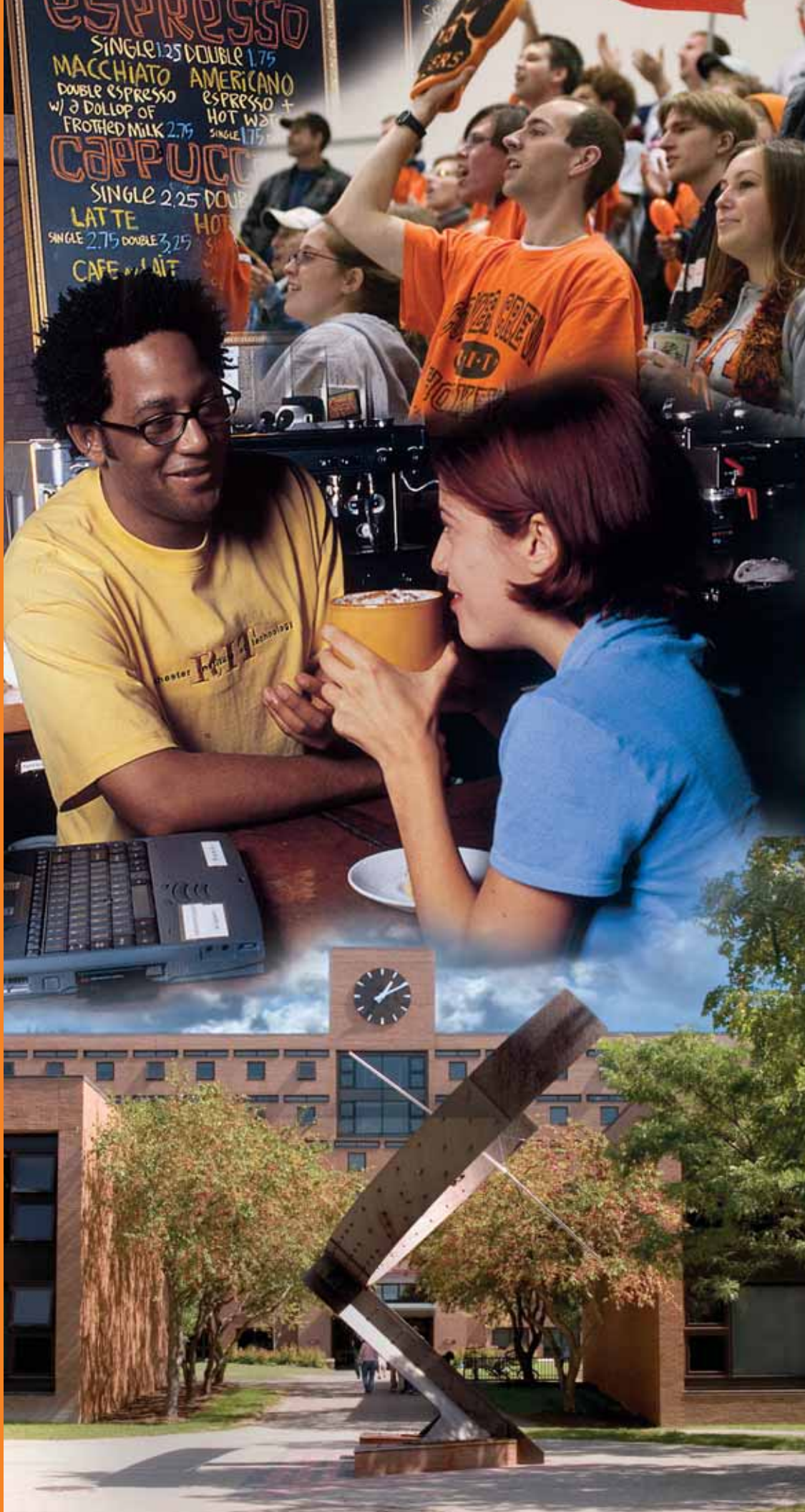


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# Welcome to Residential Living at RIT

*Where Living and Learning Come Together!*

**As assistant vice president of Housing Operations and director of Residence Life, we welcome you** to RIT and what may be one of the most exciting times in your educational career and development.

RIT residence halls offer you a safe, secure, and supportive environment for living and learning. Even before you arrive on campus, the assignment staff will work to find accommodations that most closely reflect what you are looking for in residence hall living. We offer a multitude of special-interest houses, living-learning communities, and special-lifestyle floors that were created to support students' interests in specific ways. Take advantage of the choices provided to create your own comfortable environment in your home away from home.

Our residence halls are full of students just like you. They're interested in their education, excited about learning, and eager and hopeful about future careers. Like you, they want to learn about the world around them and explore life's possibilities. While you'll find many similarities among your fellow students, you'll also find differences. You might have a roommate from another town or geographical region. You'll learn from

your peers about their cultures, languages, or religions, and you'll discover the multitude of academic programs they're pursuing at RIT. This wonderful diversity of people, cultures, and lifestyles all comes together in the residence halls, creating an enriched environment for living and learning.

Plenty of live-in staff, known as Resident Advisers, will be available to assist you with your transition to RIT and living on campus. Resident Advisers (RAs), students just like you, live in the residence halls and coordinate floor activities and programs. Each residence hall is managed by a full-time professional Community Enrichment Coordinator, who has a master's degree and extensive experience in higher education.

We look forward to welcoming you into the residence halls. You'll be hearing more from us in the months to come. We are always ready to assist with your questions and concerns.

Howard Ward, Ph.D.  
Assistant Vice President  
RIT Housing Operations

Chuck Lamb  
Director  
RIT Center for Residence Life

# Where You'll Live

## Residence Halls



The residence halls are connected by tunnels, which are like an underground city with free laundry facilities; RITchies, a Residence Halls Association-run lounge and game room; post office; and the Corner Store and Sol's—two convenience stores—a real benefit in the winter.

