SVP 2021
Orientation Experience

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Tuesday April 27, 2021
SVP 2019 and prior...

- 2 weeks prior to start of classes
- 8am – 9pm structured schedule
- 16-20 groups
- Testing, career sampling, seminars, workshops, activities
- Get fall schedule too close to the first day of classes
Then COVID happened to SVP 2020...

- Everything shifted online with MANY unknowns
- Placement tests went online
- Much one-on-one outreach
- Virtual orientation week before classes
  - Quarantine confused people...
Challenges

- Silos
- Timeliness of information
- Cohesiveness
- Flexibility and choices
- Exhaustion!
What NTID needs to know...

- Placement test information
- Student background/information
- Confirming major/program
What NTID associate degree students want...

- Ability to feel a part of RIT (separation)
- Connection with D/HH bachelor-degree students
  - And...hearing students too!
- CLEAR information (confusion)
- Not to be overwhelmed
SVP 2021 Plans:

- When a student pays their admissions deposit (May 1)...
  - NTID/SVP Checklists (LCBQ, MFA, RIT ID, TigerSafe, etc...)
  - Sign up for placement tests online
  - Meet with their Department Chair
  - Meet with their assigned counselor/academic advisor

**GOAL:** Obtain class schedule mid-July!
Other items PRIOR to arrival...

- Financial Aid connects with student/families
- Denise Hampton/VR outreaches to student/families
- ASLIE meets with student for interview/LCBQ
- Various webinars in the coming weeks/months ahead!
  - NTID Admissions/SVP
  - RIT Orientation
  - RIT Parents (and SSO Parent/Student webinar)
Move-in Day/Sunday August 15 (8am-12noon):

- Campus Tours
- Resource Fair
- NTID Welcome
- RIT Orientation Welcome
- RIT Parents/Family Social
- Social Programming
Monday August 16, 2021

- Meet your Orientation Leader “OL”
- Parent Academic Programming
- Parent & Student Time
- Diversity/Communication Programming
  - Black Deaf Gathering, Latino Reception, ALANA Dinner, etc.
- Social Programming
Tuesday - Sunday

- Merge into RIT Orientation program with NTID/SVP support
Tuesday August 17

- Meet your OL
- NTID Programming
- SSO Workshop (10am-12noon)
- Social Programming
Wednesday August 18

- Meet your OL
- Tiger Walk
- Convocation
- Social Programming
Thursday August 19

- Academic Day
- Academic Department meetings
- Counselor/Academic Advisor meetings
- Communication Studies & Services
- Social Programming
Friday August 20

- More time for meetings as needed
  - academics, financials, etc.
- Wellness Fair
- Rainbow picnic
- Social programming
Weekend (Aug 21/22)

- More programming
- Sunday – OFF
- ***SVP 2020 students WILL have fun ”mini” SVP gathering to allow time/space to “meet” each other!
Exciting Changes:

- RIT Orientation will recruit, hire, train, oversee OL’s
  - SLT/SVP provides support
- “Deaf Space” every evening as an option (SLT)
- SLT provides paraprofessionals for first few days
- SVP is a “Specialized Program” under RIT (Honors, etc.)
BIG PICTURE...

- SVP ensures integration/inclusion and NTID is the “safety net”
- Class schedule given earlier than previous SVPs
  - Positively impact the processes for the following and more:
    - Access Services, VR, book purchases, DSO
And...

- RIT has resources/programming for our students
- Bachelor-degree students learn about NTID resources
- NTID students learn about RIT resources too
Thank you!

- Questions?