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Dear Parents,

Happy summer! While it may be quiet on campus without the students, we are already busy preparing for the 2017-18 academic year, including welcoming our new Tiger Families to RIT in August. Please be sure to check out the middle

section of this month's newsletter, which has some fun upcoming engagement opportunities for you, including submitting your favorite recipes to our *Kitchen Away from Home* cookbook.



News and Deadlines

Parents of Incoming Students

Welcome! I know many new parents are signing up for this newsletter. Please be sure to check out our [online family orientation](#) and register for [Family Orientation](#). Those websites should answer many of your questions about the [Orientation schedule](#) and how to prepare this summer, but feel free to email me at parents@rit.edu if you have any further questions. Please also see below for a pre-orientation opportunity for your student.

DiscoverRIT

Parents of incoming students: Registration for DiscoverRIT pre-orientation programs is open, and there is still room in several programs. DiscoverRIT gives incoming undergraduate students the opportunity to come to campus early and participate in fun, small-group projects and activities. These programs are optional, and are a fun way to make early connections with campus, faculty and staff, and other students. There are 20 programs to choose from; some have already hit capacity, but students can register for a waitlist. The deadline to register is July 17. For more information, please visit the [DiscoverRIT website](#).

Fall Billing

All billing notifications are sent electronically to students at their RIT email address. Your student has the option of [granting parent access](#) to his/her eServices account. Once you've been granted access and created your own account, you will receive all notifications and have the option to view and pay tuition statements. Your student can also choose to grant you access to view grades and class schedules, check balances and add funds to Tiger Bucks and Food Debit accounts, and view the status of financial aid.

The fall 2017 billing statement will be generated on July 7 and will be due by August 15. The option to sign up for a payment plan for the fall term will be available beginning July 8 through the [eServices site](#). The charges, less any

anticipated financial aid, will be divided into four installments. Please visit the [Student Financial Services website](#) for more information about the payment plan.

Financial Aid

Parents of incoming students: In preparation for fall, be sure that you and your student have completed all of the financial aid requirements by logging into [eServices](#) and clicking on "Financial Aid and Scholarships" to see what is still required. As mentioned above, your student can grant you access to financial aid information on eServices. All financial aid documents should be submitted by August 1 to ensure that your student's financial aid award is applied towards RIT billable charges.

Parents of returning students: Financial aid award notifications for 2017-18 returning students have been going out since late March. Students are notified by email when their financial aid awards are viewable and can be accepted on the Financial Aid and Scholarships section of [eServices](#). Financial Aid awards are contingent on students meeting [Satisfactory Academic Progress](#) (SAP) standards after spring term. Several notices have been provided to returning students who may need additional information to determine financial aid eligibility, depending on when the FAFSA was completed. Students who have not yet submitted requested information may not see financial aid awards appear on the July billing notice and as such should submit missing information as soon as possible.

All students who are registered for classes and wish to view financial aid information online must provide consent per federal regulations. Students providing electronic consent also allows other individuals the student has authorized to view financial aid information.



Upcoming Parent Engagement Opportunities

Volunteer for Family Orientation

We're looking for local parents to help us welcome the incoming class of Tiger Families. Learn more and sign up on our [2017 Parent Volunteer Form](#).

Submit a recipe to our cookbook

Help RIT students learn cooking skills by contributing to our *Kitchen Away from Home* Cookbook. We are seeking recipes and kitchen tips that will help students learn their way around the kitchen. We are gathering recipes in six different categories:

- Dorm Room Delights: Recipes that can be made with few ingredients, either in dorm rooms or using a microwave in the kitchen.
- Dinners for Beginners: Full dinner recipes that are easy to make-a challenging ingredient here or there to help students learn their way around a kitchen.
- Make Lunch the Night Before: Sandwiches and other lunch recipes that can stay in the fridge overnight and in the backpack until morning classes are over. Encourage money-saving ingredients and creative ideas.
- "I don't have class until 2 p.m.!": Delicious breakfast ideas for students with a little extra time in the morning.
- The Freshman 15: Scrumptious snacks and desserts for students who aren't too worried about gaining those famous 15 pounds during their college experience.
- Parents to Parents: Your place to include the recipes that you love but that might be a little bit more challenging to create. These recipes are for home cooks who have a little bit more skill-or brave student chefs!

To submit a recipe or kitchen tip, please send an email to parents@rit.edu with the subject line "Kitchen Away from Home." Please include which category your recipe fits into, your name, and where you're from. *Kitchen Away from Home* Cookbooks will be available for you to purchase for your student this fall.

Send us a summer travel photo

Is your family or your RIT student traveling this summer? Send us a fun travel photo in RIT gear with a brief note of where you/your student are to be featured on the [RIT Parent Facebook page](#)! Please send photos to parents@rit.edu.



Information and Updates

2017 RIT Parent Survey Highlights

Thanks to all who responded to our 2017 RIT Parent Survey! I am very grateful for your input and feedback. Here are selected highlights from the findings.

- You are using Parent & Family Programs resources-nearly all survey respondents read at least some of the Parent Newsletter and more than half use the parent website at least once a semester.
- You talk to your students about what you read-most commonly, you share information about campus events, career and co-op information, and housing information.
- Overall, you are satisfied with your experiences with RIT and Parent & Family Programs, and with family communications and events.
- Most of you communicate with your students at least once a week-primarily by text.
- Parents' top concerns were co-ops, academics, and career planning; students most requested your advice about co-ops, finances, and living situations.
- Parents were least familiar with campus resources in the areas of personal relationships and mental health.

Your input will be very helpful as I plan future programming and communications-thanks again!

NTID International Studies Seminar-Japan This 3-credit RIT faculty-led study abroad program explores Japanese Deaf culture through a combination of in-class coursework and a two-week study tour to Japan in early summer. Students will collaborate with local deaf university students at the National Tsukuba University of Technology, visit Japan's National Center of Sign Language Education and tour cultural sites around Japan including visits to markets, villages, museums, shrines and gardens with an RIT faculty leader. Students enroll in a Spring 2018 course with travel to Japan taking place May 17-31, 2018. Learn more [here](#).

Application deadline is October 15, 2017. For more information, contact the faculty-director, Dr. Scot Atkins, at wsanbt@rit.edu.

Unsubscribing From this List

If you are the parent of a graduate and no longer wish to receive the Parent Newsletter, you can unsubscribe on the [Parent website](#). You can also use this link if you would like to change the email address you have in our list.

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 May, we asked how likely you thought it was that your student would move home, at least for a while, after graduation. Nearly one-quarter of you thought it was sure or very likely that your student would move home; over 70% found it somewhat or rather unlikely. Please take a moment to answer our [June question](#).

Featured Photo

In case you don't follow the [Parent and Family Programs Facebook page](#), here's what you missed this week: Construction on the new Global Village building, set to open in August, is moving along!



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