All rooms and suites are furnished and carpeted\*, and have standard cable, phone lines, and high-speed Ethernet connections. Even though all floors have similar characteristics, each has distinct benefits for the students living there.

Each building, each floor, even each room has been designed with an emphasis on comfort, safety, and easy access to the newest technologies.

The emphasis on safety includes residence halls being locked 24/7 with card access on the exterior doors or elevators leading to student rooms, smoke-free buildings, and RIT's alcohol policy, which prohibits possession, consumption, or evidence of alcohol in all residence halls.

Mobility-challenged students find the RIT campus one of the most accessible in the nation. RIT makes all efforts to meet your needs based on the availability of resources.

■ **Frances Baker, Eugene Colby, and Kate Gleason Halls** are closest to the Quarter Mile and Gracie's dining hall. Baker Hall houses our honors students while Colby Hall is home to Art House, House of General Science, International House, Unity House, and Business Leaders of Tomorrow House. Kate Gleason Hall is air-conditioned. Baker Hall is wireless.

■ **Nathaniel Rochester Hall (NRH)** is a high-rise that features air conditioning in addition to the latest comfort and safety features. NRH is home to Photo House, Computer Science House, Engineering House, and the NRH Microcomputer Lab, which features Macintosh OS and Windows workstations complete with software, printers, and Internet access. Located in the tunnels below NRH are the Corner Store and the post office.

■ **Helen Fish Hall** is a low-rise building that houses a wellness and alcohol/substance free floor, and co-ed and all-male floors\*\*.

\*Some residence hall rooms have no carpeting in anticipation of meeting an ADA accommodation. Students without accommodations may be placed in these rooms.

The RIT community feeling begins in the residence halls, where engineering students live side by side with art students, where a student from India experiencing his first winter is living with a skier from Maine, where a hearing student and her deaf roommate are experiencing each other's cultures. Our residence halls are characterized by the diversity of students living there—many of them first-year RIT students like yourself.

RIT's suburban campus is designed with all the residence halls clustered together on the eastern side of campus—perfect for when you want to study with classmates living in other halls. The halls are joined to the academic side of campus by the “Quarter Mile” walkway—meaning no place on campus is more than a 15-minute walk.

	Frances Baker	Eugene Colby	Kate Gleason	Nathaniel Rochester	Helen Fish	Sol Heumann	Carlton Gibson	Mark Ellingson	Peter Peterson	Alexander Graham Bell	Building 28	Building 30	Building 32
<b>Available Housing</b>													
Single-Sex Floors (men)**		•	•	•	•	•		•		•	•	•	
Single-Sex Floors (women)**								•				•	•
Co-ed Floors	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	
Single-Sex Suites								•	•	•			
Fraternity/Sorority Housing											•		•
Mainstream Floors						•	•	•	•	•			
<b>Special-Interest Housing</b>													
Art House		•											
Business Leaders of Tomorrow		•											
Computer Science House				•									
Engineering House				•									
House of General Science		•											
International House		•											
Photo House				•									
Unity House		•											
<b>Special Floors</b>													
Intensified Study							•						
Wellness					•								
Alcohol/Substance Free		•			•			•					
21 and Over									•				
Smoke-Free Building	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Honors Housing	•												
Living-Learning Communities			•			•							

\*\*Opposite-sex visitation is allowed on single-sex floors.

■ **Sol Heumann Hall** is a mainstreamed high-rise building that houses co-ed and all-male floors in addition to a living-learning community. In the tunnels below Sol Heumann is Sol's, a shop that features Sandella's flat-bread pizza, Freshen's frozen treats, and more.

■ **Carlton Gibson Hall** also features the latest conveniences and intensified study floors in a low-rise setting.

■ **Mark Ellingson, Peter Peterson, and Alexander Graham Bell Halls** make up the only residence area where most students live in air-conditioned suites—three student rooms sharing one adjoining bathroom. The majority of the students from the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) will be housed in Ellingson, making up approximately 50 percent of the residential population. The accessibility of Peterson Hall is considered state of the art.

■ **Building 30** is a low-rise building with single-sex floors for males and females\*\* and co-ed floors. Students living in this building have elevator access to the tunnels.

■ **Buildings 28 and 32** house single-sex floors for independent males and females\*\* and fraternities and sororities. These two low-rises have elevator access to the tunnels.

Several fraternities and sororities have their own meal plans and their own basements with kitchens and/or space for meetings and recreation. Joining a Greek organization allows you the opportunity to build leadership skills, get involved in campus activities, develop career networks, and expand your social life. All of these benefits lead to a higher degree of satisfaction with your collegiate experience.

During recruitment week, students may decide to join a fraternity or sorority. This housing option is open to students who have completed a new-member education process and are in their second quarter of classes.



A private studio gives Art House residents space to work.

### The eight special-interest houses are:

- ▶ Art House
- ▶ Business Leaders of Tomorrow
- ▶ Computer Science House
- ▶ Engineering House
- ▶ House of General Science
- ▶ International House
- ▶ Photo House
- ▶ Unity House

## Where You'll Live

### *Special-Interest Housing: Life Outside the Classroom*

If you are inspired about art, crazy about computers, or passionate about photography, you may want to live in one of RIT's special-interest houses. Designed for students who like to share their interests, these eight houses offer a specific academic focus to residence-hall living and provide tailored activities to a common group. Special-interest houses are self-governing organizations that also have a resident adviser living on floor. Selection of membership for the house is based on an initial written application process, not on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications must be received by May 1 in order to be considered for fall membership. Current house members are actively involved in the selection of new members with assistance from their Residence Life administrative adviser, Housing Operations staff, and academic adviser. The demand to live in some houses far exceeds available space.

