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Dear Student,

Welcome to RIT and the College of Liberal Arts. You are joining an exciting program to help you meet the challenges, expectations, and opportunities that you will encounter in your career and throughout your life. It is our hope that your academic experience at RIT will prove to be productive and stimulating. You are among a select and talented group of students who have been chosen to pursue their education in urban and community studies.

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.

In order to provide a smooth transition to RIT, we will pre-register you for fall quarter classes. A copy of your tentative schedule will be mailed to you in August. Please contact me as soon as possible to ensure proper placement in courses. 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. Advisers will be available throughout your tenure at RIT to assist you with career planning and any other advising issues.

You will find that the faculty and staff associated with the urban and community studies program will offer you the support and guidance you need in order to meet the challenges of your academic education at RIT.

If we can assist you as you prepare for college, please contact us via e-mail or phone. We trust that your experience at the College of Liberal Arts and in the urban and community studies program will be as fulfilling for you as it is for us. We look forward to meeting you in the fall.

With Best Wishes,

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