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# Apply for your RIT housing

## APPLY NOW!

Applications open  
January 4, 2021

Choose your space and make your first connection. Apply for your RIT housing today.



Scan QR code and begin your contract or visit online at [myLife.rit.edu](https://myLife.rit.edu)

Complete your contract and select your roommate. Complete your contract by the self-selection deadline and you will be able to choose your own room! Refer to page 20 for details.

## Why RIT Housing?

- Live-in Residence Life staff foster an organized and guided social community.
- A community for students to share common and uncommon interests.
- Convenient location with access to dining, academics, and recreational facilities.
- Locked 24/7— required card access provides limited and monitored admittance.
- Underground tunnels .
- Patrolled 24/7 by RIT Public Safety.
- Free laundry facilities.
- Access to computer room, study rooms, lounges, and media rooms.
- Free shuttle service around campus and to local shopping.

**Your community  
of learning, living,  
and laughter is waiting.**

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## Important Dates





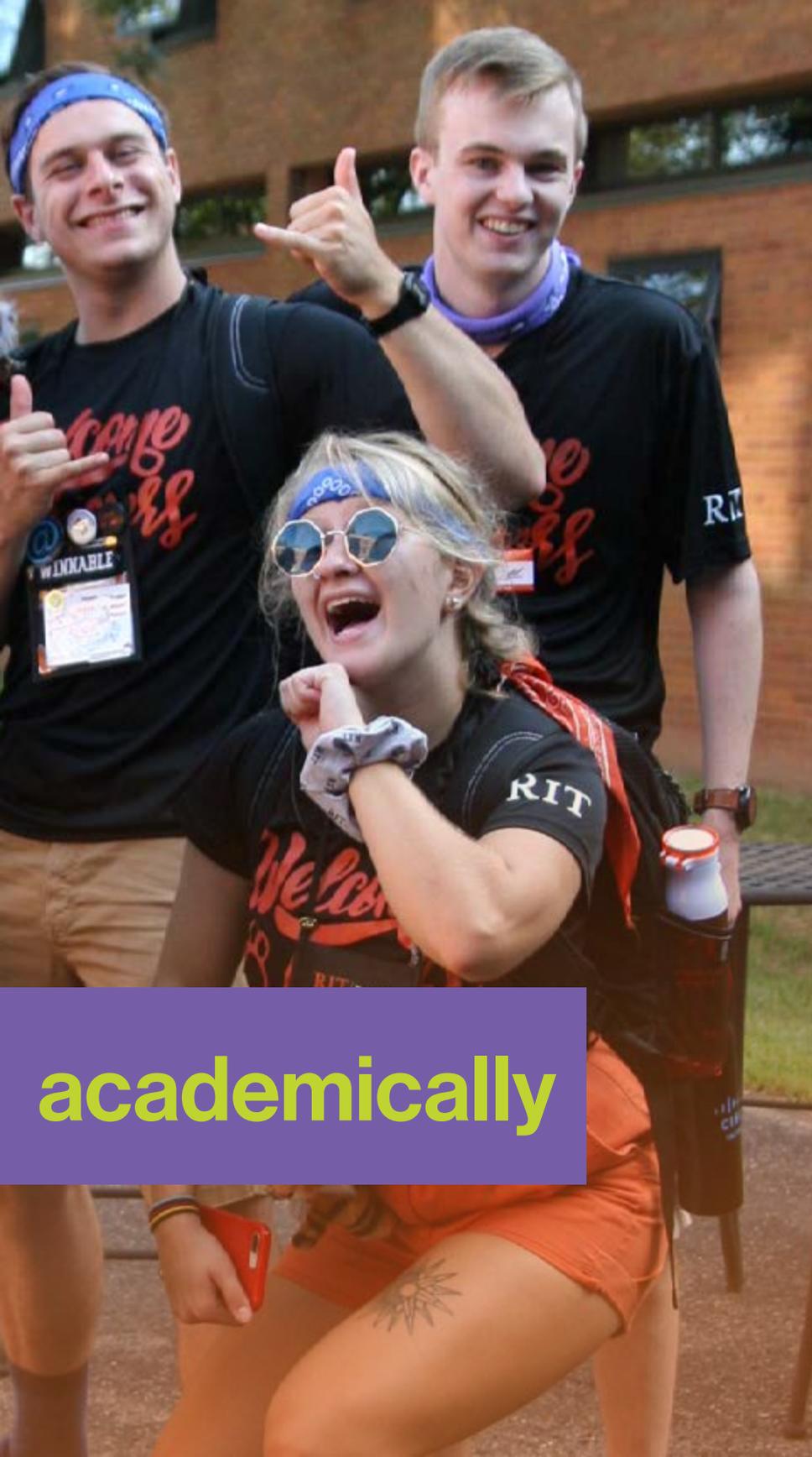
Scan QR code  
to register for the  
student guided  
virtual housing tour.



