

New Student Schedule

College of Liberal Arts (COLA)

RIT New Student Orientation 2009

Welcome to RIT and your first year of college!

The program schedule that follows is college-specific. Although there will be events that are the same or similar to students in other colleges, be sure to follow this schedule. **All programs are required. We expect full participation and attendance at all events.**

You have been assigned to a small group of students from your college, led by an Orientation Assistant (OA). **You will find the name of your OA and group number on your orientation name tag. In order for you to connect with peers, faculty, and staff, please wear your name tag all week.** Your name tag also serves as your "ticket" to Orientation events so it's important that you have it on at all times.

You are expected to wear your brown RIT t-shirt on Monday for Convocation for New Students and Families and your red college t-shirt on your College Day on Tuesday, September 1.

Your OA will meet you each day prior to the event time(s) specified in your college schedule; your OA will give you a specific time and location. There are a number unscheduled blocks of time in your schedule; your OA will discuss with you how this time will be spent together. If you are separated from your group, come to the Orientation office located in Bldg. 86, Room 1119, and we will reconnect you. If you have any questions, please contact the Orientation Office at (585) 475-6876, or 5-6876 if calling from an on-campus phone.

Best of luck and welcome to the RIT family!

Orientation Assistants

Orientation Assistants are upper-class students in programs from your college. These students serve as guides and mentors throughout Orientation and beyond.

Group Number	OA Name
G1	Alyssa Schreiner
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G5	Ashley McCall

The Lead Orientation Assistant for COLA is Carolyn Dunne.

Sunday, August 30

Time	Event	Location (Bldg., Room)
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Move-In	
9:00 AM – 6:30 PM	Family/Student Orientation Registration and Resource Fair	Gordon Field House and Activities Center, Bldg. 24
	<p>The Resource Fair features nearly all RIT departments, including the Registrar, Financial Aid, Student Employment Office, Dining Services, Parking and Transportation, as well as local banks so you can open an account. If you haven't yet obtained your UID card, student employment card, or registered your vehicle, you can take care of it all at the Resource Fair. Don't miss this opportunity for convenient "one-stop shopping."</p> <p>NOTE: Banks will also be on campus Monday, August 31 from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM and Friday, September 4 from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.</p>	
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Disability Services Open House	Eastman, Bldg. 01, Room 2342
	<p>For students who qualify for disability services and their families. Students can meet with Disability Services staff, review, and sign their Disability Services Agreement, obtain information about how to access academic accommodations, and use the testing center.</p> <p>Any student interested in working with a learning support specialist in the Structured Monitoring Program should contact Lisa Fraser in Room 01-2355. Brief meetings to enroll will be held on Sunday, August 30 from 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM and Monday, August 31 from 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM.</p>	
11:00 AM – 7:00 PM	Barnes & Noble @ RIT— Campus Bookstore	Park Point
	<p>Did you forget something at home? Need a surge protector or pillow? Rochester Institute of Technology and Barnes & Noble College Booksellers have opened a collegiate superstore at the Park Point development near the RIT campus. The Barnes & Noble @ RIT superstore occupies over 40,000 square feet of retail space on two levels. In addition to selling new and used textbooks, school and art supplies, dorm accessories, and RIT logo apparel and gear, the store features general interest books and periodicals, a children's department, books on local topics, a section dedicated to faculty authors, and a full-service café serving Starbucks beverages. Store hours are Sunday 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Monday – Saturday 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM.</p> <p>NOTE: If you drive off campus you may experience delays returning to the residence halls due to the continuation of the move-in process (you will have to wait in line in the parking lot).</p>	

Dining Options for Sunday, August 30, 2009

Enjoy a meal or snack at any of the following facilities today. **NOTE: To minimize crowding during dinner hours, residents of Kate Gleason Hall, Bldg. 35 and their families should dine at the Alfred L. Davis Room, Student Alumni Union (SAU), Bldg. 4 instead of Gracie's, Grace Watson Hall, Bldg. 25 or Hettie L. Shumway Commons, CSD Student Development Center, Bldg. 55.**

