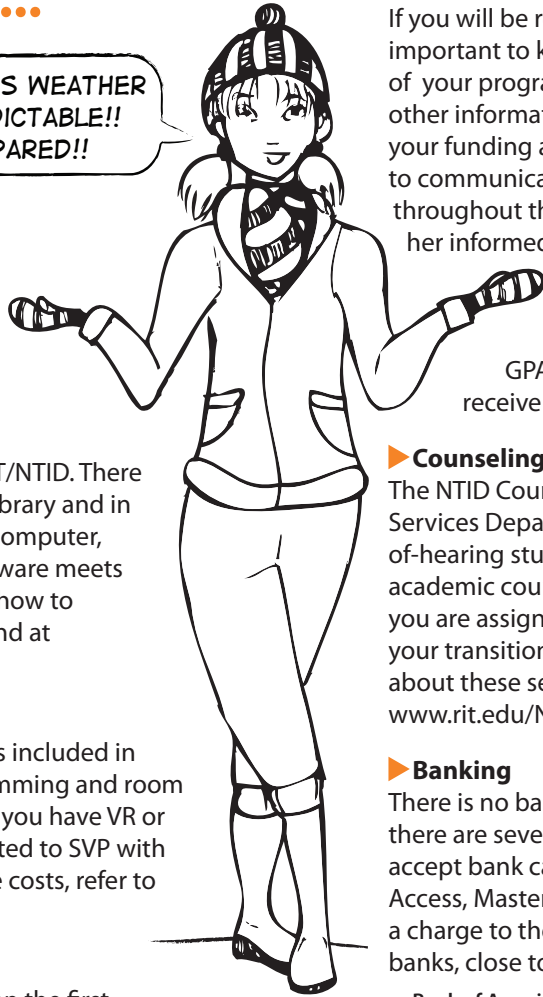


## For Your Information...

### ► Dress for the Weather

Dress at RIT is casual, but there may be times when you will want to dress up. What is most important to remember is that Rochester's weather is unpredictable. Bring plenty of warm clothing and rain gear to campus with you. If you plan to go home for Thanksgiving break, you can bring most of your winter clothing back to campus then, instead of in early fall.

ROCHESTER'S WEATHER IS UNPREDICTABLE!! BE PREPARED!!



### ► Computer Guidelines

You are not required to bring a computer to RIT/NTID. There are computer labs in academic buildings, the library and in the residence halls. If you do bring a personal computer, you will have to make sure your computer software meets RIT security standards. Information explaining how to get your computer "network ready" can be found at [resnet.rit.edu/guide/pages/secStandards.html](http://resnet.rit.edu/guide/pages/secStandards.html).

### ► The cost of SVP

The fee for NTID's Summer Vestibule Program is included in your fall quarter bill. These costs cover programming and room & board and are not covered by financial aid. If you have VR or OSAP support, be sure to discuss the costs related to SVP with them before arriving. For a breakdown of these costs, refer to the SVP website at [www.rit.edu/NTID/SVP](http://www.rit.edu/NTID/SVP).

### ► Student Financial Services Office

The Student Financial Services Office, located on the first floor of RIT's George Eastman Building, maintains all student financial records, generates quarterly billing, and determines each student's financial eligibility to register for each quarter. The office processes student charges, payments, and refunds. Questions regarding financial records should be directed to the Student Financial Services Office at 585-475-6186 (V) or 585-475-2080 (TTY). Student Financial Services representatives will be available to meet students and parents on Monday, August 24th.

### ► Vocational Rehabilitation Support

If you will be receiving VR support, it is important to keep your VR counselor informed of your program choice, grades and any other information he or she requires as part of your funding agreement. It is very important to communicate with your VR counselor throughout the academic year to keep him or her informed of your progress. Most VR offices expect you to maintain full-time student status (minimum 12 credits/quarter) and to earn a GPA of 2.0 or above to continue to receive support.

### ► Counseling Services

The NTID Counseling and Academic Advising Services Department provides all deaf and hard-of-hearing students with personal, career and academic counseling. Upon arrival at RIT/NTID you are assigned a counselor to assist you with your transition to college. For more information about these services, please visit our Web site at [www.rit.edu/NTID/counseling](http://www.rit.edu/NTID/counseling).

### ► Banking

There is no bank on the RIT campus. However, there are several HSBC and M&T Bank ATMs that accept bank cards affiliated with NYCE, Global Access, MasterCard, Visa, CIRRUS, and PLUS at a charge to the customer. Here is a list of a few banks, close to campus.

