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Dear First Name,

I would like to extend you a warm welcome to RIT and the College of Liberal Arts. You are joining an exciting and demanding college that will provide an education to help you meet the expectations and opportunities you will encounter in your career and throughout your life. It is our hope that your academic career at RIT will prove to be fruitful and challenging.

To start your career at RIT off on the right foot, we encourage you to visit the [RIT New Student Orientation website](#) for further information about our program. Their website and materials contain a checklist of to-do items and information about the many services and resources that will help you make the most of your experience at RIT. You will also find details about the [DiscoverRIT Pre-Orientation Program](#), which will be held on Saturday, August 18 – Tuesday, August 21, 2018. Freshmen not participating in DiscoverRIT will move into the residence halls on Tuesday, August 21 and New Student Orientation will run through Saturday, August 25, 2018.

All freshmen will be pre-registered for fall term courses in late-July. **You will find a brief enrollment survey at this link: [CLA Freshmen Survey](#). Please take a few minutes to complete this survey, as it will be used to help your advisor set up your fall schedule.**

In addition, all Liberal Arts majors are required to take the Math Placement Exam (MPE). The MPE is available from **May 15-June 30, 2018**. To access the exam or for more information, please visit <https://www.rit.edu/science/mpe>.

Academic advisors will be available to help you finalize your schedule and make any adjustments during Orientation. On Thursday, August 23, 2018, you will meet other freshmen as well as faculty and staff at your mandatory group advising session where we will review curriculum requirements, and answer scheduling questions. Advisors will be available throughout your years at RIT to assist you with career planning and any other advising questions.

You will find that the College of Liberal Arts will offer you the support, challenges, and rewards you expect in a high quality academic program. If we can assist you as you prepare for college, please refer to the chart below to contact your advisor. Below you may also find useful information on the department websites listed. Also, please be sure to introduce yourself to me during Orientation. I congratulate you on your accomplishments thus far and look forward to meeting you this fall.

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Sincerely,



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