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Dear Student,

I would like to extend you a warm welcome to RIT and the College of Science. You are joining an exciting and demanding program that will provide an education to help you meet the expectations and opportunities you will encounter throughout your professional and personal 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.

You will find that the biological sciences department will offer you the support, challenges, and rewards you expect in a high quality academic program. If we can assist you as you prepare for college, please contact us on the web at <http://www.biology.rit.edu>, via e-mail at biology@rit.edu, or by phone at 585-475-7577. Also, please be sure to introduce yourself to me during Orientation. I congratulate you thus far on your accomplishments and look forward to meeting you this fall.

Sincerely,

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