

R·I·T Parent & Family Programs

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Dear Parents,

The end of the academic year is quickly approaching! Students will be working hard to study for finals and finish up projects, but there are also many campus events to enjoy in the upcoming months including SpringFest, Imagine RIT, and Commencement. Your student will be very busy from now until summer break!

News and Deadlines

SpringFest

SpringFest, an annual festival hosted by the College Activities Board, is on April 27-30, 2017. The festival includes many events sponsored by RIT clubs and organizations and is headlined by a major concert. This year's concert features multi-platinum recording artist Andy Grammer. Tickets are \$15 for students and can be purchased from the RIT Box Office or at RITtickets.com. The full event schedule can be found on the [SpringFest website](#).

Imagine RIT

[Imagine RIT: Innovation and Creativity Festival](#) will be held on Saturday, May 6 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. At Imagine RIT, visitors can experience interactive presentations, hands-on demonstrations, exhibitions, and research projects from the RIT community, as well as

live music and entertainment. You can see all exhibits and plan your day [here](#).

End of the Year Closing & Summer Housing

Students in RIT housing must be checked out by Saturday, May 20 at 10 a.m. Graduating seniors and students that are working at commencement have until Sunday, May 21 at noon to check out of RIT housing. Students who require extensions may request them from Housing Operations. Students who are remaining at RIT for the summer can also now sign up for summer housing-learn more about summer housing in the [Summer Housing Guide](#).

Summer Term

Registration is open for the [summer term at RIT](#) and seats are still available in a wide variety of subjects, both online and on campus. Students interested in early graduation, staying on track, or thinking about a lighter course load in fall or spring semesters are encouraged to register. There are [many benefits](#) to registering for summer courses, including boosting a GPA.

Program Profile: Margaret's House & Adopt-a-Tiger

While visiting RIT on a sunny fall or spring day, you may see a red stroller of children being pushed around campus. Or, while walking to your student's residence hall, pass a playground filled with laughter. These are our youngest RIT Tigers-the children of Margaret's House. Margaret's House welcomes children from infants through preschool and provides child care and early childhood education to families from the RIT community and surrounding areas. Play serves as the basis for learning activities that include opportunities for hands-on experimentation and discovery about the world-preparing children for their next steps. Some Margaret's House children have even become RIT students! They are a central part of our community and your RIT students are their example of what it means to be a college student.



This year, Margaret's House is celebrating their 20th year at RIT! We are helping them celebrate with **Adopt-a-(stuffed) Tiger**. By adopting a tiger, you are helping a Margaret's House child bring a piece of RIT home. The tigers are unstuffed, giving the children the opportunity to build their new friend at our celebration in May. You can adopt a tiger for \$15 on [our website](#).

Information and Updates

Goodbye, Goodbuy

The student-led [Goodbye, Goodbuy](#) initiative will return this year. As they move out this spring, students can leave unwanted items that are still in good condition at collection locations all over the Residence Halls, Global Village and other locations on campus to be

cleaned, stored, and then purchased for reuse by students next fall. Last year, this program kept 35 tons of material out of landfills. All proceeds fund the administration of the program.

Study Abroad Scholarships

Funding is available for RIT students to study abroad. The RIT Education Abroad and International Fellowships office advises students on searching for scholarships and assists with scholarship applications. Over the past year, 91 RIT students were awarded over \$176,000 in scholarships and fellowships towards their international experiences. Students can search for study abroad scholarships via a new tool available on the [study abroad website](#).

Students are encouraged to start planning their international experience at least six months to one year in advance to maximize their scholarship opportunities. For more information on study abroad scholarship opportunities, check out the [April RIT International Fellowships newsletter](#).

Parent Poll

Each month, we ask parents to respond to our Parent Poll and provide feedback on a topic related to RIT, your student, and you. In March, we asked what information was most important when your student was choosing a major. Most of you responded that interest in the topic was most important; career possibilities was the second highest response. Please take a moment to answer our [April question](#).

Parent Tip

Campus resources for finals prep

Finals is a stressful time as students work on end-of-semester projects and study for exams. There are many campus resources available to help your student through:

- The [Academic Support Center](#) is excited to announce their second Finals Rally. On Thursday, April 27 from 4-7 p.m., students can stop by Monroe Hall for final exam prep, study and time management tips and enjoy snacks and give-a-ways.
- [RIT Libraries](#): The Wallace Center is open 24 hours during the week and students can reserve a study room for those group projects.
- As you may have heard, RIT students have developed a [nap map](#) to help students find the best places on campus for a quick nap between classes and studying.
- Sometimes the best way to stay focused is to take a break and be active! Students have access to many [recreation facilities](#) to help them work out the stress.

Sincerely,

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