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Dear Parents,

Fall is in the air! The temperatures have started to cool, the leaves are just starting to change, the Fall Career Fair has passed, and we are all looking forward to welcoming you back to campus for Brick City Weekend next week!

News and Deadlines

Flu Shots

Flu shots are now available for students at the Student Health Center. The cost is \$20, payable by cash, check, Tiger Bucks, or Visa/Mastercard. The SHC provides receipts which can be submitted to insurance companies for reimbursement.

Brick City Weekend Registration Extension

Registration for Brick City Weekend has been extended until Friday, October 7 at noon. Onsite registration will be available for some events, but many will sell out this week so

register soon! You can find the schedule of events and registration information on the [Brick City Weekend website](#).

When you arrive on campus next week, be sure to check in at the Welcome Center in Fireside Lounge (Student Alumni Union) where you will get your registration packet, including any tickets you have ordered. Check-in dates and times are:

Thursday, October 13: 12-8:30 p.m.

Friday, October 14: 9 a.m.-10 p.m.

Saturday, October 15: 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

FoodShare Food Drive

Help us stock the shelves of the RIT FoodShare Center over Brick City Weekend!

[FoodShare](#) is a program that shares food across campus, through event leftovers and at the FoodShare Center, where members of the RIT community can swap or pick up needed food items. Help us stock the FoodShare Center shelves by bringing a non-perishable food item to the Brick City Weekend Welcome Center in the Fireside Lounge (SAU) on October 13-15. Most-needed items include:

- Cereal
- Granola/breakfast bars
- Rice and pasta
- Baking staples (flour, sugar, salt, baking soda)
- Protein items: canned chicken, tuna, salmon, beef stew, nuts, shelf stable milk, oatmeal, peanut butter

University Studies Open House

Is your son or daughter concerned about their major or considering a major change? Students questioning their majors are encouraged to stop by the University Studies Open House and learn more about their options. Trained and experienced advisors as well as upper-class students and faculty with career services backgrounds will be present to help your student understand the campus resources available and assist in determining the next steps in the process. This event is on Monday, October 17 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the 1829 room (SAU).

ROAR the Vote

Election Day is just around the corner and voter registration deadlines are rapidly approaching. We encourage you to talk with your student(s) about voting and encourage them to register today!

The deadline is NY State is October 14 (postmarked); you can check your home state's deadline online on the Voter [Registration Deadline website](#).

RIT is doing a number of things to encourage participation in the electoral process this year including:

- Hosting Debate Viewing Parties on October 4, October 9, and October 19
- Providing transportation to the local polling site from 12-9 p.m. on Election Day

- Providing access to [online educational information](#) including FAQs
- Providing online voter registration on [Turbo Vote](#)
- Providing paper registration forms, stamps, and envelopes as an alternative to the online system. Materials can be picked up at Residence Life Area Offices, the RIT Inn, the Campus Center Welcome Desk, the Student Government Office, and the RIT Food Share.

We are Tigers; and we ROAR the Vote!

Student Athlete Profile: Sarah Szybist

Fourth-year biomedical sciences major Sarah Szybist is off to an incredible final season with the RIT volleyball program, as she currently leads all of Division III with 430 kills and is second with 5.38 kills per set, and 6.12 points per set. Earlier this season, Szybist surpassed 2,000 career kills and broke the 18-year old school record for most in a career at RIT. Szybist is a three-time American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) All-American, having earned honorable mention accolades in 2013 and 2015 and third team honors in 2014. In addition, Szybist is a three-time All-Liberty League first team selection and back-to-back RIT Invitational Most Valuable Player.



Off the court, Szybist holds a 3.94 grade-point average and is a two-time CoSIDA Academic All-America selection, having earned third team honors in 2014 and first team accolades last year. Szybist spent the summer working with doctors at the United States Air Force Academy Clinic in Colorado Springs. After graduation, Szybist would like to attend medical school with the goal of becoming a doctor.

Information and Updates

Changes to the FAFSA Process for 2017–18

Students will be able to submit a 2017–18 [FAFSA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) as early as October 1, 2016, rather than beginning on January 1, 2017. The earlier submission date will be a permanent change, enabling students to complete and submit their FAFSAs as early as October 1 every year.

Beginning with the 2017–18 FAFSA, students will be required to report income and tax information from an earlier tax year. For example, on the 2017–18 FAFSA, students (and parents, as appropriate) will report their 2015 income and tax information, rather than their 2016 income and tax information. This means that most individuals who filed a tax return will no longer need to use estimated income information, since tax return(s) will have already been filed.

In addition, FAFSA filers should take advantage of using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) that allows an individual to import tax return data into the FAFSA which provides even greater accuracy and can reduce additional documentation that may need to be provided to RIT.

For more information, visit the [Federal Student Aid website](#).

Tigers Care Campaign

The Tigers Care Emergency Fund is only \$2,000 away from reaching our goal of a fully-endowed fund! This fund exists to support students in need of short-term emergency financial assistance, including transportation to local health care facilities, emergency food and clothing, critical medication, and access to public transportation hubs in times of personal emergency. Reaching full endowment means we will be able to provide these bridge funds to students in need year after year. Please consider supporting our tigers in their times of unexpected need. A small gift can make a big difference in allowing a student to complete a semester of study.

Click here for more information on the [Tigers Care Campaign](#). Thank you in advance for your support!

Intersession Program in Croatia

During this Intersession Study Abroad Program, *Ecology of the Dalmatian Coast*, students will study ecology in Croatia—a country known for its natural beauty and cultural heritage—and will combine classroom-based study with field learning excursions to coastal areas, national parks and villages outside of Dubrovnik. This is a course unique to RIT Croatia that is not available at the Rochester campus and examines environmental issues on a global scale. This course can count as a natural science inquiry or as a scientific principles perspectives course. No pre-requisites are required. Program dates are January 2-21, 2017.

Application deadline: November 1, 2016. Make an appointment with a study abroad advisor to get started (global@rit.edu).

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 September, we asked where your student would be voting on November 8. Most of your students will be voting through an absentee ballot from their home precinct. Please take a moment to answer our [October question](#).

Parent Tip

Student Tips for Spring Registration

Spring registration is fast approaching! Students should begin to prepare tentative schedules and review with their advisors if necessary. Starting October 31, students can add classes to their “shopping carts,” and registration opens (by year level) the week of November 14. You may hear your student talk about an “enrollment appointment;” this is the day and time your student can begin to register for the upcoming term. The registration system remains open to students through add/drop.

Here are some tips you can **share with your students** to help them get prepared for enrollment:

- Login to SIS and check for any holds, and contact the appropriate office about resolving the hold before your enrollment appointment begins.
- Fill your shopping cart and include relevant alternatives; it's helpful to be prepared with multiple options.
- Don't panic if you have a class conflict or work commitment when your enrollment appointment begins—your enrollment period begins with your enrollment appointment time and continues through the add/drop period.
- If you are interested in a course that is already full, utilize the “swap” or “waitlist” function so that you will be in the queue if a seat becomes available.

Remember, if your students have concerns about their spring schedules, encourage them to meet with their academic advisor, they are there to help!

Sincerely,

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