Venue	Location	Hours of Operation	Offerings	Cost Info
Alfred L. Davis Room	Student Alumni Union (SAU), Bldg. 4	9:00 AM – 6:30 PM Lunch: 11:00 AM – 3:30 PM Dinner: 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM	Beverages, deli, soup, chili, vegetarian entrée, salad bar, grill, lunch and dinner entrees	à la carte
Gracie's	Grace Watson Hall, Bldg. 25	Brunch: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM Dinner: 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM	All-you-can-eat concept with a wide range of offerings	Brunch \$7.50 Dinner \$8.50
The Commons	Hettie L. Shumway Commons, CSD Student Development Center, Bldg. 55	11:00 AM – 7:00 PM Dinner: 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Lunch and dinner specials, pizza, salads, grill items, Quiznos subs and grab-and-go items	à la carte
Tent	Adjacent to Gordon Field House and Activities Center	11:00 AM – 5:30 PM	Concession food	à la carte
BeanZ	Grace Watson Hall, Bldg. 25, Lobby	8:00 AM – Midnight	Coffee, smoothies, and snacks	à la carte
The Grind	Hettie L. Shumway Commons, CSD Student Development Center, Bldg. 55	11:00 AM – 7:00 PM	Coffee, smoothies, and snacks	à la carte
Corner Store	Kate Gleason Residence Hall, Bldg. 35	9:00 AM – 2:00 AM	Convenience store	—
Sol's	Nathaniel Rochester Residence Hall, Bldg. 43	11:00 AM – 11:00 PM	Convenience store	—

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Residential Students: Required Floor Meetings

Residence Halls

Meet your Resident Advisor (RA), the Residence Life staff, and your new neighbors for the upcoming year. Look for posters on your floor or ask your RA for the specific time and location of your meeting.

Week of Welcome "WOW" Events

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Free		
10:00 PM – Midnight	Hypnotist: Dale K Your friends will do the craziest things—and you get to watch! Come watch as comedic hypnotist Dale K hypnotizes your friends.	Clark Gym, Bldg. 03
10:00 PM – 11:00 PM	Live, Acoustic Music Come listen to music at one of the hot spots on campus for students. Java Wally's will be open until Midnight. Coffee and desserts are on a cash basis.	Java Wally's, Wallace Library, Bldg. 05

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10:00 PM – Midnight	Ben & Jerry's Enjoy a refreshing treat with your new friends at a favorite campus hangout!	Student Alumni Union (SAU), Bldg. 04, Lobby
	BeanZ In need of some "fuel?" Enjoy coffee, smoothies, and more at one of RIT's popular coffee houses!	Grace Watson, Bldg 25, Lobby

Monday, August 31

All commuter students and families: please park in Lot D (near the Gordon Field House and Activities Center) or Lot U (behind the Student Alumni Union) for all Monday Orientation activities.

Time	Event	Location (Bldg., Room)
7:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Family/Student Orientation Registration Only for families and students who did not register for Orientation on Sunday, August 30.	Gordon Field House and Activities Center, Bldg. 24, Room 1540
8:00 AM – 9:15 AM	NTID Support Service Orientation (NSSO) Welcome Deaf and hard-of-hearing baccalaureate students and families only. This important meeting is designed to address access and support service issues for deaf and hard-of-hearing baccalaureate students and their families. At the NSSO Welcome, you will have the opportunity to meet with access and support faculty and staff as well as other deaf and hard-of-hearing baccalaureate students. "Break out" question and answer sessions will also occur. All deaf and hard-of-hearing baccalaureate students are required to attend this informative meeting.	CSD Student Development Center, Bldg. 55, Rooms 1300-1310

9:00 AM

Prior to Convocation for New Students and Families, students should follow the chart below. Be sure to wear the brown RIT t-shirt and your name tag that you received at Orientation Registration.

Who	Where to Report
Residence Hall Students	By floor, gather with your RA and neighbors. Look for posters on your floor or ask your RA for specific information.
Commuter Students	Report to the Gordon Field House and Activities Center.

Tiger Walk

Your first RIT tradition—RIT faculty and staff line the pathway to the Gordon Field House and Activities Center greeting and cheering you on as you enter Convocation to celebrate the beginning of the academic year.

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Convocation for New Students and Families

Gordon Field House and Activities Center, Bldg. 24

Convocation is the official opening of the academic year. Join us for this ceremony as we formally welcome students to the academic community. In addition to remarks by President William Destler, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Jeremy Haefner, Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Mary-Beth Cooper, and Vice President for Enrollment Management and Career Services, Dr. James Miller, Convocation will also feature a keynote address by Dr. Joseph Fornieri, Associate Professor and award-winning faculty member, Fulbright Scholar and Lincoln Scholar, from the Department of Political Science, College of Liberal Arts.

