2019 RIT welcomes you.
On behalf of everyone at RIT, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Tiger family. Your decision to attend RIT is the beginning of what I know will be an extremely rewarding and dynamic experience for both you and your family. Our students – YOU – are essential to the future and direction of RIT. Here, you’ll find endless opportunities to make your mark on our RIT community, the Rochester area, and beyond. As you embark on this exciting journey, I encourage you to let your dreams soar – take advantage of our one-of-a-kind opportunities to discover and explore. But remember, you are not alone in this journey. The staff and faculty at RIT are incredibly passionate about their work and are eager to help you in a time of need as well as celebrate your successes along the way. I wish you all the best in the coming year, and know my door is always open!

All the best,
Sandra (Sandy) S. Johnson Ed.D
Founded in 1829, Rochester Institute of Technology is a diverse and collaborative community of engaged, socially conscious, and intellectually curious minds. Through creativity and innovation, and an intentional blending of technology, the arts, and design, we provide exceptional individuals with a wide range of academic opportunities, including a leading research program and an internationally recognized education for deaf and hard-of-hearing students. Beyond the Rochester, New York campus, RIT has international campuses in China, Croatia, Dubai, and Kosovo. With 18,000 students plus 2,400 students at our international campuses, from all 50 states and over 100 nations, RIT is driving progress in industries and communities around the world.
Navigating Orientation

Orientation is a series of events, activities, and opportunities developed to assist you and your family in transitioning to life at RIT. The six-day program is designed for you and your family to get acclimated to the campus. During this time, you will be given resources that will set you up for academic success, build connections with other students and families, and provide you a sense of belonging within your RIT Tiger family.
Read the Orientation newsletter

You must activate your RIT email (see page 17) in order to receive information from Orientation with action items we will need for you to complete prior to Orientation. Please be on the lookout for newsletters in your RIT email every other week beginning June 11.

Find the RIT Orientation 2019 event on Facebook

Make sure your family knows about Family Orientation

Family Orientation is on August 20-21. In addition, parents and families should watch their email beginning in June for the Family Orientation newsletter.

Register for Move-In Day and Orientation alerts

Text RITORI to 888777 to receive immediate text alerts and updates on Move-In Day. The Orientation text alert system will be available on June 1, 2019, and will only be used to communicate about on campus emergencies and inclement weather.

Download the CampusGroups app

With the RIT CampusGroups app, you will have access to the most up-to-date Orientation schedule, and it will provide you the ability to check into events throughout Orientation.

Step 1: Download the CampusGroups app.
Step 2: Search for and select “RIT.”
Step 3: Select ‘RIT Orientation 2019’ if you are a student or “Family Orientation 2019” if you are a family member of a new Tiger. These sub-apps will be available starting on August 1.
Step 4: Follow the instructions to enter the app.

rit.edu/orientation
#RITOrientation
Dear Parents,

This Welcome Guide is your student’s first introduction to college life. We at RIT know the important role you play in your student’s transition to campus, and we hope that you will help your student complete the action items outlined in this guide with reminders and information. While college is a time for students to gain independence, this transition can be overwhelming and they may need your support.

The Parent & Family Programs office is here to support you during this transition and beyond. Please connect with our resources and reach out with any questions along the way.

Best,
Chelsea Petree, Ph.D.
Director, Parent & Family Programs
parents@rit.edu

Family Orientation
August 20-21

Watch out for the Family Orientation Newsletter coming to your inbox beginning in June.

Check out Parent & Family Program resources at rit.edu/parents.

Follow us on Facebook at RIT Parent and Family Programs.
### Orientation Highlights

**August 20-25**

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Visit rit.edu/orientation/orientation-schedule for more information.

A complete schedule will be available via the CampusGroups app on August 1.

*Schedule is subject to change.*
Account Setup

Your RIT Computer Account enables access to RIT’s wireless network, email and calendars, human resources, and student information systems. We will need for you to activate your RIT computer account and email in order to receive additional information from Orientation this summer.
Snap a Selfie!

Take a selfie and create your own personalized ID before Orientation.

For photo guidelines, details, and submission, visit us online at rit.edu/registrar/id-photo.

