Dear Parents,

Here in Rochester, the temperatures have not quite kept up with the calendar! It’s still chilly, yet the end of the year is in sight. The last day of classes is on April 30, and finals will be completed on May 8. Students should plan to move out of RIT housing within 24 hours of their last exam, so please talk with your student about their exam schedule and plan accordingly. To parents of graduating students—congratulations!
News and Deadlines

Housing End of Year Closing
Students in RIT housing should plan to move out of residence halls/apartments 24 hours after their last exam unless they are graduating or working during Commencement weekend. Housing contracts officially end on Saturday, May 12 at 10 a.m. Graduating students and students working Commencement must move out by Sunday, May 13 at noon. Students who require extensions may request them from Housing Operations. Please visit the End of Year Closing website for information about checking out of housing.

Spring Event Reminders
- **Spring Fest** is on April 19-22. This event features many activities for students throughout the weekend, including Puppy Fest, shows, food, and the comedian Leslie Jones.
- **Imagine RIT** is on Saturday, April 28 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. At the festival, visitors can experience interactive presentations, hands-on demonstrations, exhibitions, and research projects from the RIT community, as well as live music and entertainment.
- **2018 Commencement Ceremonies** will be held on May 11-12. Academic Convocation will be held on Friday, May 11; individual college ceremonies are held Friday afternoon and Saturday. Details can be found on the Commencement website.

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.

Seeking Input: The University Magazine
RIT is seeking input to improve the content and design of *RIT: The University Magazine*. As the parent of an undergraduate student, you should receive this magazine three times a year. The survey takes less than 10 minutes to complete. You will be asked questions about *RIT: The University Magazine*, including a few that allow for open-ended responses. The survey will close in two weeks. To respond to the survey, please click here.
As the end of the year approaches and the temperatures get warmer, some students feel the sense of freedom that can lead them to engage in risky behaviors. We not only encourage you to have conversations with your students about safe and healthy decision making, but also to make sure they are aware of the Good Samaritan Protocol.

This policy encourages students to contact Public Safety, RIT Ambulance, Residence Life staff, or other RIT staff if they notice an individual who has passed out or shows other signs of serious effects from alcohol or drug consumption. The Good Samaritan Protocol protects the caller, the person in need of assistance, and any witnesses involved from receiving disciplinary sanctions. Keeping RIT's value in student health and safety in mind and to ensure students seek help when
needed, this protocol is designed to provide education rather than discipline when a student voluntarily contacts University personnel seeking medical assistance related to alcohol or other drugs.

While the University has programs to educate students about healthy decision making, we know that meaningful discussions with parents are valuable and important. At this stage, supportive messages about making safe and healthy decisions go further with students than warnings about the dangers of alcohol and drugs. You can find tips for how to begin these conversations on the Students and Alcohol page of the Parent and Family Programs 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.

College Restoration Program
The College Restoration Program (CRP) is an intensive, one-semester academic intervention program for students facing academic suspension and probation. For many students, CRP is the chance to acquire the skills needed to be successful at RIT. As a parent, you hope that your student will not have any academic challenges, but if so, CRP might be an option.

CRP staff work with students to set and accomplish goals, increase self-esteem, manage daily living, self-advocate, and live a healthy and balanced life. We do this through two specialty courses and weekly mentoring for additional skill development. In addition, students take up to ten credits recommended by their current department. Students must receive a referral from their academic program to participate in CRP.

For additional information, please visit the College Restoration Program website.

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 for what life skill your student currently needs the most guidance. Your responses were spread relatively evenly across all options. Please take a moment to answer our April question.

Parent Tip
DeStress Fest and other finals resources

Finals is a stressful time as students work on end-of-semester projects and study for exams. RIT has resources and special events to help students through the week.

RIT Libraries is excited to announce the line-up for DeStress Fest, a series of free activities held in the library at the end of each semester to help students prepare for finals and manage stress. From April 23-27, students can get one-on-one help with citations for their final papers from RIT librarians and build a study tool kit with the Academic Support Center. During finals week—April 30-May 4—students can relax with daily coffee breaks, therapy dogs, arts and crafts, and more. Students can find DeStress Fest events by visiting the RIT Libraries Facebook page or stopping in Wallace Library.

Additional resources for students during finals include:

- **RIT Libraries**: The Wallace Center is open 24 hours during the week and extended hours on the weekend. Students can also reserve a study room for group projects.
- 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.

**Featured Photo**

In case you don’t follow the Parent and Family Programs Facebook page, here’s what you’ve missed: Ben & Jerry’s Free Cone Day meant long lines in the SAU!
Sincerely,

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