Please note that the student and family schedules for Monday, August 31 are identical. Students and families are encouraged to attend events together. There are two versions of the *RIT & You Program*, one for students and one for families. These programs have been intentionally designed to provide you with additional information regarding the transition that each of you is about to embark on in your role as a student or family member.

11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Bank Fair
Available to open accounts

Student Alumni Union (SAU),
Bldg. 04, Lobby

11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Disability Services Open House

Eastman, Bldg. 01, Room 2342

For students who qualify for disability services and their families. Students can meet with Disability Services staff, review, and sign their Disability Services Agreement, obtain information on how to access academic accommodations, and use the testing center.

- 11:15 AM – 12:30 PM **Lunch** Crossroads Café and Market, Bldg. 89
- All of our dining facilities will be open today; however, **in order to minimize crowding, you must eat at the designated time and location for your college.** Student meal plans are in effect. Family meals are on a cash basis; prices vary by locations.
- 12:45 PM – 2:00 PM **Dean's Meeting—
College of Liberal Arts** Wallace Library, Bldg. 05, Idea Factory
- This required meeting is an opportunity to meet the dean, faculty, and staff and learn more about your program of study.
- 2:15 PM – 3:30 PM **Financial Aid and Student
Accounts: Where Do We Go
From Here?** Gosnell, Bldg. 08, Room 1250
- Get answers to commonly asked questions. Financial aid staff will review how to find your financial aid counselor, office hours, renewal criteria, satisfactory academic progress, and entrance interviews. In addition, staff will review the e-billing process, Title IV authorizations, refund policies, and answer any questions related to student accounts.
- 3:45 PM – 5:00 PM **RIT & You: Partners in
Your Student's Success** Student Alumni Union (SAU), Bldg. 4, Ingle Auditorium
- For families only:** Talk with RIT staff about the adjustments and transitions you and your student may experience.
- 3:45 PM – 5:00 PM **RIT & You: Making the
Most of College** Booth, Bldg. 07A, Webb Auditorium, Room 1350
- For students only:** A panel discussion about getting all that you can from your RIT experience. Get your questions answered by returning RIT students.
- 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM **Dinner**
- Hettie L. Shumway Commons, CSD Student Development Center, Bldg. 55
 - Gracie's, Grace Watson Hall, Bldg. 25
- Student meal plans are in effect. Be sure to wear your name tag and get to *Meet Your OA* by 7:00 PM.
- 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM **Alumni Legacy Dinner** Student Alumni Union (SAU), Bldg. 04, Alfred L. Davis Room
- Sponsored by Alumni Relations and Development, this dinner is open to students whose parents and/or grandparents have graduated from RIT. Reservations preferred; limited space available for walk-ins.

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM **Required for Students: Meet Your Orientation Assistant (OA)** Gordon Field House and Activities Center, Bldg. 24

This critical opportunity to meet your OA cannot be missed! Your OA is the key to meeting new friends, connecting with faculty and staff, and navigating the “ins and outs” of RIT. Orientation is a crucial first step to a successful academic year. All first-year students should report directly to the Gordon Field House and Activities Center by 7:00 PM.

Week of Welcome “WOW” Events

Time	Event	Location (Bldg., Room)
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Free

10:00 PM – Midnight	Magician: Nate Staniforth	Clark Gym, Bldg. 03
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This magician will blow your mind! His performance is like nothing you have ever seen before! Catch a preview of the show at Gracie’s Dining Hall earlier in the evening while you are having dinner.

10:00 PM – 11:00 PM	Live, Acoustic Music	Java Wally’s, Wallace Library, Bldg. 05
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Come listen to music at one of the hot spots on campus for students. Java Wally’s will be open until Midnight. Coffee and desserts are on a cash basis.

10:00 PM – Midnight	Late Night Skate	Ritter Ice Arena, Bldg. 02
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Take a break from the heat outside and skate a few laps on the home ice of the men’s and women’s hockey teams. Not only is the skating free, but the skate rentals are on us too!

Open for Service

10:00 PM – Midnight	Ben & Jerry’s	Student Alumni Union (SAU), Bldg. 04, Lobby
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	SAU Game Room	Student Alumni Union (SAU), Bldg. 04, Lower Level
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Play pool and video games and visit the desk at the first ESPN Sports Zone on a college campus. Record your debut as a sports-caster and send it to family and friends. There is a nominal fee for pool and video games tonight.

