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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.

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*.

Once you have paid your deposit, we will pre-register you for fall quarter classes. Using your RIT Computer Account and password, you will be able to access your tentative schedule online at infocenter.rit.edu. Please be aware that as we receive official Advanced Placement (AP) scores, official college transcripts, and math placement scores your schedule will be adjusted accordingly. Our advising team will be available to help you finalize your schedule and make any adjustments during Transfer Welcome.

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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