Eleanor Oi, Director of Orientation, takes a picture of Rush Rhees Library.
Greetings,

Congratulations you made it! The International Orientation Team is extremely excited to welcome you to campus and to the city of Rochester. The International Student Orientation Program (ISOP) has been designed to provide you with the information and tools necessary to navigate your new home as smoothly as possible. We ask you to be present, attentive, and engaged during all sessions and events as during these sessions you will meet and connect with many campus professionals and peers who will play an important role in your success.

Please share the invitation with your family to attend the special events on Tuesday, August 22nd.

Also, make sure to connect with your ISM (International Student Mentor) and introduce yourself! Over the course of the semester you will have the opportunity to take advantage of all the events, activities and resources your ISM has planned for you.

Once again, we are excited to welcome you to Rochester! The International Orientation Team has been working very hard to create an interactive schedule to maximize your ability to connect with college professionals and students. We hope you take this time to collect all the information you need but most importantly to connect with your peers, staff members, and college professionals to begin making this campus your new home.

Go Yellowjackets!

Molly Jolliff
Director, International Student Engagement
Associate Director, College Center for Advising Services

Michael Dedes
International Student Counselor, College Center for Advising Services

Adrian Harwood
Adrian Harwood ‘19
Orientation Leader

Tayfun Sahin
Tayfun Sahin ‘20
Orientation Leader
**ARRIVE AND MOVE IN**

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Take the airport shuttle, hotel shuttle, car or taxi directly to your ResLife Area Office at the Quad or Susan B. Anthony Building to move in to your room.

*Note: If you are not living on campus come to Rettner Hall between 9-4:30 pm.

**IMMIGRATION CHECK-IN WITH INTERNATIONAL SERVICES OFFICES (ISO)**

9:00 am - 4:30 pm * Rettner Hall

Come to Rettner Hall to complete your immigration check-in. Be sure to bring your I-20/DS-2019 and Passport. Check-in is required for student visa holders.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MINI EXPO**

10:00 am - 4:30 pm * Rettner Hall

Once you check in with ISO, explore the mini expo with offices and resources that will help you while you're here! Be sure to check in for Orientation, get your University ID, complete forms for University Health Service (UHS), and pick up a key for your Campus Mail Center Box. There will also be representatives from the Bookstore, Alumni Relations, cell phone vendors, banks, Rochester Global Connections, CARE, and Rush Rhees Library.

**WELCOME CELEBRATION OF NATIONS DINNER**

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm * Wilson Quad Tent

Enjoy American style picnic food as we celebrate your arrival! Students, families, and hosts are all welcome!

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MENTOR ACTIVITY**

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm * ask your ISM

Join your ISM group for fun get-to-know-you games!
Tuesday August 22nd

**BREAKFAST**
7:00 am - 9:00 am * Danforth Dining Hall

Bring your ID card to use your meal plan!

**ISO SESSION:**
**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION PROGRAM**
9:30 am - 12:00 pm * Interfaith Chapel: Sanctuary Level

**LUNCH**
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm * Dining Halls

Bring your ID card to use your meal plan!

For the ISO sessions today and tomorrow, you’ll be split into groups, so look below to find which group you’re in.

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**BLUE**
- Genesee Hall: Floors 5 & 7
- Susan B. Anthony: Floors 1, 3, 5, 6
- Gilbert: Floors 1 & 3
- Hoeing: Floors 1 & 3
- Tiernan: Floors 1 & 3
- Lovejoy 4
- Third Culture Students

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**YELLOW**
- Genesee Hall: Floors 4 & 6
- Susan B. Anthony: Floors 2 & 4
- Gilbert: Floors 2 & 4
- Hoeing: Floors 2 & 4
- Tiernan: Floors 2 & 4
- Transfer Students
- Exchange Students

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**if you’re in the BLUE group**

**SSN INFORMATION SESSION**
Hoyt Auditorium
1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

**if you’re in the YELLOW group**

**SUCCESS IN THE AMERICAN CLASSROOM**
Interfaith Chapel: Sanctuary Level
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
**SHOPPING TRIPS**

*3:00 pm - 8:00 pm* *ITS*

Shuttles will run throughout the evening to Target and Walmart (department stores.) Please consider taking a later shuttle back to avoid overcrowding. Buses will depart from the back of Rush Rhees library (ITS). If you miss the last bus* from Target or Walmart you will need to call a taxi service, Uber, or Lyft.

