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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.

Once we receive your deposit, your academic adviser, Kristie Kress, 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.

If you have not yet paid your deposit, you are encouraged to do so. You cannot be pre-registered for fall quarter classes until your deposit is paid. We will be available to help you finalize your schedule and make any required adjustments once your deposit is received.

Enclosed is a letter from Digital Den - the RIT Electronics Store located in the Student Alumni Union, with information on the required Photo Supply Kit, which highlights the basic needs for the Photo Arts 1, 2, and 3 course sequence. Beyond the equipment and basic supplies listed, there are other materials that 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 at RIT. Your expenditures may vary depending on your shooting and printing style. Please do not purchase books, data guides, film or paper until you have met with your instructors.

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. And to help you have a successful transition, we recommend that you attend one of the Transfer Welcome programs offered on either July 20 or September 4. More information about this program is in the *Guide*.

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. I look forward to meeting you in the fall and anticipate an exciting and productive year together!

Sincerely,

Therese Mulligan, Ph.D.  
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