**Students living in RIT Housing consistently**

**perform better**

**than students living off-campus.**



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# We're here for you.

Congratulations on your decision to become an RIT Tiger! The staff at RIT Housing is excited to welcome you to campus and take you through the RIT campus living experience.

RIT housing is the home of Thinkers, Makers, and Doers and we provide a place to live embedded in a community of learning and collaboration that is life-changing. Moving to a new place takes courage, but you will find that living on-campus gives you opportunities to develop friendships, become inspired to work on creative projects, and engage in new experiences in a safe and residential atmosphere.

RIT housing is an inclusive environment for living and connection. Our residence halls are full of diverse students with great capabilities. You will find many similarities among your fellow peers; you'll also find differences. You will learn from each other and explore life together. We, along with a network of support services, are along for the ride to support your pursuit of a successful college experience.

Explore all of our Residence Hall housing options and find the best community for you. Your RIT living experience is within these pages, as well as dining and campus resources. We look forward to welcoming you.

RIT Housing

# Your RIT Housing

Explore campus living within our 13 residential communities of diverse interests, which is designed with an emphasis on comfort, safety, and easy access to technology.

Here engineering students live side by side with art students, a student from India who's experiencing his first winter lives with a skier from Maine, and a deaf student teaches her hearing floormate how to sign. Our residence halls are characterized by the diversity of students living there—many of them first-year RIT students like yourself. Check out pages 12 and 13 to see all the residence halls.

## Room basics

### Room Size

Continuing our safety protocol for the 2021-2022 academic year, there will be a maximum of two students assigned to all double, triple, and quadruple room options. The majority of our rooms are doubles. The high-rise building rooms are generally rectangular (18'x10') and low-rise building rooms are generally square (12'x14').

### Mattress

All mattresses have a vinyl covering and are best fitted for Twin XL bedding.

### Appliances

All appliances must be UL-approved and comply with fire-safety regulations. Appliances intended to cook food or with an exposed heating element are prohibited.

### Fire Strobes

Strobe light warning equipment is provided in each room where a deaf or hard of hearing-of-hearing student might live.

### Furnishings

We make it easy. Your room is furnished with a bed, desk, chair, dresser, closet/wardrobe, trash and recycle cans, and a micro-fridge (an all-in-one microwave/refrigerator/freezer). Carpet\* and window shades\*\* add a comforting touch.

*\*Some rooms do not have carpeting to meet ADA accommodations. Students without accommodations may be placed in these rooms.*

*\*\*Curtains are prohibited*

### Technology

Tiger TV, live-streaming TV that includes SHOWTIME® and SHOWTIME ANYTIME®, wireless access, and high-speed Ethernet connections for multi-computer users is waiting for you.

*\*Hard wired phone lines can be activated by contacting [help.rit.edu](mailto:help.rit.edu). Phones are not provided.*

**We recommend Personal Property Insurance (PPI) to cover your personal belongings. RIT assumes no responsibility. RIT offers PPI through Gallagher Student Insurance, [collegestudentinsurance.com](http://collegestudentinsurance.com).**





## Find your squad

### Lifestyle Floors

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 a Lifestyle Floor.

### Honors

The incoming Honors Program cohort finds homage in living together as they navigate through the program. This housing is only for students accepted into the RIT Honors Program.

