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Dear Student,

Congratulations on your acceptance into the journalism program at Rochester Institute of Technology.

The RIT bachelor of science in journalism prepares you for an increasingly converged and digital world while building and reinforcing the skills needed by all professional journalists. Beyond writing and reporting, you will prepare the content you craft for dissemination across a variety of media.

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 staff assistant, Melinda Beyerlein (msbgpt@rit.edu, 585-475-6649) or I 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.

You will be assigned an academic adviser, a department of communication faculty member, to consult with on such matters as course registration, Co-op and graduation requirements. In addition to your academic adviser, the department of communication has at least two Peer Mentors who are communication students you'll find to be helpful in a number of contexts.

My office is located in the Eastman Building, third floor, room 3012. Once you arrive on campus, please stop by the office to check your mail folder, which is located in the hall outside my office, for advising and scheduling information. Please check your folder on a regular basis since it serves as one important medium through which we communicate with you. Moreover, your folder is conveniently located only a few steps away from our program staff assistant, Melinda Beyerlein, whom I believe you will find to be extremely helpful in answering questions and providing information.

Along with the rest of the department of communication faculty, I look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours sincerely,

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