ▶ >200 modern buildings in an extensive park
- ▶ All have state-of-the-art facilities for advanced learning and research

## Special Facilities

- ▶ Computer labs throughout the campus
- ▶ A “clean room” for building micro devices
- ▶ Advanced imaging labs
- ▶ Studios for glass-blowing, metal forging, firing ceramics
- ▶ Library with extensive online access to journals and databases



## A Vibrant, Connected Community

State of the art living, learning environment

### Campus Housing

- Apartments
- RIT Inn and Conference Center

### Campus Life

- More than 200 clubs and activities
- Weekly social events
- Connections to Rochester community

# Housing Options

- ▶ City of Rochester
- ▶ Suburbs – many options
  - Park Point
  - Rustic Village
- ▶ RIT campus Housing – more than 6000 students live on campus
  - Apartments
  - RIT Inn and Conference Center
  - Residence Halls



# Consider Campus Housing

- ▶ Fully engaged in RIT community
- ▶ Range of living options
- ▶ Convenient
- ▶ Rent agreement based on RIT quarter calendar
- ▶ Services
  - Online/internet services
  - Shuttle Bus Service
  - Laundry facilities



# Options on Campus

Visit <http://housing.rit.edu> for information on RIT's apartments and the RIT Inn:

- Virtual tours
- Floor plans
- Amenities
- Locations



# Applying for Campus Housing

Once you have been accepted and paid the tuition deposit, apply for RIT housing at <http://myhousing.rit.edu>

If you are unable to apply on-line, please complete and mail the paper housing contract provided in your acceptance packet.



# Opportunities to Find Off Campus Housings

Some graduates may wish to find their own local housing.

On-line resources for locating local housing are:

- ▶ [www.rochester.craigslist.org](http://www.rochester.craigslist.org)
- ▶ [www.therenter'sguide.com](http://www.therenter'sguide.com)
- ▶ [www.rentrochester.com](http://www.rentrochester.com)
- ▶ [www.rit.edu/OCASA](http://www.rit.edu/OCASA) (Off-Campus and Apartment Student Association)
- ▶ [www.roommates.com](http://www.roommates.com)
- ▶ [www.rent.com](http://www.rent.com) (must register)
- ▶ [www.mynewplace.com](http://www.mynewplace.com)

# Orientation Events

- ▶ RIT Graduate Student Fair and Reception
- ▶ Academic Department Orientation
- ▶ Online Learning Orientation
- ▶ International Student Orientation

<http://www.rit.edu/emcs/ptgrad/accepted/orientation.php3>



# International Student Services

We'll be here for you from start to finish.

# Over 100 nationalities now at RIT

Largest Student  
Populations:



538 INDIA

196 CHINA

81 MALAYSIA

76 SOUTH KOREA

65 CANADA


61 KAZAKHSTAN

51 TAIWAN

49 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

[http://www.rit.edu/studentaffairs/iss/about\\_worldatRIT.php](http://www.rit.edu/studentaffairs/iss/about_worldatRIT.php)

# Before you arrive

- ▶ Apply for a “Form I-20” from RIT Graduate Enrollment Services
  - ▶ Take that I-20 to the nearest US Embassy and apply for an F-1 visa
  - ▶ Enter the US within 30 days prior to the start of classes
  - ▶ Report annually to RIT International Student Services to maintain correct immigration status throughout your degree.
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# Special Situations

- ▶ ISS works with Graduate Enrollment Services to assist in special cases if you are already in the US and wish to change to student status.
- ▶ ISS can also assist with applications for reinstatement of immigration status – if you are presently in the US and have a problem with your current status.

# A Warm Welcome & Important Guidance

- ▶ US Immigration rules can be complicated, so our advisors are well trained and have all served in leadership positions for the national professional association of NAFSA.



# International Student Orientation

- ▶ The required two day orientation for all new international students ensures you'll be in compliance with visa requirements, obtain proper employment authorization, a social security number, access to local banks, understand local transportation, and get some tools for managing 'culture shock'.

*• It's also a great time to make new friends! 😊*



Be sure to register for orientation here:

[http://www.rit.edu/studentaffairs/iss/forms/online\\_reg.htm](http://www.rit.edu/studentaffairs/iss/forms/online_reg.htm)

# Activities of Special Interest

- ▶ There are over 150 student clubs on campus with professional, recreational, and cultural programs and leadership opportunities.



The Malaysian Student Association and OASIS took the top 2 spots in the 2010 Unification\*



\*Unification: an annual evening of dance and song. Ten groups competed before an audience of over 500!