### University Exploration

Interact and gain insights from other Exploration students to gain perspectives on majors and paths as you decide on an RIT major.

### Gender-Inclusive

Gender-inclusive housing provides students the opportunity to room with student(s) regardless of sex, gender, gender identity/expression, or sexual orientation.

Some gender-inclusive rooms are clustered together to create a community on a Gender-inclusive floor; while others are individual rooms spread throughout the residence halls.

### Co-ed

Same gender in room but floor overall is co-ed.

### All Male or All Female

Residents are all male or all female.

### Mainstream

Learn with intention as you interact with hearing, deaf, and hard-of-hearing students.

# Special Interest Houses

Our 7 special interest houses are located on various floors and offer enriched experiences through a close-knit community of students who share mutual academic passions and cultural interests.

House members are selected based on a written application process and applications are open to any major. Applications must be received by May 1, 2021. Members are expected to pay dues, participate in special projects, and attend events and meetings.

Learn how each special interest house is unique and envision yourself living in one.



Scan QR code to learn more about special interest houses.

## International House

International House is a mosaic of students who focus on the exchange of cultural identities and practices.



## Art House

Art House has an art studio readily available and provides a space that lends itself to creative expression.



## Engineering House

Engineering House promotes team building for all engineering trades and seeks to combine skill and ingenuity to turn possibilities into reality.



## Photo House

Photo House has a fully equipped studio and print finishing room intended for those with a passion for photography.



Special interest houses  
have existed for  
over **40 years.**

## Computer Science House

Computer Science House (CSH) has state-of-the-art technology and consists of students from a variety of majors who share a common interest in technology.



## House of General Science

House of General Science (HoGs) is a great adventure for all who have a love of science.



## Unity House

Unity House is a supportive community driven to develop AALANA (African American, Asian American, Latino American, Native American) student leaders.



## Sydale John Ayi

Major

**Computer Engineering, 2024**

“Living in RIT housing is an awesome experience. I loved the different activities that were planned. I was able to meet a lot of new people and my experience connected me to new friends. I moved into an all-girls residence hall. There were a few computer engineering students on the floor and we bonded quickly because of our major. We took the same classes so we were able to help each other with assignments. We would study and have tutoring sessions in the lounge on the floor. We worked on code and studied for our exams there. My current roommate, who I am good friends with, I met through my previous roommate. All three of us were able to make a lot of fond memories at RIT.”



## Residence Hall living

### Floor Basics

Community engagement deepens as you connect with your floormates. Each floor has a communal space for gatherings and project work. Kitchenettes are equipped with a sink, a TV, and furniture. A gender-neutral ADA compliant private full bathroom and gender specific communal bathrooms with showers are available.

### Resident Advisors (RAs)

Residential Advisors are an integral part of your campus living experience. RAs maintain frequent contact with residents and serve as your first line of support. RAs develop on campus experiences and encourage participation in campus events. There is approximately one RA for every 30 students.

### Safety

All residence hall buildings and elevators leading to residential rooms are locked 24/7 and require RIT approved card access. RIT Public Safety patrols the campus and there are security blue light boxes, which directly ties into public safety, installed throughout the residence halls quads and tunnel system.

### Underground Tunnels

Our residence halls are connected by the famously known, Tunnels. These underground tunnels provide a connection to each residence hall without stepping foot outside—great for snowy days. Also found in the tunnels are free laundry facilities, RITCHIES (a game room), post office, access to four dining locations, and murals that tell stories connecting generations of RIT students.

### Tidbits

Free laundry facilities are available throughout the tunnels.

When a letter or package arrives an email notification will be sent notifying you to pick up mail at the Nathaniel Rochester Hall Post Office.

