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Among the nation’s top universities, RIT is an exciting living and learning environment. Within our engaging and challenging academic setting, you’ll find a strong commitment to undergraduate education and a vibrant campus life that creates sparks of creativity and community. Students from all 50 states and more than 90 countries find the RIT campus, and Rochester, New York, crackling with life.

Rochester is a true college town. Home to 11 colleges and universities, four of which are within five miles of the RIT campus, Rochester provides unsurpassed educational and cultural opportunities. The greater Rochester metropolitan area is one of America’s top-rated places to live, work, and play. In fact our four-season climate, home to more than 1 million people, is perfect for seasonal activities like snow skiing, sailing, hiking, cycling, and kayaking. Rochester provides an incredible backdrop for higher learning, career growth, high-tech start-ups, and arts and culture. It’s the place to be!

Local Attractions

- George Eastman House, the National Historic Landmark home and gardens of Kodak founder George Eastman and the world-renowned international museum of photography and film.
- Strong National Museum of Play, the first and only major museum in the world devoted to the study and interpretation of play.
- Finger Lakes Wine and Culinary Center, a celebration of New York wine and food.
- Seneca Park Zoo, a public exhibition of animals in naturalistic environments.
- Rochester Museum and Science Center, a hands-on, educational museum exploring science and technology, the natural environment, and the region’s cultural heritage. Enjoy a laser show or giant-screen film beneath the Strasenburgh Planetarium’s 65-foot dome, one of the world’s largest.
- Sonnenberg Gardens, one of America’s most extensively maintained country estates.

Area Sports and Recreation

Rochester was rated the best minor league sports market – check out our local teams:

- Americans, the AHL affiliate of the NHL’s Buffalo Sabres.
- Rochester Red Wings, the Triple-A affiliate of MLB’s Minnesota Twins.
- Raging Rhinos, a United Soccer League First Division professional soccer team.
- Knighthawks (indoor) and Rattlers (outdoor), professional lacrosse teams of Rochester.
- Razor Sharks, 2005-2006 American Basketball Association Champions.

Top 40 “Best Golf Towns in America” (plus a hot spot for disc golf).

Rochester has 12,000 acres in its park system great for hiking, biking, and cross-country skiing.

- Bristol Mountain Winter Resort or Swain Ski & Snowboard Resort, intense downhill skiing and snowboarding.
- Boating and more on the shores of three major bodies of water: Lake Ontario, the Genesee River, and the historic Erie Canal.

Tiger Top Picks

- Student Hangouts: ✦ Nick Tahoe’s ✦ Spot Coffee ✦ Ben & Jerry’s ✦ Buffalo Wild Wings
- Road Trips: ✦ Niagara Falls (60 miles) ✦ Toronto, Canada (120 miles) ✦ NYC (400 miles, but only a 45-minute plane ride on JetBlue!)
Every Friday, it hits you. You leave your residence hall, head down the Quarter Mile, and there it is: a sea of brown and orange. Every Friday is Spirit Day, when students, faculty, and staff wear RIT colors. But it’s not just in the clothes; spirit is in everything we do—from supporting our athletic teams to decorating the campus for the Brick City Homecoming Festival to welcoming new students at Orientation. RIT is a vibrant residential campus community. That means there’s always a club function, sporting event, weekend trip, or social occasion to be a part of.

Are you a casual player or serious competitor? Join an intramural sports team, a sports club, or try out for one of our 24 varsity athletic teams (men’s hockey is Division I). The thrill of victory awaits.
Underneath It All
Dan Scoville '05 and Matt Paluch '06 designed and built a remote-operated vehicle that searched the depths of Lake Ontario for shipwrecks. They even made a surprise discovery on a recent dive: a shipwrecked schooner not seen since the mid-1800s.

When the Moon Hits Your Eye
BrickHouse NY Pizza in Shumway Commons is a taste of New York style pizza. Opened last year by College of Business alumni Abraham Fansey '05 and Samuel Agbor-Tabi '05, the pizzeria features an authentic coal-fired oven, fresh ingredients, and a dash of RIT entrepreneurial spirit.

Ken Bielenberg counts Shrek, Fiona, and Donkey among his friends. But you won’t find Bielenberg taking a mud bath in the swamp; he’s in on the action behind the scenes. As the visual effects supervisor on Shrek, Shrek 2, and the highly anticipated Shrek the Third, Bielenberg has global responsibility for achieving the director’s and production designer’s view of what the Oscar-winning films should look like, and for getting the final picture up on the screen. Bielenberg was a computer science major at RIT.

Playing on the job. Ryan Buynak, a packaging science major, completed a co-op experience at Fisher-Price. The famous toy company’s slogan—play, laugh, grow—was Ryan’s inspiration for developing packaging designs to draw the attention of the littlest consumers.

Students from four RIT colleges work together on the development of business, engineering, and industrial design and development plans to create the Formula One car. The team consistently places in the top five at national and international events.

GAME ON!
“I traveled to Guadalajara for a semester abroad where I studied industrial engineering courses, Mexican literature, and anthropology. I also had the opportunity to travel, visiting Mexico City and several of the country’s beautiful beaches. I enjoyed the semester so much that I decided to stay and do a co-op rather than return home. Fortunately for me, Guadalajara is home to several major manufacturing plants including Honda, IBM, HP, Kodak, and my employer, Jabil Circuit.”

James Letts
Industrial & Systems Engineering
Location: Guadalajara, Mexico

“I studied land use in the Kimana swamp, a very small body of water, and learned what life is like in the community we lived in. We camped in Tsavo National Park, home of man-eating lions; made day trips to Amboseli National Park, where I saw elephants and lions up close; and felt the ground vibrate under our feet during a stampede. We learned Swahili and bartered with the mammas. We also visited an orphanage and donated three weeks’ worth of food. My trip to Kenya, undoubtedly, changed my life.”

Margret Donahue
Biology/Pre-veterinary
Location: Kenya

Elizabeth “Lizzie” Sorkin, a film/video and animation major, was elected RIT student government president for 2006-2007. Sorkin’s achievement is historic; she is the first deaf student government president for a college where the majority of students are hearing.