

Welcome to RIT



STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Rochester Institute of Technology

You are about to undertake a ten-month venture that has unlimited opportunities for positive growth and change. Entering an academic program has one striking similarity to the business world - your achievements will be based on how focused you are and on how well you work with your resources. All too often, school is seen as a necessary means to an end. Today, I encourage you to see that your academic life is not only a means to an end but it also has its own reality. How well you learn to take advantage of opportunities available to you as well as to see new and creative applications of the material you are learning can make the difference between just going to school and really getting an education.

An **entrepreneur** looks for ways to get the most out of opportunities available. This type of person sees possibilities for business ventures in things that you or I may walk past every day. They see potential in things we tend to ignore. Their vision creates new possibilities for action and financial gain.

An "**academicpreneur**" sees academic opportunities in a variety of circumstances. Learning takes on its own excitement. There is no longer just the obligation to learn what is taught. Classes are seen as vehicles for creating new learning, new directions and new outlooks. You can begin to see your studies not only as a way to earn a degree but also as a way to set new opportunities in motion. You are no longer just a student - you become a scholar in the most positive sense of the word.

To be an "**academicpreneur**" is within your reach. Make the most of all of the opportunities that you have here at RIT, including all that is offered through TRiO Student Support Services. Give yourself the chance to grow and to experience the breadth of your potential. Nothing that is worthwhile will happen without effort and purpose. Once you make the decision to be an "academicpreneur," be prepared to enter into some of the most exciting times you have experienced. We in TRiO Student Support Services are ready to be a partner in your learning, and you have our best wishes for a full and challenging year.
