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Dear Student,

We'd like to extend you a warm welcome to RIT and the College of Liberal Arts. You will be entering an exciting and demanding program that not only will prepare you for a professional career in the public policy field, but also will instill in you the values and skills associated with life-long learning. As a public policy student, you have made a choice – a choice to “make a difference” in the world. We are confident that when you finish your studies at RIT you will be well-prepared to make that difference.

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.

We in the public policy program look forward to welcoming you to the demands and the joys of our profession. If we can assist you in any way, please contact me via e-mail at james.winebrake@rit.edu or by phone at 585-475-4648. We look forward to meeting you in the fall.

With Best Wishes,

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