Tuesday, September 1—Advising and College Day

Wear your red college t-shirt today and show your RIT SpiRIT! Please be on time for your OA group meeting!

Time	Event	Location (Bldg., Room)
8:30 AM	OA Group Meeting Mandatory: Meet your group at the location designated by your OA.	
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Required COLA Academic Advising Meet with your advisor and learn about the requirements of an RIT degree. Find out how to choose courses, make progress toward graduation and more. Staff and faculty will be available to answer all your questions.	Liberal Arts, Bldg. 06, Room A205
11:30 AM – 4:30 PM	Required College Day: Mendon Ponds Park Picnic Enjoy a relaxing (or not so relaxing) picnic at nearby Mendon Ponds Park. The COLA peer mentors will make sure everyone is well-fed and entertained. This event features food, fun, and games with COLA faculty, staff, and students.	D Lot
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM	Dinner	Gracies, Grace Watson Hall, Bldg. 25
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Residential Students: Required Floor Meetings This is a required floor meeting. Look for posters on your floor or ask your RA for the specific time and location of your meeting.	Residence Halls
6:30 PM	Commuter Meet-up Commuters should meet their OA group at the location designated by their OA so they can attend the Commuter Reception together.	
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Commuter Reception Come and learn about the commuter resources and services and meet other commuter students. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Off-Campus and Apartment Student Association (OCASA).	Student Alumni Union (SAU), Bldg. 04, OCASA Office (in the RITreat)

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10:00 PM – Midnight	Comedian: Andy Hendrickson	Gordon Field House and Activities Center, Bldg. 24
	Andy has shared the stage with Dave Chappelle, Lewis Black, and many more! This comedian will make you laugh until you cry!	
10:00 PM – 11:00 PM	Introduction to American Sign Language (ASL)	Lyndon Baines Johnson, Bldg. 50, Panara Theatre
	Learn basic sign and deaf culture—a great way to immerse yourself in an important part of RIT!	
10:00 PM – 11:00 PM	Live, Acoustic Music	Java Wally's, Wallace Library, Bldg. 05
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	Play pool and video games and visit the desk at the first ESPN Sports Zone on a college campus. Record your debut as a sports-caster and send it to family and friends. Pool and video games are free tonight.	
10:00 PM – Midnight	Red Barn Activities	Red Barn, on-campus
	Red Barn Climbing (RBC) is RIT's indoor rock climbing gym, located in the Interactive Adventures Red Barn at the west end of campus. RBC is regarded by many as the premier rock climbing gym in western New York and among the best in the northeast. RBC offers over 5,000 square feet of climbing surface with three huge climbing caves with wall-to-wall padded flooring, a top-out boulder, and a top-rope wall. Free shoe rental tonight!	
	Two shuttles will run continuously from 9:30 PM – 12:30 AM to transport students to and from the Red Barn. Shuttle pick-up and drop-off locations are the Albert J. and Carolie R. Simone Plaza and Circle and Grace Watson Hall. PLEASE NOTE: There are limited rest-room facilities at the Red Barn.	

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Wednesday, September 2

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9:30 AM	OA Group Meeting Mandatory: Meet your group at the location designated by your OA.	
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Required College Assembly and Lunch Faculty in regalia and special speakers will welcome new students at the College of Liberal Arts Assembly, the formal opening of the academic year. Lunch with department faculty will follow the assembly.	Liberal Arts, Bldg. 06, Room A205
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Digital Self-Defense Digital Self-Defense introduces you to RIT's information security standards. You will learn how to protect your computer and information and discover how copyright law impacts your use of the Internet. Social networking site do's and don'ts are presented.	Groups G1 – G5 Carlson, Bldg. 76, Room 1125
2:30 PM – 4:30 PM	NTID Support Services Orientation (NSSO) NSSO students only: In this hands-on orientation, NTID supported baccalaureate students will learn how to request support and access services using RIT's Student Information System (SIS). This vital workshop will show you how to request the support and access services you need each quarter. All NTID supported baccalaureate students are expected to attend this critical orientation.	Lyndon Baines Johnson, Bldg. 60, Room 2450
3:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Michigan Placement Test International students only: Students with TOEFL test scores of less than 79 IBT (Internet Based Test), 213 CBT (Computer Based Test), or 550 PBT (Paper Based Test) and <i>all students who are required by their department must take this three hour test.</i> (Measures reading, grammar, and vocabulary skills, and includes an oral interview and writing sample).	Eastman, Bldg. 01, Room 1300
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Dinner	
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Study Abroad Information Session The mission of the Study Abroad Program is to offer all students the opportunity to integrate a high quality study abroad experience into their RIT education. It is never too early to start thinking about how to fit this once in a lifetime experience into your academic plans! Attendees will be treated to Ben & Jerry's after the session!	Student Alumni Union (SAU), Bldg. 4, Ingle Auditorium