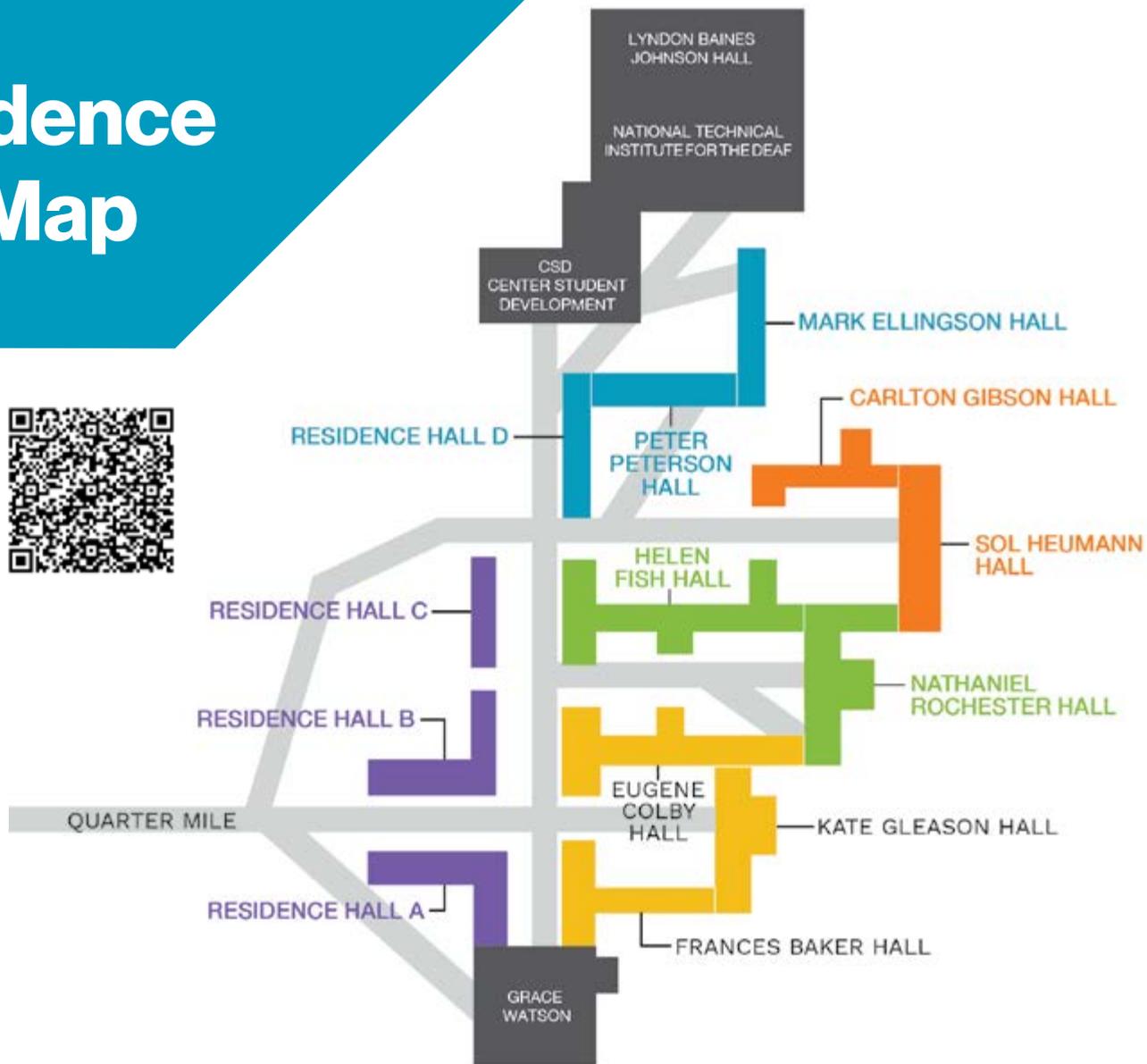
All buildings are smoke-free.

RIT's alcohol and drug policy prohibits possession, consumption, and/or evidence of alcohol and drugs in all residence halls.

Storage space is not available.

# Residence Hall Map

Scan QR code to try the RIT Housing comparison tool.



