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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.

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.

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 to transfer to RIT, please contact us on the web at www.biology.rit.edu, via e-mail at biology@rit.edu, or by phone at 585-475-7577. We trust that your experience at RIT, the College of Science and the biological sciences department will be as fulfilling for you as it is for us. We look forward to meeting you in the fall.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Doolittle, Ph.D.
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