This is the first installment of ‘IGM Insights’ for the 2014 academic year, and you will be receiving it weekly in your inbox.

We would like to welcome back those of you returning this fall and we extend a warm welcome to our new students to RIT and IGM.

We have an exciting year ahead as we start a new school year.

Classes begin on Monday, August 25th.

And off we go........

**Friday nights at IGM!**
Watch for more information on these upcoming events during September.....European Board Game Night, Build a Board Game Night and Drones Night.

**IGM welcomes our new faculty:** Sean Boyle, Owen Gottlieb, Sten McKinzie, Cyprian Tayrien and Ian Schreiber!!

**Looking for an advanced elective in design?**
New faculty member Ian Schreiber is teaching a Masters level course on Game Balance in fall. Interested undergraduate students need to have a 3.25 cumulative GPA and should contact their advisor (Amanda/Kathleen) to be added to the course.

**IGME 796-04: Advanced Topics in Game Design**
Monday/Wednesday 5:00pm - 6:15pm

Nearly every game project requires the designers to balance the game at some point. In this class we will explore concepts and techniques for evaluating and improving the balance of digital and non-digital games. Topics include cost curves, using randomness appropriately, pacing, tuning, metrics, transitive and intransitive mechanics, and the applied use of spreadsheets.

**Academic Advising.....**

**Welcome Betty Hillman, Sr. Academic Advisor to IGM!**
Starting in fall 2014, Betty Hillman will be advising all New Media Interactive Development students who matriculated at RIT in fall 2013 and beyond. Betty has worked at RIT for 16 years and is currently an advisor in the Department of Information Sciences and Technologies advising students in the Information Technology, Networking and Systems Administration, and Medical Informatics degree programs. Betty will continue with these degree programs while also advising New Media Interactive Development students. Betty’s office is located within the IGM Suite near Amanda and Kathleen and she can be reached by email at Betty.Hillman@rit.edu. Welcome Betty!
Walk-in Advising Hours for Friday, August 22: IGM will offer advising walk-in hours for all students from 1:30pm – 3:30pm on Friday, August 22. If you have pressing questions that need to be addressed before school begins, please plan to attend these walk-ins!

Fall Semester Walk-in Advising Hours: Beginning August 25th, advising walk-in hours will take place Monday – Thursday from 1pm – 3pm and Fridays from 10am – 12pm in the IGM Office (Golisano 2145). **Please note: our priority the first week is to help students who need immediate assistance regarding their fall semester schedules. Kathleen, Amanda, and Betty can and will see all students for walk-in advising, even if the student is not assigned to them.

IGM Advising Appointments: Students may also schedule an appointment with an advisor. To schedule, students should call the office at 585-475-7453 or stop in the main office during regular business hours. Undergraduate students are assigned an academic based on their academic program, last name, and entry year.

Game Design & Development:
Last names A-K and all Honors Students: Amanda Scheerbaum (absrla@rit.edu)
Last names L-Z: Kathleen Schreier (kmsrla@rit.edu)

New Media Interactive Development:
All NMID students who entered in 2013 and beyond: Betty Hillman (echics@rit.edu)
Students who entered in Fall 2012 and prior, last names A-K and Honors students: Amanda Scheerbaum (absrla@rit.edu)
Students who entered in Fall 2012 and prior, last names L-Z: Kathleen Schreier (kmsrla@rit.edu)

Drop/Add Week: Drop/Add week begins August 25th and ends Tuesday September 2 at 11:55pm. During this time you can change your schedule without receiving a grade of “W”.

Social Media
Please remember to stay in touch with the latest and greatest School news
- Facebook: School of Interactive Games and Media
- Twitter: @IGMRIT
- Foursquare: School of Interactive Games and Media
- There are also 2 student created and moderated discussion groups: Game Design and Development and New Media Interactive Development on Facebook
- IGM Student Wiki: https://wiki.rit.edu/display/IGMguide/Home
**Key Players in IGM**

Jessica Bayliss – Graduate Coordinator
Jill Bray – Administrative Assistant to the Director
Tona Henderson – Director
Betty Hillman – Sr. Academic Advisor
Ed Huyer – Lab Manager
Beth Livecchi – Operations Manager
Amanda Scheerbaum – Sr. Academic Advisor
Kathleen Schreier – Sr. Academic Advisor
David Schwartz – Undergraduate Coordinator
Ann Warren – Lab Manager
Chad Weeden – Assistant Director
Shameelah Wilson – Sr. Staff Assistant

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