

R·I·T Parent & Family Programs

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Dear Parents,

There are many upcoming events for students—including the fun activities during FreezeFest this weekend, Into the ROC events all semester, and preparing for a co-op or job with the Spring Career Fair. We also have a very important opportunity for YOU—we are seeking parent feedback in our 2017 RIT Parent Survey. Please see the middle section below for information, and thanks for your input!

News and Deadlines

RIT's 10th President—David C. Munson Jr.

On July 1, David C. Munson Jr. will join the RIT community as our 10th president. Munson, the former dean of the University of Michigan College of Engineering, was chosen by the RIT Board of Trustees after a nationwide search. To learn more about

Munson and his vision for RIT, you can [watch this video](#) highlighting his professional accomplishments and [read his remarks](#) given during the announcement of his selection.

FreezeFest

FreezeFest is RIT's winter festival—held annually—encouraging students to embrace the cold weather and enjoy the many planned activities. FreezeFest 2017 is February 16-19. Along with many other events, President Bill Destler will perform in concert on Thursday, February 16 at 7 p.m. in Ingle Auditorium. Additionally, major comedian T.J. Miller will perform in the Gordon Field House on Saturday, February 18 with tickets available for purchase for the RIT Box Office.

Spring Career Fair

The Spring Career Fair will be held on Wednesday, March 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Gordon Field House. The Career Fair draws over 250 companies, ranging from small tech firms to Fortune 500 companies. Students can swipe in the day of the fair with their RIT ID or pre-register in various locations the week prior to the event (dates and locations for pre-registration are on the [Career Fairs website](#)). In preparation for the fair, students can also attend [Career Success Workshops](#), which include resume review sessions.

Career Clothing Open House

On Monday, February 27, students can attend the Career Clothing Open House from 2-4 p.m. in the Bamboo Room. The Division of Diversity and Inclusion has collected gently-used clothing that will be available to students in need of professional clothing for the Career Fair. Clothing is free to students on a first come first served basis.

Scholarship Opportunities

There are two upcoming opportunities for students to earn RIT scholarships:

- [Leadership Awards and Scholarships](#) are coordinated by the Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement (CLCE). There are several leadership scholarships that range between \$500 and \$2,500. Qualifications for each scholarship are different; responses to the common application will populate which scholarships students are eligible for. Applications are due on February 24.
- [Alumni Legacy Endowed Scholarships](#) are academic scholarships available to the children or grandchildren of RIT alumni who are incoming or returning RIT students. There are 3-4 scholarships available that range between \$500 and \$1,500. Recipients must demonstrate academic accomplishment, financial need, and leadership ability. Applications are due on April 8.

Seeking Parent Feedback

The Parent and Family Programs office needs your input as we assess our services and plan for future communications and programming for families of RIT students. Please take a moment to respond to our [RIT Parent Survey](#). Your responses will help us better understand how you use family resources to support your student. As a thank you for completing the survey, you can enter a drawing to win one of four \$25 gift cards to Barnes

& Noble. Thank you for your feedback!

Information and Updates

Into the ROC

Into the ROC gives students the opportunity to explore the unique challenges and cultural treasures in the Rochester community, including community service projects with a local non-profit or enjoying a local play, comedy show, museum, or other cultural experience in the city. The Spring 2017 schedule is now available on the [Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement website](#).

Summer Psychology in Croatia

Students have the opportunity to explore the rich history and cultural influences of modern psychology while studying in Zagreb, Croatia from May 21-July 1, 2017. Students earn six credits that can be used towards a psychology immersion and will gain a cross-cultural perspective on psychology as classroom topics are enhanced by field excursions. Students will also participate in a one-week course-integrated study tour at the end of the program to Vienna, Austria and Munich, Germany. Application deadline is March 15. Students can learn more on the [RIT Global website](#) or by making an appointment with a study abroad advisor (585-475-4481 or global@rit.edu).

Spring Break

Spring Break is on March 13-17. If your student is traveling, please have a discussion within the next month about Spring Break safety and health. Housing Operations requests that students who are leaving their RIT housing for the week prepare by emptying trash cans and cleaning our fridges, locking windows and doors, and unplugging electronic equipment. Dining hours and locations during the week can be found on the [Dining Services website](#).

My Bus Home

My Bus Home arranges one-way and round-trip transportation for all academic breaks in private, fully insured motor coach buses with restrooms, Wi-Fi, and a DVD player. The buses pick up on campus and go to/from central locations in:

- Plymouth Meeting and Easton, PA; Bridgewater, NJ,
- NYC (Penn Station); Jericho, Long Island
- White Plains and Albany, NY
- Mechanicsburg, PA; Baltimore, MD; Arlington, VA
- Ludlow and Newton, MA; Londonderry, NH

The estimated round trip fares are between \$149.00 and \$189.00. Sign up at [My Bus Home](#) for more information. The reservation deadline for the Spring Break buses is February 24 and the end of the year buses is April 28.

Buy a Brick

With the Buy a Brick program, you can commemorate your student's time at RIT with a custom-engraved brick on Philanthropy Way while also supporting the Fund for RIT.

Dedicating a brick to your graduating Tiger is a great way to celebrate their RIT accomplishments. The deadline to order bricks for installation by Commencement 2017 is Friday, April 7. Visit the [Buy a Brick website](#) for more information and to place an order.

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 January, we asked on what topic you personally contacted RIT about during fall semester. The majority of parents (nearly 70%) did not contact RIT. Please take a moment to answer our [February question](#).

Parent Tip

Help your student succeed at the Career Fair

Career preparation is more than just having an updated resume on hand. For many students, the Spring Career Fair will be their first time presenting themselves as a professional. Help your student succeed by offering tips on how to present themselves, such as knowing how to talk about their strengths, doing research on the company to which they are interviewing, and having questions prepared for potential employers. Additionally, offer your students tips on appropriate interview attire.

Sincerely,

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