

Dear Student,

I would like to extend you a warm welcome to RIT, the College of Liberal Arts, and the economics program. You are joining an exciting and demanding college that will provide an education to help you meet the expectations and opportunities 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.

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 August 30 through September 6.

We will pre-register you for fall quarter classes. A copy of your tentative schedule will be mailed to you in August. Our academic advisers will be available to help you finalize your schedule and make any adjustments during Orientation. You will meet fellow first year students as well as faculty and staff at your mandatory group advising session and we will also review curriculum requirements and answer scheduling questions. Advisers will be available throughout your tenure at RIT to assist you with career planning and any other advising issues.

If I can assist you as you prepare for college, please contact me at [mjvgss@rit.edu](mailto:mjvgss@rit.edu). I look forward to hearing from you. And once again, welcome to the economics program.

Sincerely,

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