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Dear Student,

On behalf of the faculty and staff of the School of Design and the New Media Design Program, we would like to congratulate you on your acceptance and welcome you to RIT. You are joining an exciting and creative environment that will provide an education designed to help you meet your artistic, educational, and career goals. It is our hope that your academic career at RIT will prove to be challenging and rewarding.

Your academic adviser, Janice Heard, will pre-register you for fall quarter classes based on your specific degree requirements. You will receive a copy of your tentative schedule in the mail in early August. Please do not adjust your schedule yourself. Many of your courses are required to be taken in sequence and at certain times. We are happy to guide you in this process to make sure you get started on the right track. If you plan to participate on an RIT athletic team during the fall quarter, or if you anticipate AP or transfer credits, please let us know by completing the enclosed Course Scheduling form. If you have questions at all about your schedule, contact Janice at (585) 475-5950 or by e-mail at, Janice.Heard@rit.edu.

Enclosed you will find a letter from our bookstore, Barnes and Noble at RIT, with information on the New Media Art Kit. The kit is comprised of the tools you will be using in your foundation studio classes and the supplies you will need to begin your visual career at RIT. Expendable materials, like paints, pads and paper will need to be replenished over the course of the year. Unless you already have the majority of items included in the kit, the faculty strongly recommends you make this investment and reap the benefit of the savings passed along by the bookstore. We also recommend that if you plan on purchasing a computer prior to coming, a 15-inch MacBook Pro with as much memory and processor speed as affordable is the preferred laptop. Please be sure to check the pricing at the Digital Den in the Student Alumni Union at RIT as they offer excellent educational pricing.

Many of our courses use digital cameras. We have a limited number in our school of design photo equipment "cage" available to sign-out; therefore you may wish to purchase one for yourself. We recommend cameras such as the Canon EOS Digital Rebel XT or those with 8+ mega pixels or more, depending on your budget. Another item to consider before entering is a stylus and tablet, such as a Wacom Bamboo Fun, Graphire or Intuos tablet. Many of our students have found these helpful in the generation of imagery and design.

To start your career at RIT off on the right foot 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. You will also find details about New Student Orientation, which you are required to attend on August 30 through September 6.

We look forward to meeting you at Orientation and anticipate an exciting and productive year together! If you have any questions, or we can be of further assistance, please contact the School of Design at (585) 475-2668.

Sincerely,



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