# Health History Form

- ▶ All students need to complete and submit the Health History form. If you are missing any shots or immunizations that you cannot get before coming to RIT, the Student Health Center can provide those at a fee, or advise you where to get them off-campus once you arrive.
- ▶ The form is located here:  
<http://www.rit.edu/studentaffairs/studenthealth/documents/HHF.pdf>

# Health Insurance

- ▶ Insurance is required for all international students and each F-1 and J-1 student is automatically enrolled the Student Accident & Sickness plan. (Charge is assessed on your bill for 6 months coverage in fall and again in spring.) You can add dependents.
- ▶ If you have your own coverage, you can come to ISS during the first 2 weeks of fall and waive (cancel) the RIT insurance if you do not want it. Please bring proof of your own coverage.
- ▶ Details of the RIT insurance are here:

<http://www.universityhealthplans.com/intro/RIT.html>



Jeff Cox



Lilli Jensen



Sue Joseph



Kate  
Blackburn

Located in the Student Alumni Union, we look forward to meeting you!

<http://www.rit.edu/studentaffairs/iss/>



# Preparing for your Future

- Founded 1829
- Responsive to needs of business and industry
- Academic programs focus on future needs
  - Innovation
  - Entrepreneurship
  - Emerging Technologies



# Melissa Rosario



# Graduate Student Financial Aid & Scholarships At RIT

Barbara Hoerner  
RIT Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships



# Next Steps for Graduate Enrollment

Pay your Tuition Deposit

Obtain Computer Account

Complete Financial Aid  
Applications and Forms

Apply for Campus Housing

Registration Information:  
From Academic  
Departments this summer  
International Move-in August  
29, 2010

Graduate Student Orientation:  
September 1, 2010

Classes Begin: September 6,  
2010



## Graduate Studies

[www.rit.edu/academicaffairs/gradstudies](http://www.rit.edu/academicaffairs/gradstudies)

## Financial Aid and Scholarships

[www.rit.edu/financialaid](http://www.rit.edu/financialaid)

## Housing Operations

<http://housing.rit.edu>

## Co-op and Career Services

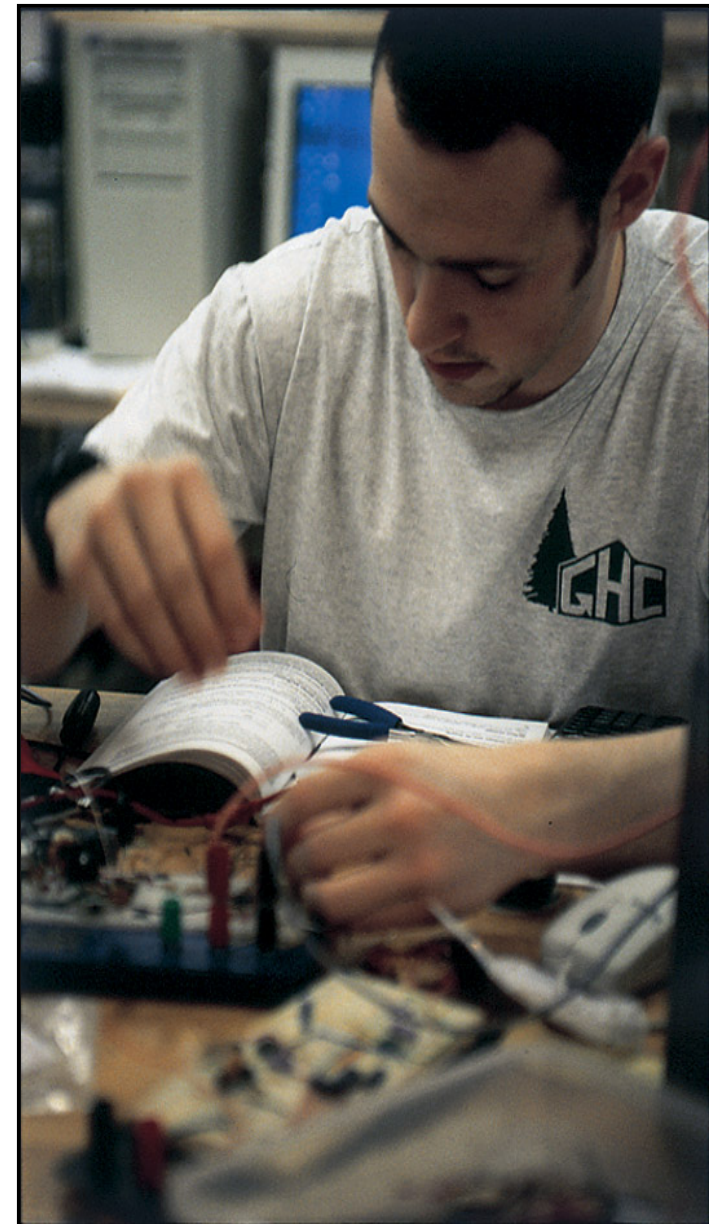
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