All house members are expected to pay dues to support house activities and purchase supplies for the extra on-floor amenities available to you if you live in this space. Dues range from \$45 to \$105 per year depending on the house. Because the houses are designed for members to share interests, they require residents to be active in house events, attend weekly meetings, and to participate in special projects throughout the year.

Special-interest houses are close-knit communities, some of which have been in existence for 35 years. The connections to faculty, departments, upper-class students, and alumni make them a truly special experience.

#### **An Art Studio Just Two Doors Down . . .**

**Art House**, the first special-interest house on campus, provides a creative and productive atmosphere for its members. Open to all campus residents of any major, it is of particular interest to students enrolled in the School of Art, the School of Design, and the School for American Crafts.

Art House provides a number of dedicated workspaces with equipment to allow members to comfortably complete assignments, study, or socialize. One private studio space includes work tables, a cutting station, an enclosed gallery, a fully ventilated industrial spray booth, and a space that holds a community store of resources and tools. In addition to the studio space, there is a darkroom and a screen-printing lab with an industrial light table. House members also enjoy participating in many activities pertaining to art, community service, photography, and social programs, including an annual trip to Toronto. Due to its high concentration of art majors, Art House provides a mentoring and nurturing environment for future artists and craftspeople with support from RIT's faculty and staff.

#### **Business Leaders of Tomorrow**

Interested students can join a community focused on the professional world of business. The house's "boardroom" may be used by students for club meetings, conferences, alumni and corporate speakers, and mentoring opportunities. Boardroom resources include a network server, several workstations, and a laser printer. Through social and professional activities, a commitment to volunteering, and field trips, **Business Leaders**



“Through activities, events, volunteering, and field trips, **Business Leaders of Tomorrow** work to build a strong business environment among RIT students.”

**of Tomorrow** work to build a strong business environment among RIT students.

### **More Than Just Computers**

As one of the most popular and oldest special-interest houses on campus, **Computer Science House** provides its members with a state-of-the-art technical environment as well as a warm and inviting “family” atmosphere. Not only a home for computing majors, CSH is a diverse organization consisting of students from all programs.

Members operate and maintain house computing resources, including e-mail, Web servers, and both wired and wireless networks. An on-floor lab supplies 24-hour computer facilities to all members. Those who wish to expand their technical knowledge will benefit from specialized project rooms and the broad expertise of other members. CSH offers a vibrant social atmosphere comprised of activities ranging from movie nights and camping trips to house meetings and faculty gatherings. With a strong ongoing connection to its 30 years of alumni, CSH offers unique networking opportunities between its members and industry professionals.

### **Supporting Future Engineers**

Engineering studies at RIT are demanding, but first-year students will find they have an advantage by living in **Engineering House**, where help is always right next door. Engineering House promotes a close professional relationship with the College of Engineering’s faculty and resources.

In addition, its study lounge resources include several computers, a floor printer, and electronic workstations. Since Engineering House has a strong family atmosphere, students work together on projects and participate in and sponsor many activities throughout the year. Some events include movie nights, athletic events, intramural sports, house trips, community projects, and an annual freshman project that is designed solely by the freshman class.

### **The Adventure of Science**

The **House of General Science** promotes a friendly environment for any student who shares a diverse interest in science. The house attracts students who are interested in the traditional sciences (i.e., chemistry and physics), the medical-science professions, mathematics and statistics, and innovative fields like biotechnology, bioinformatics and imaging science. Through interaction with your housemates, you’ll get the chance to gain a better understanding of the different sciences, share your curiosity, and expand your sense of discovery. The house maintains a close link with the dean and faculty of the College of Science, and provides many social, recreational, and educational activities throughout the year to encourage communication and learning between house members and the campus scientific community. The house not only provides students with a great way to establish lifelong friendships but also is a great way to make professional contacts in your career field.



In addition to its studio, darkroom, and photo finishing facilities, Photo House even has its own exhibition space. The Photo House gallery offers members an exciting public venue for their work and helps them get an idea of what it's really like to hang a show, to have an opening, and to see their work hanging on a wall. The community atmosphere in Photo House fosters strong, lasting friendships with other students who have similar interests in photography.

### Diversity at Its Best

"Diversity is the one thing we all have in common. We celebrate it every day." (Anonymous)

Students in **International House (I-House)** live by this saying. I-House is made up of students from all over the world, studying different majors, and of course, sharing different cultures. The house promotes positive international relations among students and develops its own culture by borrowing a little from each member. House members partake in activities such as intramural sports, community service activities, and social outings, including ski trips, movie theater nights, and trips to amusement parks. They hold quarterly house dinners in their own fully equipped kitchen/lounge, which allows you to get a taste of different delicacies.

Making friends at I-House is inevitable. I-House students are very friendly and everyone has something special to add to the house. A strong sense of community is built through everyday interactions among the house members. By becoming an on-floor or off-floor member, you have the opportunity to excel, learn, and lead. All nationalities are welcome.





“Living in **Unity House** reminds you of your neighborhood at home, where you know everybody. It helps you assimilate into college better because you live with people you share a culture with and who have had similar experiences. Now when I see my friends on the floor, they’re like my inner circle of friends back home.”

### **Photography at All Hours**

**Photo House** is the ideal place for RIT students with a passion for photography, whether they are photo majors or not. Photo House draws students from many programs, including film, industrial design, and computer science. Photo House provides convenient facilities that are open 24 hours a day. Without leaving your hall, you can shoot in the studio, print in one of two black-and-white darkrooms, mount in the print finishing room, and present your work in the gallery or on the Photo House website ([www.rit.edu/~photowww](http://www.rit.edu/~photowww)).

Members are always finding fun things to do in their free time, including movie nights, gallery visits, picnics, and an annual trip to PhotoEXPO in NYC. Looking to develop your photographic style? Several times a year, professionals in the field come to speak at Photo House and share their real-world experiences. Photo House members also benefit from mutual critiques of their work in a supportive atmosphere. If you are planning on coming to RIT, why not join Photo House—RIT’s residential center for photographic creativity.