FRANCES BAKER HALL  
 EUGENE COLBY HALL  
 KATE GLEASON HALL  
 NATHANIEL ROCHESTER HALL  
 HELEN FISH HALL  
 SOL HEUMANN HALL  
 CARLTON GIBSON HALL  
 MARK ELLINGSON HALL  
 PETER PETERSON HALL  
 RESIDENCE HALL D  
 RESIDENCE HALL A  
 RESIDENCE HALL B  
 RESIDENCE HALL C

<b>Lifestyle Housing</b>	Frances Baker Hall	Eugene Colby Hall	Kate Gleason Hall	Nathaniel Rochester Hall	Helen Fish Hall	Sol Heumann Hall	Carlton Gibson Hall	Mark Ellingson Hall	Peter Peterson Hall	Residence Hall D	Residence Hall A	Residence Hall B	Residence Hall C
<b>Lifestyle Housing</b>	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●	
Co-ed Floors	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●	
Single-Sex Floors (men)		●	●	●	●	●			●	●	●		
Single-Sex Floors (women)								●				●	●
Single-Sex Suites								●	●	●			
Gender-Inclusive*						●	●	●	●				
Gender-Inclusive Spaces**	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Mainstream Floors				●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Honors Housing						●							
University Exploration											●		
<b>Special Interest Housing</b>	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Art House		●											
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 \*\*Gender-inclusive spaces are individual rooms spread throughout the residence halls



# Community Support for Your Success

RIT Housing and The Center for Residence Life support the success of 6,500 students living in RIT housing. In addition to the on-floor Resident Advisors, you have a team of full time professionals that provide leadership for all administrative and programmatic functions that enhance your living experience.

## RIT Housing

RIT Housing is located in Grace Watson Hall. We assist with housing assignments, lock outs, key losses, and questions regarding your housing billing.

We offer a variety of housing solutions with a wide range of rent rates. These include single to multiple occupancy housing, residence halls, Greek housing, and apartment and suite-style options. Laundry, utilities, and all functional amenities are included. RIT housing contracts coincide with the academic year. Students leaving for co-op, research, or study abroad can rest assured that they can end their housing contract with no fee or subletting needed.

Selecting your housing has never been easier with myLife, our online portal that enables you to complete all of your housing business. Submit housing contracts, search and select roommates, self-select your preferred housing, and submit maintenance requests all in one spot.

## Residence Life

A great benefit of RIT Housing is the on-site RIT Residence Life community staff.

Resident Advisors (RAs) are upperclass student staff who play an important part in your campus living experience. RAs are our campus leaders and your first line of support. They facilitate activities and encourage participation in campus activities.

- At least one assigned per floor.
- Provide an engaging environment and encourage participation in community events.
- Help develop a community within their assigned area.
- Answer general questions and provide roommate conflict resolution.
- Directly supervised by full time staff, Residence Coordinators.

Residence Coordinators (RCs) serve as coaches and counsel students, develop and support residential and institute wide events and initiatives, serve as conduct officers, resolve roommate conflicts, and serve as advisors to student organizations and special interest houses.





## Angie Martinetti



Major  
**2D Animation, 2020**

“I joined an RIT Class of 2020 Facebook group. People were posting introductions with their majors, interests, a fun fact. Another student, Jacob reached out to me via messenger asking if I’d want to be added to a smaller group chat of people who shared similar views. Here, I got to meet a good handful of people and made some friends. Yet, I struggled to find a roommate. I had talked to a handful of girls - all very nice, we just didn’t vibe. I was talking to my group of friends in the group chat about it when Jacob asked me if I wanted to be their roommate. I assumed I could only have a female roommate. Jacob told me RIT had gender-inclusive housing so I agreed. It was a super easy process for us to become roommates and we still talk to this day.”

### **RIT’s Expectations for Community Behavior**

Responsibility, support, respect integrity and strong moral character are valued and expected within and outside of the RIT community. As members of the RIT campus community, including students, trustees, faculty, staff, and administrators, we will:

- Demonstrate civility, respect, decency, and sensitivity towards our fellow members of the RIT community, and recognize that all individuals at this university are part of the larger RIT family, and as such are entitled to the support and mutual respect that they deserve.
- Conduct ourselves with the highest standards of moral and ethical behavior. Such behavior includes taking responsibility for our own personal choices, decisions, and academic and professional work.
- Affirm through the daily demonstration of these ideals that RIT is a university devoted to the pursuit of knowledge and a free exchange of ideas in an open and respectful climate.

