

# R·I·T Parent & Family Programs

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## **Dear Parents,**

The days may still be hot, but at RIT it feels like we are well into fall semester! Along with the excitement of new classes and a fresh start, our students have a lot to look forward to this semester. Into the ROC events will help your student feel connected to Rochester, the Fall Career Fair is a great way for students to brush up on interview skills and find a co-op, and November 8 may be the first time your students get to vote in a national election. We also hope to see YOU back on campus in October for Brick City Homecoming and Family Weekend.

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## **News and Deadlines**

### **Taste of Rochester**

Planning for Family Weekend is well underway! If you haven't already, please take a look at the [event schedule](#) for Brick City Weekend. Registration will close on October 3. One

new event this year is the [Taste of Rochester](#). We are welcoming parents to get a taste of all the wonderful things Rochester has to offer, which can make your next visit to RIT into a mini-vacation! Try a sample from Black Button Distillery, Casa Larga Vineyards, and CB Craft Brewing while learning about the Little Theater, the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Memorial Art Gallery. Tickets are \$25.

### **Care Packages**

Dining Services has expanded their Special Delivery Program by creating new basket options to send your student. September's featured items are the Tiger Roar Basket—a basket is filled with all of Ritchie's favorite Orange and Brown snacks and drinks, and their cake options—a variety of different cakes including Chocolate, Vanilla, Rice Krispie, Cookie, or a Carvel Ice Cream Cake with a personal message on a card or on the cake. Check out all of the new baskets on the [Special Delivery website](#).

### **Into the ROC**

Into the ROC continues this year with many new and exciting events that help your student experience Rochester. Upcoming events include:

- Artisan Works Tour—September 11
- Global Day of Service at the Ronald McDonald House and NOTA Community Gardens—September 17
- Celtic Thunder Legacy Tour at the Eastman Theater—September 20
- Community Clean Up at Mount Hope Cemetery—October 8

For information about how to join an Into the ROC event, direct your student to the [Center for Leadership & Civic Engagement Link page](#).

### **Fall Passport Drive**

The Monroe County Clerk's office will be processing passports on campus on Saturday, September 17 from 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in Fireside Lounge. Make sure your student had the needed documentation and payment—you can find this information on the [Monroe County Clerk website](#).

### **Global Day of Service**

Parents are invited to join alumni and friends of RIT on Saturday, September 17, 2016 for the RIT Global Day of Service. The goal of this event is to rally thousands of RIT Tigers— parents, alumni, and friends—to infuse pride and power in their local communities around the world. We have 30 projects scheduled for the day all over the globe. If you are interested in joining an existing project, please register by September 14. Visit the [Global Day of Service website](#) for details and registration information.

### **Fall Career Fair**

The Fall Career Fair will be held on Wednesday, September 28 from 10 a.m.-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 Fair Clothing Open House**

On Monday, September 26, students can attend the Career Clothing Open House from 2-4 p.m. in the Bamboo Room. Gently-used clothing 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.

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## **A Message from the Destlers**

Dear RIT Parents and Families,

As parents ourselves, my wife and I know that we all share the dream that our children will succeed academically and professionally, AND that they will contribute positively to their community, country, and world.

To that end, we are proud to tell you about RIT's *ROAR the Vote* initiative. In accordance with our community values, and in compliance with the Federal Higher Education Act Amendments of 1998, our Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement is spearheading an ambitious campus nonpartisan voter education and registration effort. We ask your help in encouraging your student to register and vote. Youth voting rates are typically low: We want to change that at RIT!

### **Here are some things to consider discussing with your student:**

- **Where they will vote:** College students have the option to register and vote at their family residence or their college residence. For more information about this, please see the [Roar the Vote website](#).
- **How to register to vote:** RIT has engaged a voter registration platform called [TurboVote](#). Students who sign up, via their personal computers or at a campus voter registration table, will be able to access everything they need to register to vote in the location they choose, to get an absentee ballot, and to receive reminders about local, state, and federal elections.
- **General information about voting:** You and your student can find up-to-date information about voting at [RIT's voter education website](#).
- **This fall, organizations at RIT will take a number of nonpartisan steps to encourage informed civic engagement** including debate viewing parties, issues discussions, mock elections, etc. These are designed to encourage the civil airing of information and viewpoints and to bring the community together.
- **RIT will provide free transportation** to local polling sites on Election Day.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact:

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or

Chelsea Petree, Director of Parent and Family Programs, [parents@rit.edu](mailto:parents@rit.edu)

Thank you for supporting your student in assuming their citizenship responsibilities in this complex and exciting world.

Yours,  
Bill Destler  
President, RIT

Rebecca Johnson  
Bill's spouse and *ROAR the Vote* committee member

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## Information and Updates

### **Airport Transportation**

The Parent and Family Programs office has received several messages from parents asking how your sons and daughters can get to and from the ROC airport. There is no regular shuttle from campus to the airport, but there are other options! Each year prior to winter and spring breaks, Student Government sponsors a [Break Bus](#). The 2016-17 schedule is not yet up, but will be available this fall on the SG website. RIT also has arrangement with two taxi companies that offer set rates to students. Apple Transportation, for example, has a set rate of \$25 to the airport as well as the bus/train station. Check out the [Transportation website](#) for more information.

### **Emergency Contact Information**

If an emergency arises, RIT staff may need to get in touch with parents or guardians quickly. In order to ensure that we can reach you in a timely manner, please encourage your student to fill out the emergency contact information in SIS. This is our “go to” source for information.

### **Digital Den**

The Digital Den offers the RIT community a selection of computer hardware, software, and accessories; many priced exclusively for RIT students, faculty and staff. The Digital Den is conveniently located at Barnes & Noble @ RIT and offers local computer repairs. They also work with RIT departments to determine recommended computer systems so they know what your student needs. You and your student can learn more about the products and services available on the [Digital Den 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 August, we asked parents what was the most important factor in their student's selection of RIT over other colleges. The most important factor was excellence of a particular academic program, followed by the co-op experience and the culture or feel of RIT. Please take a moment to answer our [September question](#)

**Parent Tip*****Talk to your student about medications***

The excitement of a new schedule and environment may cause students to fall out of their regular routines. This can be problematic when it comes to medications, especially when students don't take them regularly or stop taking them all together. Students may also find that familiar dosages are no longer are effective for their new lifestyles, and a visit to our [Student Health Center](#) may be necessary to determine if a new dosage is needed. Students must find a way to fit medications into new routines without reminders from parents. If your student takes daily medication, consider providing a weekly pill organizer box—a compartment with a pill is an excellent nudge!

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Sincerely,

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