### **Cultural Enrichment, Academic Achievement**

**Unity House** is dedicated to students who are interested in learning more about African-American culture. Unity House accomplishes this mission in an environment that promotes diversity and awareness of cultural issues through a variety of workshops, programs, and community service activities.

Members are active in various organizations on campus such as Black Awareness Coordinating Committee, Latin American Students Association, National Society of Black Engineers, Caribbean Students Association, and Global Union. In addition, members participate in fundraisers for the house, African-American cultural celebrations, and other social events. The comfortable atmosphere supports and promotes success and leadership for all members.

Most importantly, the members of Unity House can help you expand your horizons through campus involvement and will help you build long-lasting relationships with students, faculty and staff. The friendly and nurturing members look forward to making you a part of their family.



If you want the variety of people and experiences of living in a residence hall but like the idea of floors designed for a particular lifestyle, consider these special living arrangements:

- ▶ Intensified Study
- ▶ Wellness
- ▶ Alcohol/Substance-Free
- ▶ Living-Learning Community
- ▶ 21 and Over
- ▶ Single-Sex
- ▶ Honors Housing
- ▶ Mainstream Floors

## Where You'll Live

### Lifestyle Floors

#### **Intensified Study Lifestyle Option**

RIT is a university for serious students, and these floors promote an environment that encourages academic-study groups and a more structured study atmosphere. Floor programs are centered around encouraging interpersonal relationships through academic, social, recreational, cultural, and athletic activities.

#### **Wellness Lifestyle Option**

If you're committed to a healthy lifestyle, the Wellness Lifestyle Option offers a chance to live with others who are nutrition conscious, engaged in fitness activities, and are familiar with wellness information. Students also agree not to smoke outside and bring the smell of smoke in on their clothing. Floor programs focus on health-related activities, group activities, and community development.

#### **Alcohol/Substance-Free Lifestyle Option**

RIT's alcohol policy prohibits possession, consumption, or evidence of alcohol in all residence halls. An increasingly popular option for many students is an alcohol- and substance-free living arrangement.

These floors are for students who seek a coeducational living environment where residents and their guests agree to keep their living area free from alcohol at all times. Members agree to abstain from all non-prescribed mood-altering drugs. Students agree not to smoke outside and bring the smell of smoke in on their clothing. Like other lifestyle options, this program has been developed to create a healthy, proactive environment that supports students' academic and personal growth without limiting their enjoyment of the traditional college activities.

Students who are in recovery from alcohol and other substances or who come from families where addiction has been an issue might be interested in the One Day at a Time program, founded on principles of the 12-step program and offering weekly support meetings. Special programming and support services are available on an individual and/or group level.

Want more information? Please contact IMPACT, RIT's Alcohol and Drug Education Program, at 585-475-7081, [kmpshc@rit.edu](mailto:kmpshc@rit.edu), or SAISD, Substance and Alcohol Intervention Services for the Deaf, at 585-475-4978 (voice/TTY).



**“RIT is like a kaleidoscope. We have people from Italy, Texas, New York City, and Asia living together on my floor, and we’re all growing and changing together. Meeting new people is refreshing because so much of your learning doesn’t come from books and lectures.”**

### **21 and Over Lifestyle Option**

To create a more congenial atmosphere for adult students, this floor houses students who are 21 and over (for fall quarter move in, students must be 21 by Sept. 1, 2008). This is ideal for students who want a residence hall experience shared with other older students.

### **Smoke-Free Buildings**

No smoking is allowed in any of RIT’s residence halls nor in the west-side residential quads.

### **Single-Sex Floors**

If you prefer to live in a single-sex environment, you may request this option on your housing contract. Students may also be placed on a single-sex floor without requesting this option in order to maintain the balance of males and females on co-ed floors. Opposite-sex visitation is allowed on single-sex floors.

### **Honors Housing**

Students who have been accepted into the RIT Honors Program have the opportunity to live in honors housing in Baker Hall, where they can build friendships and mutual support in the honors community while taking advantage of honors activities beyond the classroom. First-year honors students are encouraged to select honors housing but may also choose other residence hall options such as special-interest houses.

### **Living-Learning Communities**

Students who have been accepted into a Living-Learning Community have the opportunity to take classes and live with a small group of cohorts from their college. Students will experience peer and faculty interaction and extra-curricular activities that will enhance their personal and academic development.

### **Mainstream Floors**

Mainstreamed floors where both deaf/hard-of-hearing and hearing students live are located in Ellingson, Peterson, Bell, Sol Heumann, and Gibson Halls.

Housing Operations does not assign hearing and deaf/hard-of-hearing students as roommates unless both students request an assignment together. Students may be placed on a mainstream floor without requesting this option.

The RAs assigned to these floors have sign-language skills and special training related to the needs of the hearing and deaf/hard-of-hearing population. RAs may be hearing or deaf/hard of hearing.





# Your Room

## *Express Yourself!*

**What will your room look like?** Each double room has two loft units that are bunked, two desks and chairs, two dressers, two closets, two wastebaskets, and a recycling trash can. All rooms are carpeted\* and have window shades. Double rooms in the residence halls come in two basic shapes. (*These are approximations. Room sizes, shapes and layout vary from building to building—even room to room—on any given floor.*)

- rectangular, measuring approximately 17' long by 10' wide. These rooms are generally located in the high-rise sections of the residence halls.
- square, approximately 12' long by 14' wide. These rooms are generally located in the low-rise sections.
- students are not given the opportunity to list their preferred room shape, as rooms are randomly assigned.

In addition, there are approximately 120 triple rooms located throughout the residence halls. These rooms are larger to comfortably accommodate three students. Triple rooms have a wide variety of shapes. There are also a few quad rooms scattered among the other rooms in the residence halls that house four students. All rooms are assigned on a random basis.

