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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.

Transferring to a new college is exciting, but it can be overwhelming. By now you have received information from RIT's [New Student Orientation program](#) about navigating your new campus, including the RIT New Student Welcome Guide, which contains 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. All freshmen and transfer students that are not participating in DiscoverRIT will move in the on Tuesday, August 21, 2018. To help you have a successful transition, Transfer Student Orientation is scheduled for Tuesday, August 21 – Saturday, August 25, 2018. You can find more information at www.rit.edu/orientation. Registration is required for Transfer Student Orientation.

Once you have paid your deposit, we will pre-register you for fall term classes. Using your RIT computer account and password, you will be able to access your tentative schedule online at sis.rit.edu. If you will be participating on an RIT athletic team, or if you anticipate receiving AP or transfer credits, please let us know. This will help us make an appropriate schedule based on your specific academic needs.

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 <https://www.rit.edu/science/mpe>.

Our advising team will be available to help you finalize your schedule and make any adjustments during orientation. On Thursday, August 23, 2018, you will meet fellow students 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 issues.

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 thus far on your accomplishments and look forward to meeting you this fall.

| Major | Department Website | Program Director | Advisor | Advisor Email/Phone |
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Sincerely,



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