

Dear Student,

We would like to extend you a warm welcome to the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID), a college of the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), and to the Department of American Sign Language and Interpreting Education (ASLIE), which houses the Bachelor of Science degree in ASL-English Interpretation. You are joining an exciting and demanding college that will provide an education to help you meet the expectations and opportunities that you will encounter in your career and throughout your life. It is our hope that your academic career at RIT will prove to be fruitful and challenging.

Once you have paid your deposit, we will pre-register you for fall quarter classes. Using your RIT Computer Account and password, you will be able to access your tentative schedule online at [infocenter.rit.edu](http://infocenter.rit.edu). Please be aware that as we receive official Advanced Placement (AP) scores, official college transcripts, and math placement scores, your schedule will be adjusted accordingly. Advisers will be available throughout your tenure at RIT to assist you with curriculum questions, career planning, and any other advising issues.

Transferring to a new college is exciting, but it can be overwhelming. We encourage you to read the *New Student Survival Guide* that will be mailed to you in June. It contains a checklist of to-do items and information about the many services and resources that will help you make the most of your experience at RIT.

We look forward to meeting you at the required Transfer Welcome program on September 4, 2009. More information about this is in the *Guide* and you will receive an e-mail invitation over summer (please note that although there are two Transfer Welcome program dates listed, you are required to attend the program on September 4). You are also required to attend the ASLIE Department Orientation Meeting and Academic Advising sessions September 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

You will find that the department of ASLIE offers you the support, challenges, and rewards you expect in a high quality academic program. Bookmark the department website [ntid.rit.edu/aslie](http://ntid.rit.edu/aslie) and check out the documents under Academic Planning. If you have questions, you can contact us at [fxknvd@rit.edu](mailto:fxknvd@rit.edu) or (585) 475-6809. We trust that your experience at RIT, NTID, and the department of ASLIE, will be as fulfilling for you as it is for us.

Sincerely,

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