Our mattresses have a vinyl covering for health and sanitary reasons. Due to safety requirements, only RIT mattresses can be used. We recommend that you bring a cotton mattress cover to place over the vinyl covering. Mattresses in all rooms are 33" wide by 79" long or 36" wide by 80" long. All rooms have window shades. If you want to purchase drapes, we recommend that

you wait until after you have seen your room. Some student rooms have one window, and others have two. Window sizes vary depending on the residence area.

**Organized vs. Unorganized.** Room care and cleanliness are the responsibility of the students who share the room—one reason we ask students about their cleaning preferences. Rooms must be kept clean for health and safety reasons. Vacuum cleaners may be obtained from your resident adviser. The common areas of the buildings (bathrooms, lounges, etc.) are cleaned regularly by Facilities Management staff.

Each room is inspected at the start of the school year. You will be asked to sign a Move-In Inspection form verifying the condition of the room. To properly check out of your room, you need to complete a Move-Out Notification form, return keys in a completed Key Return Envelope, and remove all your personal belongings.

### **Pets**

Out of consideration for other residents, we do not allow animals other than fish in the residence halls. The tank size should be no larger than 10 gallons. Please leave your piranha and oscars at home!

### **Vacation Closing**

Feel free to stay on campus during quarter breaks if you are returning the next quarter, as all residence halls remain open. However, **when we close during the December holiday break,**

\*A small number of residence hall rooms have no carpeting in anticipation of meeting an ADA accommodation. Students without accommodations may be placed in these rooms.

**all students must leave.** Card access will be disabled on the exterior doors to ensure the safety of room contents. Alternate housing at the RIT Inn and Conference Center can be arranged by contacting Housing Operations.

## Features/Services

### Cable Television

Rooms are equipped with standard cable service provided through Time Warner Communications. Students wishing to upgrade their service can do so by calling Time Warner at 585-756-5000.

### Telephone

A phone line is provided; however, telephones are not. You will need to bring your own telephone with you. On-campus and local calling services are available, but long-distance calls require a calling card.

### Lighting

All rooms have an overhead light, but we suggest that you bring your own lamps. Halogen bulbs above 300 watts and all torchiere-style lamps are prohibited.

### Connections to the RIT Computer Network

Your own Ethernet jack in your room allows you free, direct, high-speed access to the campus network and the Internet. (You may need to purchase additional hardware for your personal computer to use this service. Information about the requirements are available online at <http://resnet.rit.edu>.) You can access your campus computer account, read and respond to e-mail from your desktop, use library resources via the Web, and share information with other students and teachers around the world. Training sessions on how to use these resources are available on campus. Students are responsible for protecting their own computer systems with UL-approved surge protectors/suppressors.

### Storage

Storage space is not available. We suggest that at the beginning of the year you attempt to send home as much of your excess luggage, boxes, and crates as possible.

### Personal Property Insurance

RIT assumes no responsibility for loss of or damage to personal property and has no insurance coverage protecting students' property. Students should check their parents' homeowners insurance or contact an insurance agent for possible protection against such losses. If you want to buy your own insurance, we suggest one of the following companies: 1) Haylor, Freyer & Coon, Inc., at 866-535-0456—<http://www.haylor.com/student>; or 2) CSI Insurance Agency, Inc., at 888-411-4911—<http://www.collegestudentinsurance.com>.





### **Appliances and Other Information**

To comply with fire-safety regulations, we limit appliances to clocks, televisions, personal computers, printers, VCRs, DVDs, surge-protection outlet strips, stereos, radios, fans, hair dryers, curling irons, hot rollers, electric razors, electric toothbrushes, small refrigerators (no larger than five cubic feet), and answering machines. All other electrical appliances are not allowed. No appliance may have an exposed heating element. All appliances must be UL approved. Material that might be used to attach posters to your walls should not leave any residue, oil spots, or sticky glue and should not mar the wall surface.

### **Mail Service**

The post office is located in the tunnel area underneath Nathaniel Rochester Hall. Mail is delivered once a day and picked up twice a day at posted hours. Each student will have his or her own mailbox.

### **Laundry Services**

There are several laundry rooms with free service throughout the tunnels connecting the residence halls.

### **Fire Strobes for Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing Students**

Strobe light warning equipment is provided in each room where a deaf/hard-of-hearing student might live. All deaf/hard-of-hearing students will be assigned to fire-strobed rooms.

### **Accommodations for Students with Disabilities and Special Medical Needs**

All residence hall buildings have handicap-accessible bathrooms on every floor. Some residence hall rooms and bathroom facilities have already been adapted for wheelchair mobility. Other room or floor accommodations may be made for those who have other physical, medical, or learning disabilities.

To discuss accommodation needs, contact the disabilities coordinator as early as possible at 585-475-7804 (voice/TTY). For fall quarter entrance, the Application for Services for Students with Disabilities must be submitted to the Disabilities Services Office by June 1. RIT will make all efforts to accommodate your needs based on the availability of resources. Please note that only severe allergies may qualify for a housing accommodation.

# Let's Eat!

## Meal Plans, Campus Dining and More

**Rochester Institute of Technology operates its own Dining Service** and offers a wide variety of cuisine to meet every student's needs. Our meal plans are flexible and convenient. For health and safety reasons, if you live in the residence halls, you are required to participate in a meal plan.

**When choosing a meal plan**, consider your eating habits and class schedule. In most cases, meal plans have a fixed number of meals to be eaten on a weekly basis in Gracie's Dining Hall, with five meal options that may be used at any dining service area for a value of \$6.15.