<b>Bank of America</b>	1-800-841-4000 (V) 1-800-637-4031 (TTY)
<b>HSBC</b>	1-800-975-4722 (V) 1-800-898-5999 (TTY)
<b>Citizens Bank</b>	1-877-242-7837 (V) 1-800-588-7272 (TTY)
<b>M &amp; T</b>	1-800-724-2440 (V) 1-800-724-1930 (TTY)

## YOUR FIRST ASSIGNMENT...

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FORMS *WITHIN 10 DAYS*...

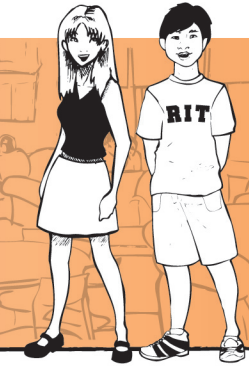
- LANGUAGE/COMMUNICATION BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE
- CAREER INTEREST SURVEY
- RELEASE OF INFORMATION
- VR INFORMATION FORM, IF APPLICABLE



# first-year experiences

ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

National Technical Institute For The Deaf



Welcome to Rochester Institute of Technology and the National Technical Institute for the Deaf

Dr. T. Alan Hurwitz

On behalf of the faculty, staff and students of RIT/NTID, I am pleased to welcome you. Everything we do is designed to provide you with an outstanding state-of-the-art technical education, complemented with experiences in the arts and sciences, to prepare you to live and work in our rapidly changing world.

You'll find our NTID classrooms have a broad mix of students just like you, with various skills in American Sign Language, English, and spoken communication. If you take courses in one of RIT's seven other colleges, you can request access services that may include sign language interpreting, speech-to-text based real-time translation service, and notetaking. Educational support in the form of tutoring, counseling and advising can also be requested.

While you are here, we hope you'll take advantage of the many opportunities available. From theater to sororities and fraternities, from community service to student government to sports, you'll be able to participate in new activities, develop new skills and forge lasting friendships with others from a variety of backgrounds.

I can think of no better, more supportive place for you to continue on your life journey. It is my pleasure to welcome you to this unique college.

Sincerely,

*T. Alan Hurwitz*

T. Alan Hurwitz  
Vice President of Rochester Institute of Technology  
President and Dean for the National Technical Institute for the Deaf

## What is the Summer Vestibule Program?

The Summer Vestibule Program (SVP) is a required two-week orientation designed to assist NTID students with their transition to RIT. During SVP, you will sample academic programs offered at NTID and the other colleges of RIT, attend career seminars, and learn about life at RIT.

A CRITICAL PART OF SVP IS COURSE PLACEMENT TESTING

Your scores will be used to place you in courses that are compatible with your achievement and aptitude. In many cases, scores on these tests are used to determine your readiness for a particular major and/or degree level.

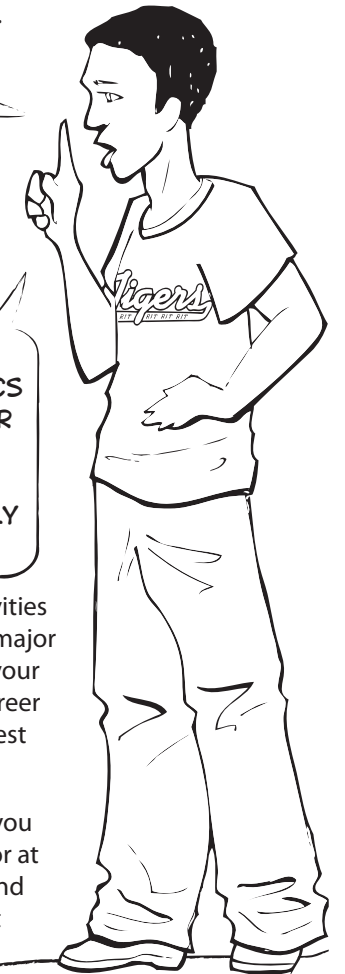
YOU WILL BE TESTED IN ENGLISH (READING AND WRITING), MATHEMATICS (CALCULATORS ALLOWED), AND OTHER AREAS, IF NECESSARY. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU TAKE THESE COURSE PLACEMENT TESTS SERIOUSLY AND DO YOUR VERY BEST!!

► **Program Sampling** involves three days of activities designed to help you determine or confirm your major at RIT/NTID. In order to assist us with scheduling your sampling sessions, please review the enclosed Career Information Guide and complete the Career Interest Survey **within 10 days**.

► **Career Seminars** are classes designed to help you match your skills, interests and values with a major at RIT/NTID. Career counselors provide instruction and academic advising, explain test results, and orient students to campus life.

► **Campus Life** activities introduce you to college life and what is needed to succeed at RIT/NTID. During SVP, the NTID Student Life Team offers opportunities for personal growth including cultural, recreational, athletic, and residence life activities.