Submit your photo by Aug. 15, 2019.

Phone: 585-475-2821
Location: George Eastman Hall
Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Activate your RIT computer account and RIT email
You will receive an account activation email from RIT when your enrollment deposit has been received and posted to our system. Please allow 1-2 business days for deposit payment processing. The account activation email will go to the email address supplied on your admissions application. If you need assistance, please contact the ITS Service Desk at rit.edu/its/help.

Authorize access to your RIT account
Authorize up to three people to receive eBill notifications and have access to food or Tiger Bucks balances, course schedules, and final grades at rit.edu/sfs.

Sign up for the RIT Alert System
RIT Alert allows RIT to contact you in the event of an emergency through text message, voice message, and email. To learn more information, please visit emergency.rit.edu. If you have questions or concerns about RIT Alert, you may contact ritalert@rit.edu.

Personalize your Message Center preferences
RIT Message Center is our way to communicate with you about campus events and important updates related to RIT. To personalize your user preference, go to rit.edu/marketing/message-center.

Check out the online billing site
Student Financial Services has information on fee rates, billing, payment options, loan repayment, and educational tax credit. Their online billing site provides real-time account inquiry and electronic payment for tuition/fees and Tiger Bucks. Learn more at rit.edu/sfs.
Health and Wellness

Here at RIT, we are dedicated to help you engage with your physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. To prepare for coming to RIT this fall, we are asking that you complete the required action items in this section this summer. These required action items ensure a safe and healthy environment for the entire RIT community.
Return your health history and immunization forms

We support your health needs through our Student Health Center, which provides primary care and urgent care services to all RIT students. You must complete the five required health documents located online at wellnessportal.rit.edu:

- Immunization Record
- Health History
- Tuberculosis Screening
- Treatment Authorization
- Insurance Plan

Complete the required health documents by July 1, 2019.
Academics

RIT offers an incredible array of academic programs, sophisticated facilities, and a diverse, committed, and accessible faculty. We place an emphasis on experiential learning, advising, and support services designed to ensure your academic success.
Take the online Math Placement Exam (MPE)
You will be notified if you are required to take the MPE. Not all students are required to take this exam, so you are not notified if you do not have to take it. This exam is available online from May 15th through the month of June only. More information is available at rit.edu/science/mpe.

Send us your transcripts
Send us your AP or IB test credit and learn what steps to take at rit.edu/academicaffairs/registrar/test-credit.
Send us any transfer credit you have by completing the steps at rit.edu/academicaffairs/registrar/transfer-credit.

Learn about your academic program and plan
Find your academic checklist of what needs to be done prior to Orientation at rit.edu/orientation/academicchecklists.

Rank your RIT 365 themes
Rank your themes by June 1, 2019 for your Year One Programs class. Find more information on page 28.

Visit rit.edu/calendar/1920 for the full academic calendar.
Which themes interest you?
In RIT 365, you will participate in experiential learning opportunities across campus. These experiences are based on an interdisciplinary theme of your interest. This year, your options for RIT 365 themes are:

- Creativity
- Entrepreneurship
- Global/World Citizenship
- Innovation
- Technology and Society
- Wellbeing

Rank your preference by June 1, 2019 at https://bit.ly/2GBqtsL.

Rank your themes!
The RIT 365 office works with your advisor to enroll you in a theme of your preference. If you do not rank your preference, you will be assigned a section that works best with your schedule.

Contact Us
Email: yop@rit.edu
Website: rit.edu/yearone
Phone: 585-475-5536
Housing, Commuting, and Dining

RIT has six different housing options to choose from for first-year students, including special interest and lifestyle housing. RIT also has a thriving off-campus and commuter community with designated space and programming. RIT has 20 different locations for dining, from quick service options to full service. We also offer a program for the duration of Orientation called Goodbye, Goodbuy! where you can buy gently used items for your room. This increases sustainability and decreases the amount you have to bring with you!
Transportation

Greater Rochester International Airport
1200 Brooks Ave
Rochester, NY 14624

Rochester Amtrak Train Station
320 Central Ave
Rochester, NY 14605

New York Trailways
186 Cumberland St
Rochester, NY 14609

RIT Shuttle Service
Parking and Transportation Services provides a shuttle service with scheduled stops. Schedules for the shuttle routes are available at the Parking and Transportation Services office, at the Campus Center Welcome Desk, and rit.edu/fa/parking/transportation/bus.