The food debit account may be used for purchases made in any dining service facility. The Student Alumni Union (SAU) Cafe, Café and Market at the Crossroads, the Ritz Sports Zone, Sandella's® at B. Thomas Golisano College, Ben & Jerry's, and the Candy Counter are located on the academic side of campus. Gracie's Dining Hall, Beanz, The Commons, The College Grind, Sol's and the Corner Store are located on the residential side. In addition, you can use your food debit account at Petal's, the restaurant at the RIT Inn and Conference Center. When using your food debit account for payment of your purchases, you will receive an 8-percent savings at any dining service location. Students on meal plans using debit in Gracie's will receive a 15-percent discount off the cash price of the meal.

Debit funds that come with meal plans must be used by the end of each quarter. Additional funds deposited into your debit account will roll over until the end of the academic year (spring quarter).

Your RIT ID accesses your secured account. The magnetic strip on the back of your ID is encoded with your student identification number. This encoding accesses your meal and/or food debit account. When your card is read in one of our card readers, the data on the magnetic strip is electronically scanned and transmitted. The card reader will display your current purchase total followed by the remaining balance.

### How do I sign up?

You must select a meal plan on your residence hall contract. Each student has the opportunity to change meal plans during the first week of each quarter.

For more information about our meal plans and/or dining facilities, please call the Dining Services Office at 1-800-724-5104 or visit us on the Web at <http://finweb.rit.edu/diningservices>.

### Meal Plans

- ▶ **Ultra Meal Plan:** Continuous entry to Gracie's Dining Hall, five meal options, debit account optional
- ▶ **Any 14 Plus:** Any 14 meals in Gracie's Dining Hall, \$86 debit per quarter
- ▶ **Any 12 Plus:** Any 12 meals in Gracie's Dining Hall, \$221 debit per quarter
- ▶ **Any 10 Plus:** Any 10 meals in Gracie's Dining Hall, \$357 debit per quarter

Each meal plan allows five meal options which are accepted at dining service areas at a \$6.15 value.

### Upperclassmen

Resident upperclassmen may choose any of the meal plans listed above or the following:

- ▶ **All Debit:** Used as cash in any dining service facility.

## Residential Area Dining Services Facilities

### Gracie's Dining Hall

Gracie's is located at the southern end of the residence complex. This dining facility seats 700 and serves three meals per day, Monday through Saturday, with brunch and dinner on Sunday. Gracie's offers all you care to eat. Meal plan meals are eaten at Gracie's. While at Gracie's, ask about our Ultra Meal Plan, allowing continuous entry for meals and snacks. Also check out "Mongolo's," our Mongolian Grill.

### Beans

Wake up with Spot Coffee at 7:30 a.m. weekdays or enjoy a late night study break at Beans, located in the lobby of Grace Watson. This facility features Spot Coffee®, Freshen's® Smoothies, fresh baked goods and a restful, relaxing environment. Cash, food debit, Tiger Bucks and meal options are accepted.

### The Commons

The Commons is open seven days a week and features Quiznos® Sub, Stone Oven Pizza and Pasta and Hettie's Grill. The Commons is a great place to enjoy a toasty sub, a cheeseburger, a slice of pizza or a bowl of pasta. You can even order your food online and have it delivered to your dorm or campus apartment. Go to <http://rit.webfood.com>. Cash, food debit, Tiger Bucks, meal options and Visa/MasterCard are accepted.

### The College Grind

Located on the first floor of the NTID Student Development Center, The College Grind is open seven days a week. Stop by and enjoy Starbucks® brewed coffee, espresso drinks and Freshen's® smoothies. A great place to grab a fresh pastry and a Café Mocha. Cash, food debit, Tiger Bucks and meal options are accepted. Soon we will be accepting Visa/MasterCard.

### **The Corner Store**

The Corner Store is a modern convenience store located in the tunnels of Nathaniel Rochester Hall, open seven days a week until midnight. You'll find a wide range of snacks, beverages, grocery, frozen products and dairy goods. Cash, food debit (8-percent savings applies only to taxable, edible products), Tiger Bucks, meal options and Visa/MasterCard are accepted.

### **Sol's**

Sol's, located in the tunnels of Sol Heumann Hall, is open seven days a week. You will find a large variety of health and beauty items, vitamins and food supplements, fresh flowers, housewares, greeting cards, magazines, party supplies, and international and gourmet packaged food. Sol's offers Sandella's® flat bread pizza, quesadillas and wraps as well as Freshen's® frozen yogurt. Cash, food debit (8-percent savings applies only to taxable, edible products), Tiger Bucks, meal options and Visa/MasterCard are accepted.

## **Academic Area Dining Facilities**

### **The SAU Cafeteria/Brick City Catering**

The largest dining facility on the academic side of campus, the SAU Café is open Monday through Friday with full breakfast and lunch menus. Featuring subs and full deli, extensive salad bar, grill, display cooking, vegetarian entrees, fresh soups made daily and awesome desserts. Cash, food debit, Tiger Bucks, meal options and Visa/MasterCard are accepted.

### **Café and Market at the Crossroads**

Located on the west side of campus and open seven days a week, the Café features a convenience store, Starbucks® coffee and the Café smoothie bar, sub sandwiches, pizza, pasta, grill and Jump Asian cuisine selections. This great meeting spot accepts cash, food debit, Tiger Bucks, meal options and Visa/MasterCard.

### **The Ritz Sports Zone**

The Ritz Sports Zone features a game room complete with pool tables, arcade games and a place to test your broadcasting skills at the ESPN Interactive Sports Desk. The Ritz Sports Zone ("The Ritz") is a sports restaurant that is open for lunch, dinner and special sporting events, featuring a variety of popular menu items. Relax in our comfortable furniture and watch your favorite TV show on one of eight televisions. The Ritz Sports Zone features live entertainment and is available for private social gatherings. Cash, food debit, Tiger Bucks, meal options and Visa/MasterCard are accepted.