## RIT Dining

RIT Dining offers diverse cuisine in vegan, allergen-friendly, international, and staple meals at 21 locations. Two restaurants, two coffee shops, and two convenience stores are within the residence halls and accessible through the tunnels. Late night eats, morning coffee chats, Rochester area visiting chefs, and dining events enhance your campus living experience and provide common ground for solidifying friendships. Online ordering is available for grab and go to hang out in the floor lounge with floormates.

### Meal Plans

The meal plans are convenient, easy to use, and save money. Meal plans are tied directly to your RIT ID card making purchases contactless and quick. All meal plans include Dining Dollars, which saves you NY state 8% sales tax. All students living in the residence halls and RIT Inn are required to have a meal plan. Find the right plan for you at [rit.edu/dining](http://rit.edu/dining).

### Dining Dollars and Tiger Bucks

Dining Dollars is a form of payment that is embedded into a meal plan or can be added to a dining account to be used similar to a debit card. Dining Dollars can only be used for food purchases at RIT Dining locations. Funds do rollover from fall to spring semester only.

Tiger Bucks is a form of payment that also works similar to a debit card. Tiger Bucks can be used to purchase food and non-food items at various retail locations around campus, including Barnes & Noble, hockey game tickets, and lab and printing fees. These funds can be added at any point and roll over until graduation.

Adding funds to your dining account is easy. You have access to transaction history and can request funds from family. Details can be found at [tigerspend.rit.edu](http://tigerspend.rit.edu).

### Dietary and Special Meal Needs

Keeping students safe is at the center of the food allergy and intolerance policy program at RIT. Register with Disability Services Office and submit the food allergy information form. We encourage you to meet with the on-campus registered dietitian to create a plan for safe eating. NetNutrition is a tool used to easily access nutritional information on foods served at the dining locations.

[rit.edu/dining](http://rit.edu/dining)



Over **75** different international cuisines are served on campus.



**RIT Dining includes  
ten restaurants,  
five convenience  
stores, five coffee shops,  
and a catering department.**



## James Ost

Major  
**Finance, class of 2023**

“It was scary to meet people but everyone is in the same boat. You meet people and people are excited to meet others and start friendships. I had three of the coolest floormates that my roommate and I would hang out with often. We had a lot in common but were also very different. We would hang out in the room and play Super Smash Bros® and skateboard around campus. We lived in different parts of the world. It was great to learn about culture in Peru and New York. California is so different from here and it was nice to be able to room in a place where everyone is different and live with others who provide a unique perspective on the world”.





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## **Disability Service Office**

The Disability Services Office is dedicated to facilitating equitable access for the full RIT experience for students with disabilities.

It is critical to discuss accommodation needs with the Disability Services Office as early as possible at (585)475-2023. For fall term entrance, the application for Services for Students with Disabilities must be submitted to Disability Services by May 1, 2021. 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.

## **Parking & Transportation**

Parking and Transportation Services administers parking and transportation services at RIT.

As an incoming first year student, you can have a vehicle on campus and you must register the vehicle.

Having a car is not required or necessary. Alternate modes of transportation include the free on and off-campus shuttle, bicycling, ride-sharing, and walking. Apply for a parking permit online through the Parking Portal at [rit.edu/parking](http://rit.edu/parking).

## **Public Safety**

The Public Safety Department patrols campus seven days a week, 52 weeks a year and provide services dedicated to creating a safe community for the RIT campus. All Officers are trained in emergency medical procedures, CPR, automated external defibrillators, American Sign Language, and crisis intervention.

Blue light security boxes are installed all around campus for emergencies, a car escort, lockouts and more. Download the TigerSafe app to be a finger tap away.

## **ResNet**

ResNet provides support to students' personal computers and RIT network connectivity.

# So, what's next?

The next step starts with you!

## STEP 1

### Submit your RIT housing contract

Once your admissions deposit is paid or waived, go to [myLife.rit.edu](https://myLife.rit.edu) and complete your RIT housing contract. RIT housing contracts will be available January 4, 2021.

