Dear First Year Student,

I would like to extend you a warm welcome to RIT and the Golisano College of Computing & Information Sciences. You are joining an exciting and demanding program that will provide an education to help you meet the expectations and opportunities you will encounter in your career and throughout your life. It is our hope that your academic career at RIT will prove to be fruitful and challenging.

To start your career at RIT off on the right foot we encourage you to visit the New Student Orientation Page - https://www.rit.edu/studentaffairs/orientation/. It contains a checklist of to-do items and information about the many services and resources that will help you make the most of your experience at RIT. You will also find details about the DiscoveRIT Pre-Orientation Program - http://www.rit.edu/studentaffairs/discoverit/, which will be held on Saturday, August 18 – Tuesday, August 21.

First year students will move into the residence halls on Tuesday, August 21 (unless you are participating in the pre-orientation program). New Student Orientation will run through August 25, 2018.

For department related information, please refer back to our IST orientation website: http://ist.rit.edu/orientation/. You will find answers to frequently asked questions, an explanation of available advising resources, details regarding Advanced Placement (AP) credit, departmental contact information, and a wealth of other resources. Please “like” our Facebook page (@ISTatRIT) to start connecting with the department and find out about great events that you can be a part of during your time with us.

All first-year students will be pre-registered for fall term courses in late-July. In addition, students in certain programs are required to take the Math Placement Exam (MPE). The MPE is available from May 15-June 30, 2018. To access the exam or for more information, please feel free to visit: https://www.rit.edu/science/sms/mpe.

On Academic Day (Thursday, August 23rd) you will meet your academic advisor, fellow students, faculty, and staff. We will review curriculum requirements and answer scheduling questions. This is a very important day—please be sure to attend.

The IST Department will offer you the support, challenges, and rewards expected from a high quality academic program. If we can assist you as you prepare for college, please contact us by telephone at (585) 425-2700 or email your assigned academic advisor. I congratulate you on your accomplishments thus far and look forward to meeting you this fall. Please be sure to introduce yourself to me during Orientation.

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Sincerely,

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