### **Sandella's® at the B. Thomas Golisano College**

Located in the lobby of the Golisano College, Sandella's® offers high-quality sandwich wraps, flat bread pizza, quesadillas, paninis, salads and soup. Sandella's® is open Monday through Friday, offering breakfast, lunch, dinner and snack items. Cash, food debit, Tiger Bucks, meal options and Visa/MasterCard are accepted.

### **Ben & Jerry's**

Unwind and satisfy your taste buds! Come down and visit our scoop shop located in the lobby of the Student Alumni Union. No day of fun is complete without a visit to Ben & Jerry's for a scoop of one of our new flavors, a real fruit smoothie or a delicious Cappachillo Cooler. We offer a super selection of sundaes, shakes, ice cream cakes and catering services. Open seven days a week; cash, food debit or Tiger Bucks are accepted.

### **Campus Vending Machines**

Your food debit, Tiger Bucks or cash is accepted in many of the 160 food and beverage vending machines. Enjoy a snack and beverage between classes.

## **Questions & Answers**

**What if my class schedule conflicts with one of the meal periods at Gracie's?** Made-to-order take-out meals can be picked up on the days or evenings that you cannot make it to Gracie's. Please call Gracie's at 475-2500 and ask to speak to a manager or supervisor, who will arrange a meal for you at a convenient time.

**How can I change my meal plan?** Meal plans may be changed within the first week of each quarter. Changes can be made online at <http://finweb.rit.edu/foodservice/forms/mpchange-form>, in person, or by telephone at 475-2071 (voice) or 475-2228 (voice/TTY). If after the deadline you find that you cannot make your meals, please contact Dining Services at 475-2071.

### **How can I deposit money into my debit account?**

Additional deposits are accepted in the Dining Services Office, at the Student Financial Services Office or at any Dining Service cashier's station. You may also phone your deposit into the Dining Services Office at 475-2228 (voice/TTY) or toll-free, 1-800-724-5104, with a Visa or MasterCard. You can also make deposits online at <http://myrit.edu>. Add the "RIT Food/Tiger Buck Balances" portlet to your portal view. To add money to either account, just click on the "Add Money" link.

**What happens if I lose my card?** Report the card lost immediately to Dining Services by contacting Gracie's at 475-2500. You may also contact the Dining Services Office at 475-2228 (voice/TTY), or Public Safety, 24 hours a day/seven days a week, at 475-2853 (voice) or 475-6654 (TTY). Your account will be deactivated immediately, preventing unauthorized use. Replacement cards are available at the Registrar's Office for a cost of \$5.



# Where Living and Learning Come Together

According to a national study comparing RIT student responses to other university student responses, our students are very satisfied with:

- Our room assignment process and roommate selection
- The cleanliness of residence halls and bathroom facilities
- The timeliness of needed residence hall repairs

## Staff Who Work for You

*It's All About OUR Students!*

### Housing Assignments/Hotline

Prior to your arrival on campus, the Housing Operations assignment staff will assist you. They receive all housing contracts and make assignments for all incoming and returning students.

If you have questions before you arrive, our hotline staff will be available by phone to assist you.

In order to get your 2008-09 academic year housing assignment and your fall move-in instructions, go online to <http://housing.rit.edu> anytime **after August 1, 2008**.

### Resident Adviser

One or more RA(s) live on every residence hall floor. Resident advisers within the Center for Residence Life work with students to create, support and maintain an atmosphere that fosters both meaningful educational and personal growth experiences.

One of the first people you meet on campus will be your resident adviser (RA). Usually undergraduate students who are hired and trained as part of the residence hall staff, resident advisers have direct contact with residents of their floor/house. They work closely with floor/house members to solve problems, develop community, and assist with any

needs. In addition, they often arrange floor/house events from birthday dinners to off-campus outings.

### Center for Residence Life Area Office Staff

Each of the three residence hall areas on campus is managed by a professional, full-time assistant director who oversees an area staff assistant and community enrichment coordinator (CEC). The area staff assistant manages key loaners and is there to answer questions students may have. Your CEC is a full-time student affairs professional who lives on campus and works with you and the resident adviser staff to enhance your residence life experience.

#### Questions?

**RIT Housing Operations:**

585-475-2572 (voice)

585-475-2113 (TTY)

**RIT Residence Life:**

585-475-6022 (voice/TTY)

#### Hotline

585-475-5444 (voice/TTY)

Available from August 1 through August 22

# Apply for a Room

Complete Your Housing Contract  
at <http://housing.rit.edu>

Please read all material carefully.

## RIT Freshmen

In order to receive an RIT housing assignment, you must complete a housing contract. Housing contracts are online at <http://housing.rit.edu>. Our residence hall assignments are made on a first-come, first-served basis, depending upon the postmark date of your admission deposit and the submission date of your housing contract. A paper copy of the housing contract is provided in the back of this booklet if you are unable to apply online. **Please do not submit a paper copy of the housing contract if you have applied online.**

Entering freshmen are guaranteed housing; however, students who are the last to be admitted may be placed in temporary housing (i.e., rooms with expanded occupancy, vacancies in special interest housing, or local hotels).

## RIT Transfer and Graduate Students

Transfer and graduate students are assigned RIT housing on a space-available basis following the postmark date of the admission deposit and the submission date of the housing contract; housing is not guaranteed. Transfer and graduate students will be placed in temporary housing initially (e.g., local hotels or fraternities and sororities); however, during the summer, fall and winter quarters, students in temporary housing will be relocated to permanent RIT housing. Contracts are available online at <http://housing.rit.edu>. A paper copy of the housing contract is provided in the back of this booklet if you are unable to apply online. **Please do not submit a paper copy of the housing contract if you have applied online.**

## All Entering Freshman Students

All entering freshman students who do not live with their parents or guardians within a 30-mile commuting distance are required to live in residence halls for a full academic year. This is a university requirement that takes effect as soon as you accept our offer of admission to RIT. *Your housing contract is binding for the full academic year (fall, winter, and spring).* The Terms and Conditions of housing and dining services must be read and agreed upon prior to you having access to a housing contract, which includes all the policies and procedures for the residence halls. Please read the Terms and Conditions. *Your electronic signature on your housing contract indicates that you have read the Terms and Conditions and agree to abide by them.*

Apply for your RIT Housing at <http://housing.rit.edu>.