### Visit the myLife portal

- Log in with your RIT computer account username and password.
- Click on the Housing & Dining Applications icon.
- Select the 2021 - 2022 academic year.
- Complete each section of the RIT housing contract application.
- Students under 18 years of age will be required to complete the Parent/Guardian Proxy information in their housing contract. This will prompt an email to the parent/guardian with instructions on how to electronically sign the contract.

## STEP 2

### Find your roommate

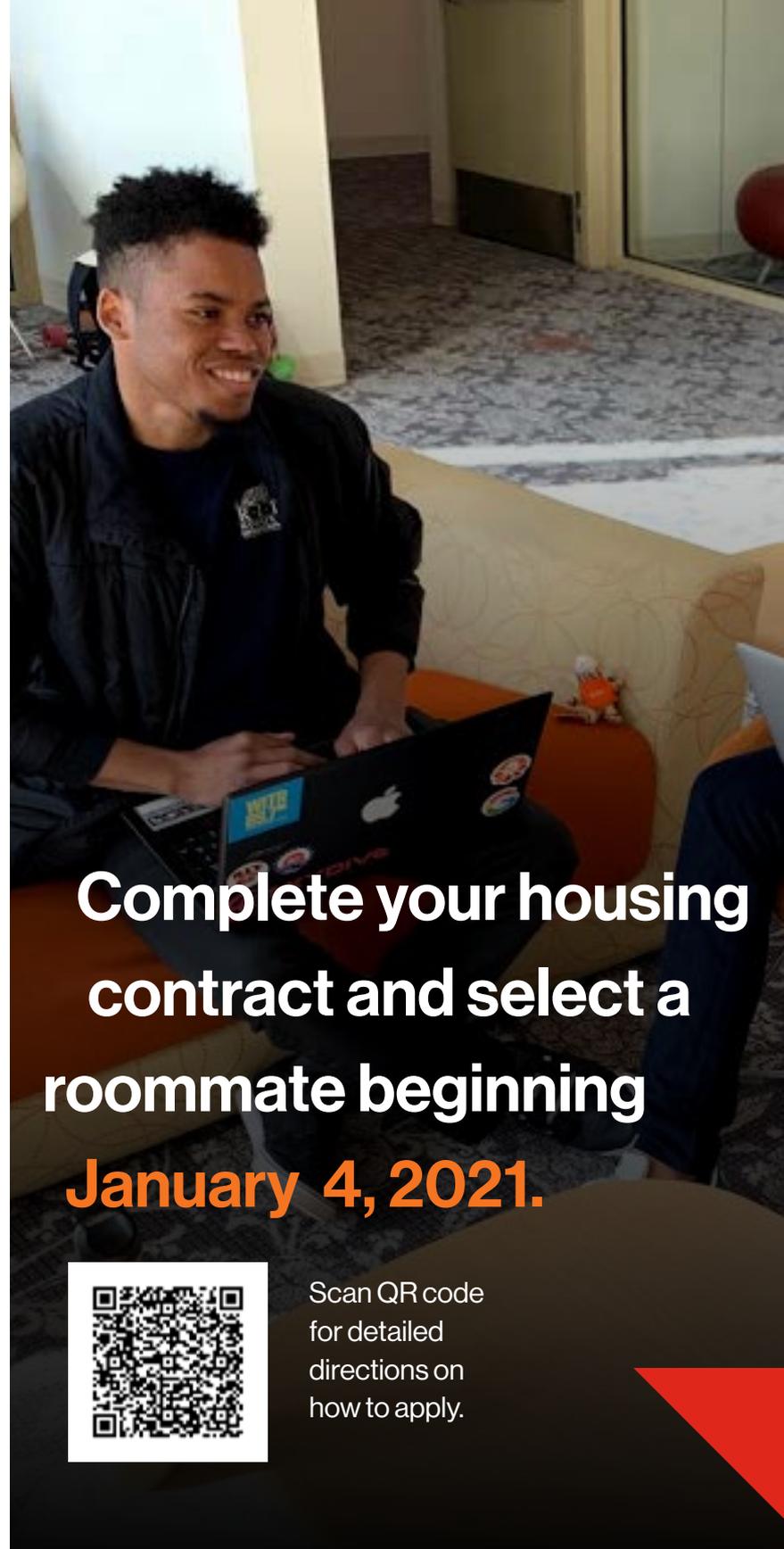
Once your RIT housing contract is complete, start your search for a roommate. You may find a roommate by searching the profiles of other incoming students. You may revisit your housing contract as many times as you like to search for a roommate through May 18, 2021.