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM **RIT Leadership Institute and Community Service Center Interactive Leadership and Service Workshop** Student Alumni Union (SAU), Bldg. 04, 1829 Room

The RIT Leadership Institute and Community Service Center (RLI and CSC) provides a variety of opportunities for students to develop their personal and organizational leadership skills and engage in the community. Becoming involved is a great way to meet new people, have fun, and build your resumé! Join us for an interactive leadership and service workshop to experience what the RLI and CSC can do for you. We look forward to meeting you!

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM **Rest, Relax, Rejuvenate**

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Free		
10:00 PM – Midnight	Gameshow: <i>ThinkFast!</i>	Student Alumni Union (SAU), Bldg. 04, Lower Level, The RITz
	Want to win a boatload of cash? Bring your friends and try your hand at this interactive trivia-style game show! Cash prizes will be awarded to the winner!	
10:00 PM – 11:00 PM	Live, Acoustic Music	Java Wally's, Wallace Library, Bldg. 05
	Come listen to music at one of the hot spots on campus for students. Java Wally's will be open until Midnight. Coffee and desserts are on a cash basis.	
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Thursday, September 3

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8:30 AM	OA Group Meeting Mandatory: If you are assigned to take the LAQE, meet your group at the location designated by your OA.	
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Liberal Arts Qualifying Exam (LAQE) The Liberal Arts Qualifying Exam (LAQE) is a placement test required of all first-year students who do not meet one of the following criteria: a score of 560 or higher on the verbal section of the SAT, 23 or higher on the English portion of the ACT, or 6 or higher on the SAT essay exam. If you need to take this exam, you should have received a postcard in August and you should have a label on the back of your name tag.	College of Liberal Arts, Bldg. 06, Room A205
9:30 AM	OA Group Meeting Mandatory: Meet your group at the location designated by your OA.	
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	SpiRiTs <i>SpiRiTs</i> was designed specifically for RIT students with the goal of raising self-awareness and understanding the role alcohol plays in the university setting. Learn RIT’s expectations for the responsible use of alcohol, as well as your role in impacting the drinking patterns of your peers. Groups G1 – G3 Groups G4 – G5	Gleason, Bldg. 09, Room 2580 Carlson, Bldg. 76, Room 1125

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM **Lunch**

12:30 PM **OA Group Meeting**

Mandatory: Meet your group at the location designated by your OA.

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM **College Life 101**

An interactive program discussing academic and transitional issues new students may face during their first year. In addition, programs and services that can help ease the transition process for students are highlighted.

Group G1 – G2
Group G3 – G5

Gosnell, Bldg. 08, Room 3305
Gosnell, Bldg. 08, Room 1154

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM **Math Placement Exam**

Gosnell, Bldg. 08, Room 1345

Only for students who did not take the online exam during the summer, including NSSO students. Check the back of your name tag to see if you need to take this exam. This exam is taken by all entering students whose program requires a calculus sequence. **Calculators are NOT permitted.** This exam is important for advising purposes only and has no effect on a student's GPA. If you have already taken the exam during the summer, please DO NOT take the exam again.

4:30 PM – 7:00 PM **Dinner**

6:30 PM **Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual,
Transgender (GLBT) Center
Open House**

Student Alumni Union (SAU),
Bldg. 04, Room A452

Staff from the GLBT Center will join other faculty, staff, allies, and students (including members of the RIT Gay Alliance [RITGA] Executive Board) to welcome new GLBT students and allies (desserts provided). New students will be taken on a tour of Rochester's Lavender attractions, showing gay and gay-friendly neighborhoods and establishments. All students will return in time for the evening's events.

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM **Rest, Relax, Rejuvenate**

8:30 PM – 10:00 PM **Lighting the Way:
A Welcoming Ceremony
for RIT Women**

Gordon Field House
and Activities Center,
Bldg. 24

All new first-year and transfer RIT women are invited to attend this annual tradition at RIT. Sponsored by the Women's Center.