Housing Operations will communicate with you via your RIT e-mail address. You are responsible for establishing your RIT computer account immediately. Go to <http://start.rit.edu> to get information on how to establish your account.

## Special-Interest Houses

If you are interested in applying to a special-interest house, you will find the special-interest house application is part of the online housing contract. You are required to complete several essay questions as part of the special-interest house application. Because there is a time-out feature applied to our housing contract, we suggest you go to <http://finweb.rit.edu/housing/sihquestions.html> and print the questions you are required to answer for each of the special-interest houses you are interested in applying to. Then compose your answers to the essay questions in a Word document that you can copy and paste into the online application. Members of each house, staff from Residence Life and Housing Operations, and academic advisers form a selection committee in order to select the new members through the written application process. Placement is based on a selection process, not a first-come, first-served basis. Applying to a house does not guarantee acceptance to the house. Special-interest house applications must be received by May 1 in order to be considered for fall membership. Detailed information is on pages 4 through 7. If you prefer a paper copy of a special-interest house application, please contact Housing Operations at 585-475-2572 or [housing@rit.edu](mailto:housing@rit.edu).

## Lifestyle Option Floors

There are a variety of lifestyle living arrangements available. If interested, you may indicate your preferred lifestyle floor option on the bottom right-hand corner of your residence hall contract. *Please select only one preference per column.* By indicating a preference on the contract, you also are agreeing to live by the community standards of that floor. Due to limited space, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to honor your preferences for special-lifestyle floors. Students may be placed on single-sex and mainstream floors without requesting the option. Opposite-sex visitation is allowed on single-sex floors.

## Help With Common Questions:

**Meal Plans**—All residents must be on a meal plan. You must select a meal plan on your residence hall contract. See pages 13 and 14 for more information.

**Telephone Number**—You have the option of having your phone number omitted from only residence hall computer rosters. If you choose this option, no one—including your parents—will be

given your number from our office. If you would like your directory information withheld, submit this request in writing to the Registrar's Office, 27 Lomb Memorial Drive, Rochester, NY 14623.

**I Will Need Space Beginning**—Indicate on your housing contract what quarter you will begin. If you begin your first quarter of class work in September, check fall; December, winter; March, spring.

**Special Medical Needs**—All requests for housing needs, such as a particular type of floor, room, or furniture, that are based on medical or disability needs must be placed with the Disabilities Office. All requests for medical and disability needs at the University are centralized through this office. Please note that only severe allergies that cannot be effectively managed with medication may qualify for a housing accommodation. For fall quarter entrance, the Application for Services for Students with Disabilities is included in this packet and should be submitted to the Disabilities Services Office by June 1. *It is important that the Disabilities Services Office is contacted as early as possible at 585-475-7804 (voice/TTY) to initiate this process.*

**Roommate Preference**—If you know someone who also will be attending RIT as an incoming student and you would like to live with that friend, indicate this information on the residence hall contract. Any request for a specific roommate must be mutual. You must provide the roommate's name and University ID number on the residence hall contract. Requests must be received by May 1. We will make every effort to honor all requests. Please note that your preference cannot be guaranteed.

**Smoker/Nonsmoker/No Preference**—All residence halls are smoke-free. Smoking cannot occur anywhere inside the building, including the student rooms. Accurate information regarding smoking habits determines room assignments. Answer this question on your housing contract honestly; false

**Know what you are agreeing to – read the Terms and Conditions before you complete and submit your housing contract.**

representation results in immediate removal from your room and reassignment to an appropriate vacant space.

### Housing Beyond Your Freshman Year

During the winter quarter of your freshman year you will have the opportunity to participate in the housing selection process, the process in which you will obtain housing for the 2009-2010 academic year. Every eligible student who registers to participate in the housing selection process will be offered housing. The process is very easy—you will register online, providing your housing and roommate preferences for the following year. Assignments will be made in class order with current first-year students going first, followed by second-, third-, fourth-, and fifth-year students. If you are a freshman whose class standing will rise above the first year status due to AP courses, for the purpose of housing selection you will remain in the first-year grouping. Residence halls, the RIT Inn, and a very limited number of apartments will be offered to students who participate. Preferences will be considered but cannot be guaranteed.

Some students will be placed in temporary housing through this signup process; however, throughout the spring and summer quarters assignment staff will assign students initially placed in temporary space into permanent housing.

### New RIT Housing Coming Soon

In the near future, RIT will build new apartment housing on the west side of campus. Visit our website at <http://housing.rit.edu> for updates.

## RIT's Expectations for Community Behavior

### *Responsibility, Support, Respect*

- ▶ RIT is a learning community where time, energy, and resources are directed toward learning and personal development.
- ▶ Members of the community live and work together to foster their own learning, as well as the learning of others, both in and outside the classroom.
- ▶ Within the community, members hold themselves and each other to high standards of personal integrity and responsibility.
- ▶ Individual members continually strive to exceed their personal best in academic performance and the development of interpersonal and professional skills and attributes.
- ▶ As a member of the community, each person continually conducts himself/herself in a manner that reflects thoughtful, civil, sober, and considerate behavior.
- ▶ As a member of the community, each person respects the dignity of all persons and acts to protect and safeguard the well-being and property of others.
- ▶ As a member of the community, each individual contributes to the continued advancement and support of the community, personally challenging behavior that is contrary to the welfare of others.
- ▶ Members of the community create a campus culture that values diversity and discourages bigotry, while striving to learn from individual differences.

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