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Dear Parents,

Campus is hopping and fall is in the air! We have a lot to look forward to this semester as campus prepares for the Inauguration of President Munson and Brick City Weekend. In this issue, I am excited to roll out a new section of the
newsletter-Camille’s Corner. Camille, Parent & Family Programs Undergraduate Student Assistant, will give you her insights each month as to what life is like as an RIT student. We are also seeking more recipes for our Kitchen Away from Home Cookbook-please see the categories below and send us your favorite recipes!

News and Deadlines

**Study & Work Abroad Fair**
The Study & Work Abroad Fair will be held on Tuesday, September 26 from noon-4 p.m. in the SAU Lobby and Fireside Lounge. The fair is an opportunity for students to gather information from international program providers, learn about available RIT opportunities, get questions answered, and identify resources available to jump start their study or work abroad experience. This is a great time for students to compare services of various providers and find out more about upcoming information sessions. Visit the [Study & Work Abroad Fair website](#) for more details about the fair.

**RIT President Inauguration**
RIT celebrates the inauguration of Dr. David C. Munson Jr. as our 10th President on September 27-28 2017. Inauguration events kick off Wednesday, September 27 with a student picnic at 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on the Polisseni Center Plaza. The inaugural ceremony, which will take place on Thursday, September 28 at 3 p.m., can be live streamed on the [Inauguration website](#).

**Fall Career Fair**
The Fall Career Fair will be held on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 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, October 2, students can attend the Career Clothing Open House
from 2-4 p.m. in the Bamboo Rooms. 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.

RIT Bike Shop
The RIT Bike Shop, in the lower level of Monroe Hall, provides services and retail sales of basic parts and equipment. Services include safety inspection and standard or deluxe tune-ups; available equipment includes helmets, locks, and lights. Bike Shop hours are 5-9 p.m. on Tuesday/Thursday; costs can be found on the Bike Shop website.

Program Profile
Taste of Rochester
Brick City Homecoming and Family Weekend truly has something for everyone with events that span athletics, academics, art, music, food, and fun. If you haven’t already, please take a look at the [event schedule](#) and register now-registration will close on October 2.

One event the Parent & Family Programs office is excited to bring back for the 2nd year is the [Taste of Rochester](#). We welcome you 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 samples from Casa Larga Vineyards, Lock 32 Brewing, Nathans Soup & Salad, Honeoye Falls Distillery, and more as you learn more about the food and drink scene in the surrounding area. Tickets are $25.

Other family-favorite events at Brick City Weekend include:

- **Family Fun Zone**: Play arcade games, check out the bounce house, and build your own stuffed tiger-family fun for all ages.
- **Pumpkin Chunkin’**: a family favorite and RIT tradition, students compete to launch their pumpkin the farthest in equipment they’ve designed and built.
- **Student Government Horton Series**: This year’s Horton Series speaker is Trevor Noah, host of *The Daily Show* on Comedy Central.
- **No Voice Zone**: Experience a weekly RIT tradition, Deaf culture, and learn a few basic signs at No Voice Zone on Saturday afternoon.
- **Men’s Hockey at Blue Cross Arena**: RIT’s Men’s Hockey Team takes on Northeastern in downtown Rochester. Be sure to also check out the [free shuttle](#) to downtown from campus.
- **Brick City 5K**: Jog or walk the RIT loop on Sunday morning.
- **Sunday Brunch**: Learn about co-op and learning abroad opportunities and support while enjoying brunch before heading home.

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**Information and Updates**

**Kitchen Away from Home**

More recipes are needed for 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 short on recipes in the following categories:
• **Dorm Room Delights**: Recipes that can be made with few ingredients, either in dorm rooms or using a microwave in the kitchen.

• **Snack Attack**: Healthy and easy to make snacks that will help students skip the vending machine. Items that can be made in bulk are particularly exciting!

• **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 later this fall.

**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. The deadline to sign up for Thanksgiving buses is October 15; the deadline for winter break buses is November 27 (home) and December 22 (return).

**Study Aquatic Ecology in Russia**

On this RIT faculty-led study abroad program, students will earn three credits while participating in a two-week research program to Russia. Students will register for the course in spring 2018 and participate in lectures in Rochester which will focus on cultural and contextual information. Travel to Russia takes place in May; students will work alongside students and faculty from Moscow State University on the field research project at the Zvenigorod Biological Station in central Russia and the White Sea Biological Station in the Russian arctic, both operated by Moscow State University.
More details, including contact information for the faculty director, can be found on the Study Abroad Programs 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 what you like to do when you visit your student at RIT. Most of you preferred to grab a meal in Rochester (27%) or Henrietta (24%), run errands (21%), or hang out on campus (20%). Fewer of you liked to visit a Rochester museum/attraction. Please take a moment to answer our September question.

Camille’s Corner
Learning to Communicate
I’m the baby of my family, so when I decided to move from Maine to New York for college, it made my parents’ nest seem emptier. We made plans for how we would make up the distance with communication-weekly Skype calls and a good night text every night. Once I got to RIT, we learned how difficult that was going to be. I didn’t realize how much time passed between each phone call home, and my parents weren’t sure when to reach me because my schedule was changing so much.

Finding the right communication rhythm has taken us a long time. Now, I find myself reaching for the phone when there’s really something to talk about, and my parents have both learned to text more. But even in my third year, we are still learning the best ways to keep one another in touch.

If you built a plan with your student about communication before coming to RIT, don’t be worried if you don’t stick to it. And if you didn’t make a plan, that’s fine too! Finding the best method to communicate can take time—it’s taken my family two years and counting. College is a great time to learn to communicate with your student when they live away from home, whether it’s a 45-minute drive or a 5-hour flight. Just like your student is learning to live on their own, you and your student are learning how you’re going to communicate while they live on their own.

Featured Photo
In case you don’t follow the Parent and Family Programs Facebook page, here’s what you’ve missed: we asked our followers to describe in one word or a brief sentence why their students chose RIT. Here were the most frequently used words in the responses.
Sincerely,

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