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## Dear Parents,

By this time next week, our newest Tigers will be starting Orientation and our returning Tigers will be making their way back to campus. We are excited to welcome them all home and start a new academic year at RIT!

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## News and Deadlines

### Returning Student Move-In Information

Returning students living in RIT Housing are not required to make an appointment time to pick up their housing keys. These students should plan to arrive in parking lot C, then proceed to 1400 Grace Watson Hall where RIT Housing staff will be available to assist them. Returning students can pick up their keys between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 20 through Saturday, Aug. 24, and between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 25.

Students who live at the RIT Inn or 175 Jefferson should pick up their directly at those locations, not from the RIT Housing office.

## TigerFest



We are excited to open the semester with TigerFest, a weeklong festival beginning on Monday, Aug. 26, and running through Friday, Aug. 30, that connects new and returning students to all things RIT. Students can check out the [TigerFest website](#) for events, including First Day of Classes Photos, Lighting the Way, Intramural Free Agent Night, and the Tiger Activities Fair, where students can learn about the many clubs and organizations on campus.

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## Catholic Newman Community Parent Webinar

Parents are invited to join Fr. Brian Cool at a webinar to learn about the Catholic Newman Community at RIT. During this webinar, you can meet the Catholic Newman Community team, learn about services and opportunities for students, and gain a deeper understanding of how the Newman Community is dedicated to enhancing Catholic life at the university. The webinar will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 7:30 p.m. Please email [newman@rit.edu](mailto:newman@rit.edu) to register.

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## Fall University-Wide Career Fair

The [Fall Career Fair](#) will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 25. The Career Fair, held in the Gordon Field House, draws a variety of companies, ranging from small tech firms to Fortune 500 companies. Students can prepare using the information and checklist found on the [Get Career Fair Ready website](#).

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## Brick City Homecoming and Family Weekend

Brick City Homecoming and Family Weekend, a longstanding RIT tradition, is scheduled for Friday-Sunday, Oct. 18-20. This RIT tradition features events for the whole family and is a great time to visit your student. With a large schedule of events to choose from, there is something for everyone at Brick City Weekend!

Family favorite events include:



- [An Evening with Charlie Berens](#): Charlie Berens is a comedian, New York Times Best Selling Author, Emmy-winning journalist, musician and creator of the Manitowoc Minute.
- [Women's Hockey vs. RPI](#): Don't miss our Women's Ice Hockey team competing at the Gene Polisseni Center.
- [Ritchie's Runaround](#): Test your knowledge about RIT, discover hidden gems and favorite spots, and enjoy time with your family all while earning opportunities for prizes.
- [No Voice Zone](#): No Voice Zone is a campus tradition where students of all abilities come together to learn and improve their ASL (American Sign Language) skills. Join and learn basic ASL or practice signs you already know. Signers of all levels are welcome!
- [An Afternoon with Alaqua Cox](#): Alaqua Cox is an up-and-coming actress known for her breakout role as Maya Lopez / Echo within the Marvel Cinematic Universe. Since the announcement of Alaqua's casting in the MCU, she has become an inspiration to many and continues to be a strong advocate for the deaf community worldwide. She was born and raised on the Menominee Indian Reservation in Keshena, Wisconsin and is of the Menominee and Mohican nation.
- [Men's Hockey at Blue Cross Arena](#): Don't miss out on Brick City Weekend's biggest game! Cheer on the Men's Hockey team as they host Bowling Green at Blue Cross Arena in downtown Rochester. Free shuttles are available to cheer on your Tigers and pack the house!
- [Brick City 5K](#): Take one last lap around the RIT campus before leaving for the weekend.

[View events and register to attend](#)

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## Information and Updates

### 2024-2025 Academic Calendar

The [2024-2025 Academic Calendar](#) includes all important dates, including breaks. Remember that, along with the academic calendar, your student should refer to their course syllabi for important dates related to their coursework.

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### Campus Mailing Addresses

Mailing addresses for all campus locations can be found on the [Campus Post Offices website](#).

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### Send a Message on the SHED Big Screen

Make the start of the new academic year memorable for your student! By making a gift of \$25 to the RIT Fund, you can leave a personal message for your student to be displayed on Jumbo Tron located in the Student Hall for Exploration and Development. Every dollar of your gift goes to work immediately, providing the resources our students need as they begin a new academic year.

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## My Bus Home

**My Bus Home** arranges round-trip and one-way transportation for all academic breaks in private, fully-insured motor coach buses with restrooms, Wi-Fi, and a DVD player. The buses pick up on campus and go to/from central locations in:

- Plymouth Meeting and Allentown, PA; Bridgewater, NJ
- NYC and Jericho and Islandia, Long Island
- White Plains and Albany, NY
- Ludlow and Newton, MA; Londonderry, NH
- Elkridge, MD and Arlington, VA

The estimated round-trip fares are between \$231 and \$281 depending on the stop and the number of students who take the bus. A one-way fare is always half of a roundtrip fare. The **deadlines to reserve** a spot for the upcoming breaks are:

- Fall break: Sept. 16
- Thanksgiving break: Oct. 25
- Winter break home: Nov. 25
- Winter break return: Dec. 15
- Spring break: Feb. 7
- End of year home: April 15

Please visit [My Bus Home](#) for more information and to reserve seats.

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## Care Packages

**RIT Care Packages** is an exclusive gift service provided by RIT Dining. Send your student warm thoughts with a fresh baked treat, gift basket, or snack box. Send a little love, whether to wish them a happy birthday, good luck, or just because.

Options include baked goods and pizza prepared by RIT Dining or snack boxes prepared by our partner, CampusCube.

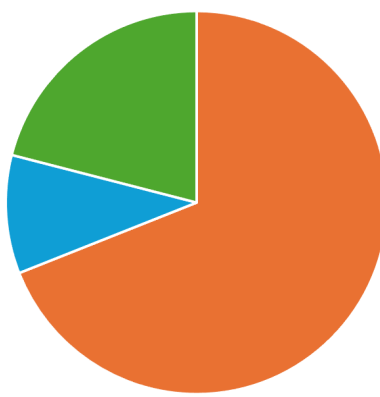
[Learn More and order a care package today](#)

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## 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 July, we asked how you were supporting your student's increasing independence this summer. Most of you are letting your student take the lead. Please take a moment to answer our [August question](#).



- Letting student lead
- Completing tasks alongside student
- Talking about expectations and boundaries

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## Featured Photo



In case you don't follow the [Parent and Family Programs Facebook page](#), here's what you missed:

In the rain and sunshine, Orientation student leaders are deep into training in preparation for welcoming a new class of RIT Tigers to campus!

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