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10:00 PM – Midnight	Greek Council Dance	Student Alumni Union (SAU), Bldg. 04, Alfred L. Davis Room
	Socialize with your new friends and meet many more at the dance party thrown by RIT's Greek Council. Enjoy music, dancing, free food, and good times.	
10:00 PM	Animated Feature: <i>Howl's Moving Castle</i>	Student Alumni Union (SAU), Bldg. 04, Ingle Auditorium
	Join us as we screen <i>Howl's Moving Castle</i> . Sophie is a young woman working in her family's hat shop who goes on a journey to break the curse placed upon her by the Witch of the Waste. Along the way, Sophie becomes the cleaning woman for the notorious wizard Howl, and her journey becomes one of self-discovery. This unique showing is sponsored by the RIT Anime Club.	
10:00 PM – 11:00 PM	Introduction to American Sign Language (ASL)	Lyndon Baines Johnson, Bldg. 50, Panara Theatre
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9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	SEO Job Fair and Bank Fair	Gordon Field House and Activities Center, Bldg. 24 (Please enter on ground level from residence hall side.)
	The SEO Job Fair is your opportunity to meet with both on and off-campus employers. Students seeking an on-campus job must have a Student Employment Eligibility card; be sure to bring it with you to the Job Fair. Area banks will be available to open accounts.	
9:30 AM	OA Group Meeting	
	Mandatory: Meet your group at the location designated by your OA.	
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Deep Economy Discussion Groups	Liberal Arts, Bldg. 06 Room A205
	Students and College of Liberal Arts faculty will meet in small groups to discuss the first-year book <i>Deep Economy</i> . We will examine McKibben’s claim that “more” and “better” are now incompatible as well as his proposal for a more sustainable, durable future.	
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Wallace Library Open House	Wallace Library, Bldg. 05
	The supportive staff of RIT Libraries/Teaching and Learning Services awaits to meet you and learn about your academic pursuits. Find out who your college’s librarian liaison is and discover the many resources available to support your academic success. Enjoy refreshments, music, and fun activities while you make some new friends here. Discover great meeting places, like Java Wally’s Café and the Idea Factory. Learn about job opportunities at RIT Libraries/TLS, such as the SportsZone.	
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Lunch	

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Explore Rochester!

Meet in D lot

Get out and discover some of what Rochester has to offer. Busses will depart from D lot and take you to one of the places listed below. The busses will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis and you **MUST** return to campus on the same bus that you take to your destination of choice. Busses will begin loading in D lot at 1:00 PM and will load at 4:30 PM to return to campus.

Destinations include:**Park Avenue** (<http://www.park-avenue.org/>)

This fun-to-stroll, tree-lined street with distinctive architecture, "pocket" parks, and diverse businesses is tucked into a residential neighborhood. Nearby are the Rochester Museum and Science Center, the Memorial Art Gallery, and the George Eastman House. Discover gift shops, boutiques, specialty shops, cafés and much more!

Eastview Mall (<http://www.eastviewmall.com/>)

Visitors can enjoy shopping at more than 180 specialty stores, dining at six sit-down restaurants, catching a movie at the Regal Cinema, or unwinding with a massage or facial at Euphoria Salon/Spa. Eastview Mall is also home to five major department stores: Lord & Taylor, Macy's, JC Penney, Sears and The Bon-Ton.

Charlotte and Ontario Beach Park(<http://www.monroecounty.gov/parks-ontariobeach.php>)

In the northernmost part of the City of Rochester, Charlotte is the home of the Port of Rochester and Ontario Beach Park, offering panoramic views of Lake Ontario. Several restaurants and shops surround the park including a local favorite—the original Abbott's Frozen Custard which opened in 1926. The Ontario Beach boardwalk and pier are great spots for fishing, bird watching, or just observing the boats coming and going out of the harbor. Ride the historic 1905 Dentzel Menagerie Carousel, play a game of beach volleyball on one of the six beach courts, tour the 1822 Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse, or just relax in the park.

Pittsford Plaza (<http://www.pittsfordplaza.com/>)

Curl up with a good book, grab an ice cream cone, watch a movie, or treat yourself to fine dining! Pittsford Plaza is the retail heart of the community of Pittsford, New York, a suburb of Rochester. Pittsford Plaza offers a variety of unique stores and restaurants, as well as the Pittsford Cinema, a 50,000 square foot Barnes & Noble and Wegmans grocery superstore. Shops and restaurants of interest include Eastern Mountain Sports, Bath & Body Works, Gamestop, Applebee's, The Cheesecake Factory, Black & Blue, and Cold Stone Creamery.

