Dear Parents,

There are many people on campus right now singing about “the most wonderful time of the year” as we excitedly prepare for your students to come home to RIT. New parents—we are thrilled to welcome you and your students to the Tiger Family over the next several days! All parents—good luck as you prepare your student for another successful year!
News and Deadlines

Fall Arrival Guides
The 2017 Fall Arrival Guides are now available and contain the information your student needs about arriving on campus over the next week. The Arrival Guide includes: important dates, what to bring checklists, and specific information for new and returning students. Parents of new students-this is where you will find your student’s designated move-in time and instructions for move-in day.

Goodbye, Goodbuy
Goodbye, Goodbuy is a student-run initiative that provides both new and returning students the opportunity to furnish dorms and apartments at affordable prices. Last spring during move-out week, Goodbye, Goodbuy collected over 35 tons of goods left behind from students, which will be on sale during move-in week. Inventory includes items such as: furniture, clothing, fans, lamps, fridges, televisions, and speakers, as well as items that students might have forgotten to bring to campus (hangers, school supplies, and kitchenware). The sale will be on August 22-26 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. in Clark Gym. Students interested in volunteering at Goodbye, Goodbuy (and receiving the volunteer discount) can sign up online.

Tips for Commuter Students
If your student will be living at home or in non-RIT housing and is commuting, please share with them the following tips as they prepare for the beginning of the semester:

- Make sure your driving commuter has purchased a parking permit on the Parking and Transportation website.
- A familiar route might have more traffic when they’re heading to class-give it a few extra minutes the first week.
- Similarly, buses tend to be most crowded the first couple weeks until students and other commuters get a better grasp on their schedules. Students should grab a bus earlier than needed for the first week or two to ensure they arrive to class on time.
- There are Commuter Meal Plans available to students.
- If your student is new to campus and attending orientation, make the most of all of the events provided. Off-Campus and Commuter Services has a number of programs designed specifically to connect your student to other commuters and the RIT campus.
- Students who are on their own for the first time may have questions about utilities, landlords, neighbors, and more. If you aren’t sure about these
things, encourage your student to visit Off-Campus and Commuter Services in Campus Center A650.

Brick City Weekend
The Brick City Homecoming and Family Weekend schedule is up and registration is live! Brick City Weekend (BCW) is on October 13-15 and features events for the whole family. While browsing the schedule, here are some suggestions for family-favorite events:

- **Taste of Rochester**—Sample local wine, craft beer, and favorite Rochester foods with other families.
- **Family Fun Zone**—Play arcade games, check out the bounce house, and build your own stuffed tiger.
- **Student Government Presents**—This year’s Horton Series speaker is Trevor Noah, host of The Daily Show on Comedy Central.
- **No Voice Zone**—Experience an RIT tradition, experience Deaf culture, and learn a few basic signs.
- **Men’s Hockey at Blue Cross Arena**—RIT’s Men’s Hockey Team takes on Northeastern in downtown Rochester. Be sure to also check out the free shuttle to downtown from campus.
- **Sunday Brunch**—Learn about co-op and learning abroad opportunities and support while enjoying brunch before heading home.

Keep an eye on the Parent Newsletter and the RIT Parent Facebook page for more information about Brick City Weekend in the coming months!

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Program Profile
Into the ROC
Into the ROC gives students the opportunity to explore the unique challenges and cultural treasures in the greater-Rochester community. Participants spend an evening during the week or a few hours on the weekend either doing community service with a local non-profit or enjoying a local play, comedy show, museum, or other cultural experience in the city. All this is done with one goal in mind: to have students get inspired by Rochester.

In its first year of programming, we traveled to 24 unique sites in the city and preformed over 520 hours of volunteer work. The Center for Leadership & Civic Engagement (CLCE) is excited to carry this momentum into this upcoming academic year! This fall we will be expanding our program to cover even more of the Rochester region including cruising down the Erie Canal, zip-lining through Bristol Mountain, and watching video game soundtracks come to life at the RPO. We will be pairing 12 hands-on service outings with our exploration of the city where students will get their hands dirty at the Mt. Hope Cemetery Clean-Up, install free smoke alarms with the Red Cross, and package over 20,000 meals at this year’s Hunger Project.

Encourage your student check out the Center for Leadership & Civic Engagement’s Facebook to find an Into the ROC event that fits their interests!
Information and Updates

Designated Smoking Areas
In effort to create a healthy working, learning, and living environment, RIT is a tobacco-restricted campus. All smoking and use of tobacco products (including e-cigarettes) are restricted to six designated tobacco areas on all university-managed properties. Please refer to the RIT campus map to locate designated smoking areas when you visit, and remind your student about these areas if they smoke.

RIT Alert
RIT Alert is the system used at RIT to immediately notify the campus community in significant emergency or dangerous situations involving an immediate threat to the health or safety of students, faculty, and staff occurring on or near campus. Students’ cell phone numbers are automatically transferred into RIT Alert, but please remind them to make sure they are enrolled, or to change their preferences.

Parent Poll
Each month, we ask parents to respond to our Parent Poll and provide feedback on a topic related to RIT, your student, and you. In July, we asked how your students are spending their summers. Nearly half of you said your students are working a summer job, while another 22% said they were working a co-op/internship. Please take a moment to answer our August question.

Parent Tip
Encourage students to ask for help before they need it
Many students enter college having never struggled with high school coursework. The transition into college-level coursework and a new schedule may be a shock not only to new students, but also to returners. Students struggle academically for a variety of reasons, and it's not always because the subject matter is difficult. College students often learn difficult lessons about time management and study skills. Support is available at RIT for all types of academic challenges. The Academic Support Center (ASC) provides online resources, in-person appointments, and study centers to assist students’ academic success. Academic Coaching, for example, allows students to work one-on-one with a Student Support Specialist to enhance time management and study habits, as well as learn about campus resources. Students do not have to wait until they are in trouble to use these resources! Check out ASC Online for videos and blogs or the ASC website for resources, schedules, and services.
In addition to the ASC, students should feel comfortable visiting their professors’ office hours and asking their academic advisers for support resource suggestions right within their colleges.

**Featured Photo**

In case you don’t follow the [Parent and Family Programs Facebook page](#), here’s what you missed this week: New Student Orientation professional and student staff supported Parent & Family Programs by stuffing 2,800 bags for our incoming Tiger Families.

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Sincerely,

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