We have a partnership with Rochester Transportation System (RTS) as public transportation through the City of Rochester. Schedules and bus passes can be found at myrts.com.

Read the Arrival Guide and pack smart

The Arrival Guide contains important information about moving onto campus. Find the document at housing.rit.edu. On the RIT Housing website you’ll find comprehensive lists of what to bring (and what NOT to bring) when you move into campus housing. Hint: fish are allowed; flames are not. Also be sure to pack required forms of identification.

Learn about off-campus and commuter life

Off-Campus and Commuter Services (OCCS) strives to help off-campus and commuter students become an active part of the college community. OCCS encourages students to take part in campus events, clubs, and organizations. OCCS provides social gatherings, Commuter Spirit Week, a commuter lounge with study space, computers and printing capabilities, free coffee, a microwave and refrigerator, and other resources, to provide all off-campus and commuter students with a space to call their own. Connect with us in the Commuter Lounge in the Campus Center Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Register your vehicle and pay your parking permit

Although there are ample alternative options, if you are bringing a vehicle to campus as a resident or are a commuter, you are required to register it upon arrival. Register online at rit.edu/parking.

Purchase Tiger Bucks

Purchases can be made at on-campus and off-campus food and retail locations. Tiger Bucks acts as a debit account and funds can be added at eservices.rit.edu.

Goodbye, Goodbuy

Every year, RIT students throw out over 100 tons of goods during move-out. The following fall, incoming students purchase the same items. The cycle continues, and usable items sit in landfills. We set out to change this cycle, and reduce waste.

Students donate their unwanted items as they move out. Collection points are located in dorm lounges and near dumpsters at RIT apartments. Items collected are appropriately sorted to be donated to local non-profits or to be stored over the summer for the fall sale.

The Goodbye, Goodbuy! sale provides students with a variety of goods for thrift store prices. The proceeds from the sale go to funding Goodbye, Goodbuy! for next year, and to other sustainability projects at RIT. Find more information at rit.edu/goodbyegoodbuy.
Meal Exchanges
Meal Exchanges are valued at $9.50 each. They apply to any meal plan with meal exchanges included. Meal Exchanges can be used at any RIT Dining Services location excluding Nathan’s Soup & Salad and Java Wally’s. Meals reset every Sunday before breakfast.

Dining Dollars
Dining Dollars can be used at all RIT Dining Services locations (excluding Java Wally’s), campus convenience stores, and vending machines. They save 8% tax on food purchases and 15% at Gracie’s. Any unused Dining Dollar balances at the end of fall semester will roll-over 100% into spring semester. All funds must be used by the end of spring semester.

Tiger Bucks
Tiger Bucks can be used on food and non-food items. They are held on a separate account that starts with a zero balance, and they can be rolled over per semester and academic year. When using Tiger Bucks, you are charged 8% sales tax on all purchases. You can add funds at any time via eservices.rit.edu.

If you are a first-year student living in the Residence Halls, you are required to select a meal plan. Find more information at rit.edu/fa/diningservices.
With over 300 student clubs and organizations at RIT supporting over 13,000 on-campus and off-campus events, you are sure to stay busy. Whether you are into art, gaming, music, politics, science, sports, or theatre you’ll almost certainly find others at RIT who share your same passion.
Explore the CampusGroups app

RIT CampusGroups maximizes student engagement opportunities for all RIT students. Visit rit.edu/student-clubs-and-organizations to learn about how you can get started, and what you might like to try.* With the app, you can:

- Search for clubs and organizations
- RSVP for events and sync them to your calendar
- Easily check in at events
- Purchase tickets for events

*Note: you will not have access to RIT CampusGroups until your RIT computer and email account are set up.

