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Dear Student,

On behalf of the faculty and staff of the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences, I 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 your academic career at RIT will prove to be challenging and rewarding.

Upon receipt of your deposit, Kristi Kress, your academic coordinator, will pre-register you for fall quarter classes based on your specific degree requirements. You will receive a copy of your tentative schedule in 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 any questions, contact Kristie at (545) 475-7491 or by e-mail at Kristie.Kress@rit.edu.

Enclosed is a letter from Digital Den – the RIT Electronics Store, located in the Student Alumni Union, with information on the Photo Supply Kit, which highlights the basic needs for the Photo Arts 1, 2, and 3 sequence, and includes the essentials for darkroom, computer lab and studio work. Beyond the equipment and basic supplies found on the attached document, there are other materials you will need to purchase throughout the year. Mount boards, ink, paper and other expendable items will cost approximately \$2,000 over the course of your first year. Your expenditures may vary depending on your shooting and printing style. Please do not purchase books or supplies other than those required until you have met with your instructor.

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.

If you have any questions, or we can be of further assistance, you may contact the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences at (585) 475-2770. We look forward to meeting you at Orientation and we anticipate an exciting and productive year together!

Sincerely,

Therese Mulligan, Ph.D.
Chair, Photographic Arts