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Welcome Member of the University of Rochester Class of 2021!

Get ready to join an elite group of scholars and, if history is a precedent, an amazing group of students at the University of Rochester. You have selected the right place to pursue your academic interests and discover more about yourself. Please know that our Orientation team is eagerly preparing a fun, educational, action packed schedule to help you get acclimated to campus, meet new friends and start the year off right! We hope that you are enjoying a relaxing summer vacation and will be ready to join us in the fall semester.

Our team would like to provide you with some information that will be helpful as you transition to the University of Rochester. Included in this mailing is a copy of the First-Year Academic Handbook.

Take some time to review your First-Year Academic Handbook. This book provides an overview of departments, programs, majors, minors and many other academic opportunities that will be available to you at Rochester. Once you have reviewed your First-Year Academic Handbook, you are ready to begin the process of planning your Fall Class Schedule. You will register for your courses during Orientation Week in August, after meeting with an advisor. Online course descriptions and schedules are available at: https://cdcs.ur.rochester.edu/. You should read the First-Year Academic Handbook and browse through all of your many options this summer on cdcs to assist you in finding courses as you fill out your Orientation Online forms. This will provide information for your advisor to guide you in your course selection this fall.

In case you have not done so yet, you need to activate your NetID and choose your password. If you do not have these, please go to the ITS website: http://www.rochester.edu/it/incoming/. From there, you should click on the link “Activate your NetID.” You will need your student ID number from the enrollment packet email admissions sent you. Hold onto and remember your Net ID and password; you will use them often.

After acquiring your NetID and password, visit Blackboard at http://learn.rochester.edu/ to connect to and complete all of the required Orientation Online forms. These forms must be completed by July 25th. You will be asked to provide information about yourself, your proposed major and course schedule so that your Undergraduate Advisor can get to know a little bit about you.

International Student Orientation begins on August 21st! Be on the lookout for an email coming in the next week. All new international students and other students from abroad will automatically be matched with an International Student Mentor. This student will help to answer all of your questions and welcome you to campus. You should plan to arrive on August 21st for a day and a half of Orientation specifically for you.
There are many more informational fliers and forms on the Orientation website and on Blackboard. Some of these are for your family members who might accompany you to Orientation. Please make sure you share this with them. These include:

- The master checklist of things to do
- Parent & Family Orientation Information
- Teen & Sibling Orientation Registration Forms
- Information on UR FOOT, a pre-Orientation camping trip for a limited number of students
- Rising Leader Class Information
- Meliora Seminars

Parent & Family Orientation is the evening of August 23rd and all day on August 24th. Family members can pre-register for their Orientation through our website at http://www.rochester.edu/college/orientation/parent-orientation.html. Pre-registration for Parent & Family Orientation is highly encouraged, although on-site registration does occur! There is a separate Parent & Family Orientation for International Families on August 22nd. We encourage International family members, if they are coming, to register for one or both Orientations!

Teen & Sibling Orientation is on a reservation only basis. The mail-in registration form is included and due by July 24th. Please read the proposed schedule and if you want to register, return the form with a check. Space in these programs is limited and they have both filled for the past several years. This program has been a great time for all of the brothers and sisters who come along with you!

If you misplace any of these forms or documents, they are all available online at http://learn.rochester.edu or on the Orientation website. I also encourage you to follow the developments of Orientation this summer by following us on twitter @UROrientation and joining the University of Rochester Class of 2021 group on Facebook.

If you have any questions about any part of the 2017 Orientation program, feel free to contact me, or any member of our team at (585) 275-4414 or at orientation@rochester.edu. You may also keep up to date with the most recent information by visiting our website at http://www.rochester.edu/college/orientation. All of the information in this packet, deadlines and more are available there!

I hope you are enjoying some beautiful summer weather before starting your new and exciting adventures here this fall. The Orientation team and I cannot wait to see you in August!

Sincerely,

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