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Dear Parents,

Rochester just saw our first snowfall of the season, which means Thanksgiving, finals, and winter break are right around the corner! I know many of you are looking forward to seeing your students soon—please take note of the Parent Tip section (replacing Camille’s Corner for this month only) to help prepare for visits
home. Additionally, the Parent & Family Programs office has been busy pulling your recipes together into our Kitchen Away from Home Cookbook—please read the middle section of this Newsletter for information about how to order one for your student...and maybe one for yourself as well!

News and Deadlines

**International Education Week**
This joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education celebrates the benefits of international education worldwide and features events that prepare U.S. students for a global environment and builds future global leaders. RIT will be hosting over 25 events throughout the week. A complete list of events can be found on the [International Education Week website](#).

**Fall Passport Drive**
On Saturday, November 18 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](#).

**Spring Billing**
Spring semester billing notices will be sent on December 7, 2017 and are due by January 15, 2018. More information about payment options can be found on the [Student Financial Services website](#).

**Family Study Abroad—Explore Croatia**
Parents, it’s your turn to study abroad! The Parent & Family Programs—in partnership with Education Abroad and the Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement—is excited to offer this study abroad program for families and students. On this 10-day visit to Dubrovnik, Croatia and the surrounding area, RIT families will explore culture, history, and ecology through guided tours, nature excursions, and sampling local cuisine. Learn more and apply on the [Explore Croatia website](#). Applications are due on January 8, 2018.

**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, DVD, and Wi-Fi. The buses pick up on campus and go to/from central locations in:
• Allentown and Plymouth Meeting, PA and Bridgewater, NJ
• NYC (Penn Station) and Jericho, Long Island
• White Plains and Albany, NY
• Mechanicsburg, PA, Baltimore, MD, and Arlington, VA
• Ludlow and Newton, MA and Londonderry, NH

Maximum occupancy is 50 students per bus; a minimum of 30 students is required. You can still sign your student up for winter break buses. The deadline for a winter break bus home is November 27 and December 22 for the return.

Commencement Save the Date
Commencement Weekend is May 11-12, 2018. RIT looks forward to celebrating your student’s success with you! Here are some things to think about if your student will be graduating this spring:

• Make your hotel reservations today. Several area colleges are holding graduation ceremonies this weekend and hotels will book quickly.
• Remind your student to apply for graduation when they receive their invitation from the Student Information System (SIS). To have their name appear in the Commencement Book and on the Commencement website, they must apply for graduation by April 1, 2018. At this time, they can also indicate how their name should appear on their diploma and add a diploma mailing address.
• Encourage your student to meet with their academic adviser to confirm they have met all requirements for graduation.
• Ceremony schedules are available now on the Commencement website. Individual colleges and many academic departments host receptions before or after their ceremonies. Check the website in February-March for details. Also, watch for the Commencement Brochure which will be mailed in late March to your student’s permanent address.
• International families will need to apply for B-1/B-2 Visitor Visas unless their country of citizenship is listed as a participant in the Visa Waiver Program. Visit the International Student Services website for more information.
• Follow RIT Commencement on Facebook and on Twitter (#RITgrad) for updates.

Kitchen Away from Home Cookbook
Order Your RIT Cookbook!

Thank you to all parents who submitted a recipe for our Kitchen Away from Home Cookbook! The cookbook is filled with great recipes for students learning their way around the kitchen, such as Easy Shepherd’s Pie, Microwaved Potato Bites, No Bake Granola Bars, and Fudge Pie—one of our RIT celebrity recipes submitted by Nancy Munson—the wife of our new RIT President.

The order form will be open until December 8, and cookbooks will be ready just in time for the holiday season. Cookbooks can be purchased for $8. Students, who will receive notification about a package delivery, and will be able to pick up their cookbooks at the Gleason Hall Service Desk or The Den in Baker Hall between December 4-15. If you would like the cookbook mailed to you, it will cost an additional $2 per book.

All proceeds will go to the RIT FoodShare, a program that combats food insecurity on campus by allowing members of the RIT community access to non-perishable items and leftover food from campus events. RIT students, staff, and faculty can visit the FoodShare Center to donate non-perishable items, swap out items they have for those they want, and/or take items they need.
Information and Updates

Enrollment Guide
Spring semester enrollment appointments begin this week. Students with questions should meet with their advisers; you can also direct your student to the 2017-18 Enrollment Guide for general information and important dates.

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. CRP does this through two specialty courses: Academic Strategies and Motivation and Wellness. They also include 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.

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

New TigerSafe App
Public Safety has launched a new and improved TigerSafe app. TigerSafe allows students to request a jump start, find Public Safety phone numbers and resources, request a campus escort, and more right from their phone. A new feature is push notifications in the event of campus emergencies. Please remind your student to uninstall the old version of TigerSafe and download the new version.

Academic Integrity Resources
Having academic integrity means creating work in an honest and responsible manner, including not plagiarizing or cheating. If students have questions about what this means as they work on midterms and finals, they can use available campus resources, including the Academic Support Center, RIT Libraries, and University Writing Commons. For more information, visit the Academic Integrity 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 October, we asked if your student had a job. 40% said no, your students do not work during the semester. 30% worked on campus, 9% worked off campus, and 4% worked both on and off campus. Please take a moment to answer our November question.

Parent Tip
Preparing for Thanksgiving
We know you look forward to having your student home for Thanksgiving vacation, but the reality of holiday reunions frequently fails to match expectations. It is not easy to slip back into traditional family patterns when students have been gone for a few months. Here are some tips for the upcoming long weekend:

- Talk with your student prior to break about family obligations and their plans with friends.
- Discuss use of the family car, curfews, meal time, and other household expectations.
- Let your student know of any big changes around the house, and ask of any big changes in their life (you don’t want to be surprised by a new tattoo or diet change!)
- Don’t be alarmed if the first thing your student wants to do is nap.
- Expect a pile of laundry.
- This is a busy time of the semester for many students-some may have to carve some time out of the vacation to study.
- Remember that-even if this is your student’s first semester in college-they have already experienced a lot and is growing into the adult they will become.
- Enjoy your time together!

**Featured Photo**

In case you don’t follow the Parent and Family Programs Facebook page, here’s what you’ve missed: RIT saw its first snowfall of the season!
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