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Dear Parents,

Spring Break has passed, and before we know it, students will be studying for final exams. There is a lot to look forward to at RIT this spring, including Spring Fest (April 19-22), Imagine RIT (April 28), and warmer weather (hopefully soon!)
News and Deadlines

Spring Passport Drive
On Saturday, March 24 from 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., the Monroe County Clerk’s Office will be on campus processing passports. Students need to bring form of payment (cash, credit, or check) and proper ID that is required by the U.S. State Department to apply for a passport. Information on passport costs and ID requirements can be found at The Monroe County Clerk’s Office Passport website.

Finals Care Package
If you would like to send your student a pick-me-up for finals, consider sending a Finals Care Package! This package includes snacks to keep students energized and focused while studying, as well as tips from the Academic Support Center. For information and to order, visit the Dining Services Care Package page. The deadline to order a Finals Care Package is April 9.

2018 Commencement Ceremonies
RIT’s 2018 Commencement Ceremonies will take place on May 11-12. Academic Convocation is a celebration of graduates from all nine colleges, and will take place on Friday, May 11 at 10 a.m. in the Gordon Field House. Following this kick-off celebration are individual commencement ceremonies for each college. These ceremonies take place on Friday afternoon as well as on Saturday, so please check the commencement schedule to see when your graduate’s ceremony will be held. All of the ceremonies will be live-streamed over the internet. A link will be available from the Commencement homepage. Note: Golisano Institute for Sustainability ceremony is not live-streamed.

Tickets are not required for any of the commencement ceremonies; however, seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Overflow seating for Academic Convocation will be available in the Gene Polisseni Center, where the ceremony will be streamed live. Your student should have already received a Commencement Newsletter via email with specific information for graduates in their college. The newsletters are also available on the Commencement website.
Each year, Telefund Tigers reach out to thousands of alumni and parents to share the latest RIT news and updates and let you know about philanthropic opportunities. This month, we learn a little more about one student who works in the Telefund office and may make a call to your home!

Jessica Morrone is an RIT marketing major from Saratoga Springs, NY.
Are you involved in any activities or organizations on campus? Women in Business and DECA Club.

How long have you worked for the Telefund? Two years (3 semesters as a caller; 1 as a supervisor).

Why is your job important? My job creates opportunities for many students, including myself, to be able to attend RIT. Securing gifts to the scholarships funds, clubs, organizations, and events that make my RIT experience incredible and possible is important and meaningful to me as a proud RIT Tiger.

What is your favorite part of working with the Telefund? Speaking with alumni from various programs and generations. Telefund has given me the opportunity to learn about many programs and aspects of campus life that I would otherwise be unaware of. I enjoy learning about our graduates' RIT experiences and how it has translated into success for them.

How can parents make the most out of this call? Parents have a unique opportunity to learn more about what their student may be learning or participating in while at RIT. Callers are always happy to update parents about the programs, initiatives, and advancements in every college, as well as any fun events occurring on campus. These calls are a great opportunity for parents to learn more about their student’s RIT experience, and to seek advice from other students on what their student can do to make the most of his or her RIT experience.

What is the best conversation you’ve ever had on a call? I was once privileged to speak with a recent Saunder’s graduate who is currently making incredible strides in her career. We spoke about what it takes to be successful being a woman in business, as well as the MBA program. This graduate gave me wonderful advice which I will forever be grateful for.

What is your advice to parents of RIT students? Encourage your student to become involved on campus! Whether at clubs, sports, activities, or academic events, your student’s experience will be enhanced by getting to know everyone on campus. This will lead to lifelong friendships and endless career opportunities.

Information and Updates

Financial Aid Information
It’s not too late to reapply for financial aid for the 2018-2019 year, beginning with
the summer 2018 term. Be sure to complete the 2018-2019 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) using 2016 tax information. If you already completed the FAFSA, students can check eServices for additional requirements. Students can provide parents with access to this information by granting you Third Party access.

Returning FAFSA filers will be notified at their RIT email addresses when their financial aid award is viewable. Award notifications will start going out in April and will continue on a rolling basis.

Students are assigned to individuals within the Financial Aid office based upon their program or college. They can find their specific contact by visiting the Financial Aid website, calling (585-475-2186), or sending an email (ritaid@rit.edu or ntidad@rit.edu).

Summer Storage
It’s only March, but we know you may already be planning for the end of the semester. A local storage company offers a service for students needing to store belonging over the summer. Rochester College Storage (the UPS Store) offers free pick-up and delivery and storage in local facilities.

Bikes at RIT
The RIT Bikeshare program is currently open to the RIT community. RIT Bikeshare maintains 20 orange bikes that students may use around campus free of charge. Students wishing to use this program need to register on the SG website.

The RIT Bike Shop, in the lower level of Monroe Hall, provides services and retail sales of basic parts and equipment and is now open for services. Services offered include safety inspection and standard or deluxe tune-ups; available equipment includes helmets, locks, and lights. Costs and hours can be found on their website.

RIT’s Thank You Collection
Are you and your Tiger tired of the snow, cold, and dreary days of winter? Brighten up the season with some RIT Tiger orange! If you give to any area of RIT (your student’s academic program, a scholarship fund, or student club), you will receive a Thank You Collection gift—socks, a winter hat, or a scarf. Your gifts help many students at RIT, and this is our way of saying thanks and making your winter just a little more bright. Make your gift today!

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 February, we asked how much influence parents should have on your student’s career choice. Parents fell in the middle with about one-third choosing some, a little, or very little. Few parents felt they should have a lot or no influence. Please take a moment to answer our March question.
Parent Tip

Spring Safety
Even though the temperatures are still changing weekly in Rochester, spring weather is just around the corner. With warmer temperatures and sunshine comes a lively campus-biking, running, studying outside, and relief over not being stuck indoors. This sense of freedom may cause students to forget basic campus safety tips. Please remind your student to continue to be cautious to avoid the risk of theft and assault-lock residence hall and apartment doors, keep an eye on belongings, avoid walking alone at night, and be aware of surroundings.

Featured Photo
In case you don’t follow the Parent and Family Programs Facebook page, here’s what you’ve missed: one of our weekly Featured Student Employees was Nur Amira Mo Amin, a biotechnology and molecular bioscience major from Selangor, Malaysia who works as a mail handler at the NRH Post Office. Like our page to see more Featured Student Employees!

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