► **SVP Website:**  
[www.rit.edu/NTID/SVP](http://www.rit.edu/NTID/SVP)





**A Message  
from the  
SVP Coordinator**

Linda Bryant

I am thrilled to welcome you to the Summer Vestibule Program (SVP). This two-week orientation is designed to prepare you for the upcoming challenges of college life. During the first week of SVP, you will have the opportunity to participate in program sampling workshops, course placement tests and campus life activities designed to help you become an active member of RIT's college community. During the second week, you will meet with your department, participate in additional orientation activities and prepare to move from orientation to fall quarter. I can guarantee you will be very busy during this exciting period!

Please read this newsletter and the enclosed orientation materials designed to assist you with preparing for your move to RIT. I have enclosed phone numbers and/or websites to help answer your questions. Feel free to contact my office by phone at 585-475-6554 (V/TTY) 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. EST or e-mail at [bjgnhd@rit.edu](mailto:bjgnhd@rit.edu). My staff assistant, Barb Gasbarre, and I will be more than happy to assist you.

Remember to mark your calendars for SVP Move-In Day, Saturday August 22, 2009. Orientation continues until the start of classes on Monday, September 7th. This is not a misprint. We start classes on Labor Day!

Looking forward to meeting you,

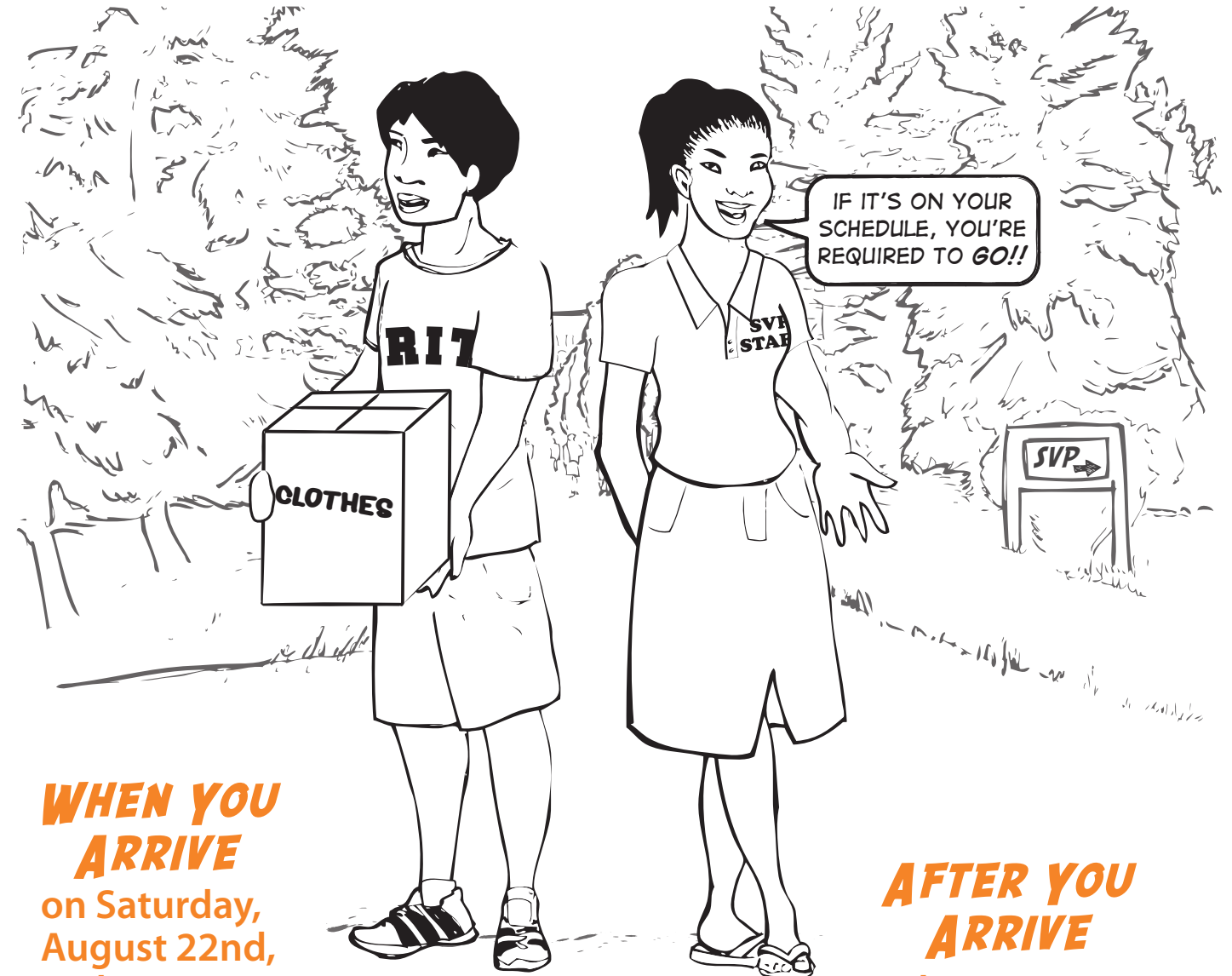
Linda Bryant  
SVP/First-Year Experiences