Community Service in the City

Make a difference in your new community by lending a hand and volunteering your time to work on a community service project. Co-sponsored by the RIT Leadership Institute and Community Service Center.

4:30 PM – 7:00 PM **Dinner**

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM **Shabbat Services,
Followed by Dinner** Schmitt Interfaith Center,
Jones Chapel, Bldg. 16,
Skalny Room

Join Hillel for Friday night services at 6:00 PM in the Jones Chapel of the Center for Religious Life. A free delicious, home-cooked community Shabbat dinner will be at 7:00 PM in the Skalny Room on the lower level of the CRL. Come for services, dinner, or both!

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM **Rest, Relax, Rejuvenate**

Week of Welcome "WOW" Events

Time	Event	Location (Bldg., Room)
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Free

10:00 PM – Midnight	Meal or No Meal	Gordon Field House and Activities Center, Bldg. 24
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Why pay for your meals? Join the Residence Halls Association for Meal or No Meal. You'll have twenty-six cases to choose from with the chance to win a free meal plan for one quarter!

10:00 PM – Midnight	Karaoke	Student Alumni Union (SAU), Bldg. 04, Lower Level, The RITz
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Break a leg—the stage is yours! Join in on the fun and show off your singing skills. Sing along to your favorite tunes and share some laughs with your new friends.

Open for Service

10:00 PM – Midnight	Ben & Jerry's	Student Alumni Union (SAU), Bldg. 04, Lobby
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Enjoy a refreshing treat with your new friends at a favorite campus hangout!

	BeanZ	Grace Watson, Bldg. 25, Lobby
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In need of some "fuel?" Enjoy coffee, smoothies, and more at one of RIT's popular coffee houses!

	SAU Game Room	Student Alumni Union (SAU), Bldg. 04, Lower Level
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Play pool and video games and visit the desk at the first ESPN Sports Zone on a college campus. Record your debut as a sports-caster and send it to family and friends. There is a nominal fee for pool and video games tonight.

Saturday, September 5

Time	Event	Location (Bldg., Room)
11:00 AM	OA Group Meeting Mandatory: Meet your group at the location designated by your OA.	
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Lunch	
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Two Worlds Together Program In 1968, the National Technical Institute for the Deaf was established and joined educational forces as one of the colleges of RIT. NTID supports 1,200 students who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. <i>The Two Worlds Together</i> documentary brings to light the cross-cultural barriers that occur when deaf and hearing students co-exist on one campus. Discussions with both deaf and hearing first-year students after the film will focus on your reactions and thoughts about your role in this unique setting. Strategies and resources for bridging communication gaps will also be shared.	Lyndon Baines Johnson (LBJ), Bldg. 60, Panara Theatre
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Tiger Den Kick-off! Join the rest of the RIT Tiger Den and have some fun while learning about how you can support RIT athletics. There will be interactive activities including inflatable amusements, a dunk tank, a velcro wall, sumo wrestling and lots more! Refreshments will be provided. We hope to see you there!	Greek Lawn Rain Location: Clark Gymnasium, Bldg. 03
4:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Dinner	
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Newman Community Catholic Mass	Schmitt Interfaith Center, Bldg. 16, Allen Chapel
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Rest, Relax, Rejuvenate	

Week of Welcome "WOW" Events

Time	Event	Location (Bldg., Room)
Free		
6:00 PM – 1:00 AM	ZeroFest ZeroFest, hosted by the Electronic Gaming Society, is a miniature LAN Party with computers, TV's, and the latest generation of gaming consoles. Find out about fun exciting events video game events, play video games, and enjoy some free food. Games at ZeroFest will include <i>Team Fortress 2</i> , <i>Super Smash Brothers Brawl</i> , <i>Guitar Hero 3</i> and more! Bring your own computer laptop or just come and play an Xbox 360, Wii, or PlayStation 3!	CSD Student Development Center, Bldg. 55, Rooms 1300 & 1310

9:00 PM – 1:00 AM **Brick Bash** Student Alumni Union (SAU),
Bldg. 04, Albert J. and Carolie
R. Simone Plaza and Circle
Rain Location: Student Alumni
Union (SAU), Bldg. 04, Alfred L.
Davis Room

Dance the night away at this outdoor dance party and festival, with a live DJ, free giveaways, and free food! Sponsored by the RIT Bader Grant Task Force and the Women's Center.

