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Dear Student,

I would like to extend you a warm welcome to RIT and the information science and technologies (IST) department in the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences (GCCIS). You are joining an exciting and demanding college that provides the education that will help you meet the expectations and opportunities you will encounter in your career and throughout your life. It is our hope that your academic career at RIT will prove to be fruitful and challenging.

In order to ensure proper placement in courses and keep our records as accurate as possible, please go to our website <http://it.rit.edu/~itorientation/?q=node/1>, click on the appropriate link to “Update Your Information” and submit the survey by June 15. This website will provide an explanation of advising resources available in IST. You will also find details regarding placement exams and departmental contact information. If you do not have access to the Internet and would like these materials mailed to you please contact the Student Services office at 585-475-6179.

Once you have paid your admissions 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. Student Services staff will help you finalize your schedule and make any required adjustments. Faculty and academic advisers will be available throughout your tenure at RIT to assist you with curriculum questions, career planning, and any other advising issues.

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*.

We hope you can attend one of our Transfer Advising sessions offered July 20 or September 4 at 12:15 p.m. in the GCCIS building. If we can assist you as you prepare to transfer to RIT, please contact Theresa Pozzi at 585-475-7321 or by e-mail theresa.pozzi@rit.edu. We trust that your experience at GCCIS and in the IGM department will be as fulfilling for you as it is for us. We look forward to meeting you in the fall.

With Best Wishes,

Jeffrey A. Lasky, Professor and Chair
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