**BEFORE YOU ARRIVE  
make sure you...**

- Complete the *Language Communication Background Questionnaire (LCBQ)* **within the next 10 days**. Use the enclosed form to assist you with completing it online or you can send it back to us in the envelope provided.
- Complete the *Career Interest Survey* **within the next 10 days**. Review the Career Information Guide and submit your responses by completing the survey online or by sending it back to us in the envelope provided.
- Return the *VR Information* form in the envelope provided **within the next 10 days**, if applicable.
- Return the *Release of Information* form in the envelope provided **within the next 10 days**.
- Create your RIT student account. You will receive an email from [CLAWS@rit.edu](mailto:CLAWS@rit.edu) with instructions to activate your student account. If you need assistance, you can contact the ITS HelpDesk at (585)475-4357 (V) or 475-2810 (TTY) or through e-mail at [HelpDesk@rit.edu](mailto:HelpDesk@rit.edu).
- Complete the RIT Housing Contract included in your acceptance letter or online at [finweb.rit.edu/housing/forms.html](http://finweb.rit.edu/housing/forms.html). If you need assistance, contact Housing Operations at 585-475-2572 (V) or 585-475-2113 (TTY) or through e-mail at [housing@rit.edu](mailto:housing@rit.edu).
- Complete the *Health History* form and provide proof of immunizations:
  - two doses of MMR vaccine
  - three doses of Hepatitis B vaccine
  - one dose of Tetanus booster within the past 10 years
  - one does of Meningococcal vaccine
 If you have any questions, contact RIT's Student Health Center at 585-475-2255 (V) or 585-475-5515 (TTY) during business hours.
- Complete the *Secondary Disability* application, if applicable. If you have any questions about services for students with secondary disabilities, contact Susan Ackerman at 585-475-6988 (V/TTY) or through e-mail at [smacst@rit.edu](mailto:smacst@rit.edu).
- Apply for Financial Aid, and/or Vocational Rehabilitation (U.S. students only) or OSAP (Canadian students only). If you have questions, contact Denise Hampton, NTID's Student Financial Services Coordinator, at 585-475-6863 (V/TTY) or through e-mail at [dchnod@ntid.rit.edu](mailto:dchnod@ntid.rit.edu).
- Ship your belongings to the address listed to the right during the week of August 11, 2008. If you have any questions about what you should bring AND what is not allowed, contact Housing Operations at 585-475-2572 (V) or 585-475-2113 (TTY) or through e-mail at [housing@rit.edu](mailto:housing@rit.edu).

"Student's Name"  
5000 Nathaniel Rochester Hall  
Rochester, NY 14623  
ATTN: SVP



**WHEN YOU  
ARRIVE  
on Saturday,  
August 22nd,  
make sure you...**

- Check in will be held on the first floor of the CSD Student Development Center. You should plan to arrive between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 22, 2009. (If you need to arrive before August 22, please make arrangements to stay at a local hotel. A list of hotels is available on the SVP website at [www.rit.edu/NTID/SVP](http://www.rit.edu/NTID/SVP).)
- Pick up your dorm and mailbox keys, your temporary ID and your SVP notebook and schedule.
- Move into your dorm room. RIT volunteers will be available to help you as much as possible. To make your move easier, some carts will be available; however, we recommend you bring your own dolly or cart, if possible.
- Review RIT's Conduct Policy. All students are expected to behave in a mature, responsible manner and to participate in all scheduled SVP classes, tests and activities. For more information, refer to RIT Students Rights and Responsibilities at [www.rit.edu/~301www/rr.php3](http://www.rit.edu/~301www/rr.php3).

**AFTER YOU  
ARRIVE  
make sure you...**

- Attend Saturday evening's Meet your Orientation Staff in the NTID Panara Theatre at 7:00 p.m.
- Attend Sunday's brunch with NTID faculty/staff at Gracies Hall in the Grace Watson Building. (Families invited)
- Attend Sunday's welcoming event at 1:00 p.m. in the NTID Panara Theatre.
- Obtain your official RIT student ID card on Tuesday, August 25th at the George Eastman Building between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.