10:00 PM – Midnight **Red Barn Activities** Red Barn, on-campus

Red Barn Climbing (RBC) is RIT's indoor rock climbing gym, located in the Interactive Adventures Red Barn at the west end of campus. RBC is regarded by many as the premier rock climbing gym in western New York and among the best in the northeast. RBC offers over 5,000 square feet of climbing surface with three huge climbing caves with wall-to-wall padded flooring, a top-out boulder, and a toprope wall. Free shoe rental tonight!

Two shuttles will run continuously from 9:30 PM – 12:30 AM to transport students to and from the Red Barn. Shuttle pick-up and drop-off locations are the Albert J. and Carolie R. Simone Plaza and Circle and Grace Watson Hall. **PLEASE NOTE:** There are limited restroom facilities at the Red Barn.

Open for Service

10:00 PM – Midnight **Ben & Jerry's** Student Alumni Union (SAU),
Bldg. 04, Lobby

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Sunday, September 6

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10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Catholic Mass	Schmitt Interfaith Center, Bldg. 16, Allen Chapel
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Brunch	Gracie's, Grace Watson Hall, Bldg. 25
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Club/Organization Fair	Gordon Field House and Activities Center, Bldg. 24 Learn about the clubs/organizations at RIT (over 200 and counting), including Greek life! Games, fun, and music provided by WITR!
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Wiedman Fitness Center Tour	Student Life Center, Gordon Field House and Activities Center, Bldg. 24, Front Desk Tours of the Wiedman Fitness Center will leave from the front desk/kiosk closest to the Quarter Mile every half hour. These tours will include an overview of the facilities and equipment, as well as the services offered. No special clothing or footwear will be required. Workouts are not included.
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Red Cross Blood Drive	Gordon Field House and Activities Center, Bldg. 24 Did you know that every two seconds, someone in America needs blood? Donating blood is a safe and rewarding way to make a real difference! Your one blood donation can help save as many as three lives in our community! Please consider donating blood at the RIT Orientation blood drive. Walk-ins are welcome or go to www.rit.givesblood.org to schedule an appointment.
4:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Dinner	Gracie's, Grace Watson Hall, Bldg. 25
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Lutheran Worship Services, Followed by Dinner	Schmitt Interfaith Center, Bldg. 16, Jones Chapel
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Catholic Mass	Schmitt Interfaith Center, Bldg. 16, Allen Chapel
Evening	We hope you enjoyed your orientation experience. Get organized, pack your backpack, familiarize yourself with your schedule, and get in gear for a successful academic year.	

Monday, September 7—Classes Begin

Mark Your Calendars for the Following University Events:

October 9-11 **Brick City Homecoming and Family Weekend**
RIT's student, family, and alumni weekend.

The fun doesn't have to end after Orientation...get involved!
Watch for information in January about how you can become an Orientation Assistant for Orientation 2010!

For more information on student clubs and organizations, athletics, and events visit:
<http://campuslife.rit.edu/>.

First-Year Evening Events

Open to all new students and faculty/staff

Sponsored by: Academic Support Center, First-Year Enrichment, Orientation, Residence Life, and Student Life Center

WEEK 2 - September 16

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM **Tunnel Tours**

Gracie's, Grace Watson
Hall, Bldg. 25

Leaves every 15 minutes. Check out RIT's underground networks on the residential side of campus.

WEEK 3 - September 22, 23, and 24

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM **Fitness Center Tour**

Student Life Center,
Gordon Field House and
Activities Center, Bldg. 24

Leaves every half hour. Learn how to enter the facilities, request a towel, locate the locker rooms, and use the equipment for a simple workout.

WEEK 4 - September 30

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM **Open House**

Academic Support Center,
Eastman, Bldg. 01,
Second Floor

See the academic support services up close and learn strategies to using the resources available.

Please be sure to give us your feedback about your experience. Your FYE instructor will give you further information on how you can share your opinions with us.

PLEASE NOTE: The Ritter Ice Rink, Red Barn, Ben & Jerry's, Java Wally's, BeanZ, and the SAU Game Room were open for extended hours during Orientation. Refer to each location's Website for their regular operating hours.

