

Dear First Name,

I would like to extend you a warm welcome to RIT, the College of Science, and the Thomas H. Gosnell School of Life Sciences (GSOLS). 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 [DiscoverIT Pre-Orientatation Program](#), which will be held on Saturday, August 18 – Tuesday, August 21, 2018. Freshmen not participating in DiscoverIT programs will move into the residence halls on Tuesday, August 21st and New Student Orientation will run through Saturday, August 25, 2018. You can find more information at www.rit.edu/orientation.

All freshmen students will be pre-registered for fall term courses in late-July. In addition, students in certain programs are required to take the Math Placement Exam (MPE). The MPE is available from **May 15-June 30**. 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 fellow freshmen as well as faculty and staff at your mandatory group advising session where we will review curriculum requirements, introduce the biology faculty, and answer scheduling questions. Staff and faculty advisors are also available throughout your years at RIT to assist you with schedule and career planning and any other advising issues.

The faculty and staff of GSOLS look forward to welcoming you in person. Should you have any questions about our Biotechnology and Molecular Bioscience, Biology, Bioinformatics, or Environmental Science programs, please contact our program advisors (names below) or our GSOLS office staff members Nicki Bruno (ncbsbi@rit.edu / 585-475-7577) and Amanda Dolan (arasbi@rit.edu / 585-475-7235). You can also take a look at our new web site www.rit.edu/science/gsols. Also, please be sure to introduce yourself to me during Orientation. I congratulate you on your accomplishments and look forward to meeting you this fall.

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Sincerely,

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