Follow us on social media

Stay connected and follow our social media accounts:

- Rochester Institute of Technology
- RITTigers
- RITStudentLife

Events

2019-2020

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RIT Lingo to Know

ALANA
African American, Latino/a American, Native American

COLA
College of Liberal Arts

GIS
Golisano Institute for Sustainability

OL
Orientation Leader

RITchie
RIT’s tiger mascot

SIS
Student Information System

CAB
College Activities Board

COS
College of Science

Global Village
RIT housing community with retail, dining, and educational services

Quarter Mile
Walkway connecting the academic and residential sides of campus

SAU
Student Alumni Union

SG
Student Government

Cage
Equipment closets in the SLC and Booth Hall

Fireside Lounge
Quiet sitting area and event space in the SAU

HUB
On-demand print center and post office

RA
Resident Advisor

SCB
Saunders College of Business

SLC
Kate Andrews Student Life Center

CAD
College of Art and Design

CET
College of Engineering Technology

CHST
College of Health Sciences and Technology

CET
College of Engineering Technology

FMS
Facilities Management Services

GCCIS
B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing & Information Sciences

KGCOE
Kate Gleason College of Engineering

NTID
National Technical Institute for the Deaf

SIC
Student Information System

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Kate Andrews Student Life Center

UE
University Exploration

WITR
RIT’s radio station - 89.7 FM
Resources

Academic Success Center
- Monroe Hall, Room 2080
- Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- 585-475-6682
- asc@rit.edu

Center for Campus Life
- Campus Center, Room 1030
- Mon-Fri: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- 585-475-7058

Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement
- Campus Center, Room A610
- Mon-Fri: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- 585-475-4110
- lead@rit.edu

Center for Women and Gender
- Campus Center, Room 1760
- Mon-Fri: 8 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- 585-475-7464
- ritwom@rit.edu

Commuter Lounge
- Campus Center, Room A650
- Mon-Fri: 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
- 585-475-6680
- commuters@rit.edu

Counseling and Psychological Services
- August Center, 2nd floor
- Mon-Fri: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- 585-475-2261
- caps@rit.edu

Housing Operations
- Grace Watson Hall
- Mon-Fri: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- 585-475-2572
- housing@rit.edu

International Student Services
- Student Alumni Union, Room 2330
- Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- 585-475-6943
- iss@rit.edu

Office of Career Services and Cooperative Education
- Bausch & Lomb Center, 1st floor
- Mon-Fri: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- 585-475-2301
- careerservices@rit.edu

Office of Diversity and Inclusion
- George Eastman Hall, Room 1120
- Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- 585-475-6546
- diversity@rit.edu

Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships
- Bausch & Lomb Center
- Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- 585-475-2186
- ritaid@rit.edu
- rritaid@rit.edu (for NTID inquiries)

Office of the Registrar
- George Eastman Hall, 1st floor
- Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- 585-475-2821

Ombuds Office
- Student Alumni Union, Room 1110
- Mon-Fri: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Visit rit.edu/ombuds/contact-us
- ombudsask@rit.edu

Public Safety
- Grace Watson Hall
  Emergency: 585-475-3333
  General: 585-475-2853
- Text: 585-475-8333

Q Center
- Student Alumni Union, Room A530
- Mon-Fri: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- 585-475-6355
- qcenter@rit.edu

Student Employment Office
- University Services Center, Room 1350
- Mon-Fri: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- 585-475-2631
- 967dept@rit.edu

Student Government
- Center for Campus Life
- Student Alumni Union, Room 2330
- Mon-Fri: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- 585-475-6943
- iss@rit.edu

Student Health Center
- August Center, 1st floor
- Mon-Thu: 8 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Fri: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m
- 585-475-2555
- studenthealth@rit.edu

For a complete list of resources, visit the myRIT portal at rit.edu/myrit.
The RIT CampusGroups app allows you to register for and easily check in at events, find clubs and organizations, and more.

The RIT Mobile app contains important information such as the interactive map, event information, and bus schedules.

TigerSafe is RIT’s official safety app. It includes campus emergency contact information, Public Safety requests, and more.

In order to log in to your RIT account, you will need to enroll in Multi-factor Authentication and download this app. https://www.rit.edu/its/mfa/enroll