## STEP 3

### Find your room

You will receive an appointment time to select your room. During this time, search and select from available rooms – along with your roommate or without if you have not found a roommate by this time. Appointment times are based on the receipt of admission deposits.

**myLife.rit.edu**



**Complete your housing  
contract and select a  
roommate beginning  
January 4, 2021.**



Scan QR code  
for detailed  
directions on  
how to apply.



## **January** | 01/04/21

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RIT housing contracts open. Incoming First Years can complete a contract then search and select a roommate.

Beginning January 4, 2021, visit the myLife portal to complete the 2021-2022 RIT housing contract. Once the contract is complete, incoming first year students may finish their profile and begin the search for a roommate.

## **May** | 05/01/21

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Deadline to apply for Special Interest housing in order to be considered for fall membership. Essays are accepted in the myLife portal.

## **May** | 05/18/21

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Deadline to complete an RIT housing contract and link with a roommate in order to self-select your residence hall room.

In order to self-select a room during room selection, incoming first years must complete an RIT housing contract and link with a roommate by May 18, 2021.

All incoming First Year students coming directly from high school are guaranteed RIT housing. Students who complete a contract after May 18, 2021 or do not self-select during room selection will be assigned a room and roommate by the RIT Housing staff.

## **May** | 05/20/21

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Room selection appointments are emailed. Students should check their RIT email for the date and time that they will be able to select their room. Their appointment confirmation email will have details on how to select a room.

## **June** | 06/01/21-06/18/21

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Students with appointments can self-select their room in the myLife portal. Students will be scheduled an appointment time between June 1, 2021 through June 18, 2021, to visit the myLife portal and select their room. Students may select a room even if they do not select a roommate.

## Housing beyond your first year

In the spring semester of your first year you will have the opportunity to participate in Housing Selection, the process by which you will select your housing for the 2022-2023 academic year. The process is very easy—you will complete your contract and select your own roommate(s) and room. Appointment times are based on class order with current first year students going first, followed by second-, third-, fourth-, and fifth-year students. If you are an incoming first year 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, Global Village, the RIT Inn, and a limited number of apartments and University Commons suites will be offered to students who participate.

You may opt to place yourself on a wait list through this sign-up process and RIT Housing will attempt to assign you to one of your wait list choices prior to the start of the academic year.



Scan QR code to  
view our upperclass  
housing options.





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

## Things to know about your RIT Housing application

### All Incoming First Year Students

#### —Residency Requirement:

All incoming first year students entering directly from high school who do not live with their parent 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. Entering first years whose credit hours rise above first year status due to AP credit or college courses taken in high school continue to be bound by this residency requirement. Your housing contract is binding for the full school year. The Terms and Conditions of Housing, Meals, and Debit Plans must be read and agreed upon prior to access to a housing contract, which includes the policies and procedures for RIT Housing and Dining. 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.

#### Meal Plans

Students who live in the residence halls must be on a meal plan. You will select your meal plan on your housing contract.

#### 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 Disability Services Office as early as possible. All requests for medical and disability needs at the university are centralized through this office. To register with the Disability Services Office go to [rit.edu/disabilityservices](http://rit.edu/disabilityservices). The deadline to apply for housing-related accommodations is on May 1, 2021, after which all housing accommodations will stipulate they are approved pending availability. Any housing accommodation requests made in the spring term will also be pending availability.

#### 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 is critical to your roommate(s) and room selection. Answer this question on your housing contract honestly. RIT's Tobacco Restricted Campus policy can be found at: <http://bit.ly/UniversityTobaccoPolicy>.

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