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*Note: The last buses leaving tend to be very crowded, so please plan accordingly.*

**AROUND THE ROC**

*6:00 pm * *ITS*

Start off your time in Rochester by exploring one of the many interesting places the city has to offer. Sign up for an event when you check in for Orientation. Meet ISMs at ITS (back of Rush Rhees Library) at 6 pm.

- Memorial Art Gallery Tour
- Park Ave Hop
- Little Theatre Movie Night
- College Town Tour
Wednesday  August 23rd

if you’re in the **YELLOW** group

**SSN INFORMATION SESSION**
Hoyt Auditorium
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

if you’re in the **BLUE** group

**SUCCESS IN THE AMERICAN CLASSROOM**
Interfaith Chapel: Sanctuary Level
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Make sure you head to the full Campus Expo in Evans Lam Square in Rush Rhees Library and then join your hall to meet everyone that moved in today.

Congratulations

You have now completed the International Student Orientation Program. For the rest of the week, please follow the schedule in the Student Orientation booklet that you were given.

Enjoy the rest of Orientation!

**Tuesday  August 29th**

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP PANEL**
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm *Wilson Commons: Gowen Room*

Getting involved in clubs and organizations is a great way to meet people! Going the next step and becoming a leader in these clubs and organizations can provide you with the opportunities to develop professional skills like leading meetings, putting together events, and networking. Come out to the International Student: Leadership in College Panel on Tuesday, August 29th at 6 pm to hear from international students who have become leaders in their clubs and organizations and begin mapping out your way to the top. Light refreshments will be provided.
CHECKLIST

☐ Check-in for Orientation
☐ Complete check-in with ISO
☐ Get your University ID Card
☐ Check in with University Health Service (UHS) at the Mini Expo
☐ Get your key for the Campus Mail Center at the Mini Expo
☐ Get a cell phone
☐ Meet your ISM
☐ Join us for the Welcome Dinner
☐ Attend mandatory International Orientation Sessions
  ☐ SSN Information Session
  ☐ Success in the American Classroom
☐ Shop for necessities
Monday August 21st

WELCOME CELEBRATION OF NATIONS DINNER
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm *Wilson Quad Tent
Enjoy American style picnic food as we celebrate your arrival! Students, families, and hosts are all welcome!

Tuesday August 22nd

STUDENT LIFE PANEL
11:00 am - 12:00 pm * Dewey Hall: Room 1-101
Hear from Anne-Marie Algier, Associate Dean of Students, John DiSarro, Director of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs, and Joe Testani, Assistant Dean and Executive Director of the Career & Internship Center.

LUNCH
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm *Wilson Commons: May Room

CARE AND PARENT & FAMILY RELATIONS
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm * Dewey Hall: Room 1-101
Hear from Heidi Saller, Associate Director of the CARE Network and Dawn Bruner, Director of Parent and Family Relations.

CCAS ACADEMIC SESSION
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm * Dewey Hall: Room 1-101
Hear from Molly Jolliff, Associate Director for College Center Advising Services (CCAS) and Director of International Student Engagement.

MEMORIAL ART GALLERY RECEPTION
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
### DINING SCHEDULE

#### ORIENTATION WEEK
**AUGUST 21-27 2017**

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swipes 8pm-10pm |                  |             |
| **OPTIKALE** | Closed            |                  |             |
| **GRAB N’ GO** | Monday August 21 11am-7pm  
Tuesday-Thursday August 22-24 8am-2pm  
Friday-Sunday August 25-27 8am-7pm |                  |             |
| **HILLSIDE POD** | Monday-Thursday August 21-24 10am-10pm  
Saturday-Sunday August 26-27 Noon-midnight |                  |             |
| **STARBUCKS** | Monday-Thursday August 21-24 7:30am-midnight  
Friday August 25 7:30am-1am  
Saturday August 26 9am-1am  
Sunday August 27 9am-midnight  
swipes 8pm-close |                  |             |
| **SOUTHSIDE MARKET** | Closed            |                  |             |
| **DOUGLASS** | Monday-Tuesday August 21-22 Closed  
Wednesday August 23 11am-3:30pm  Lunch  
3:30pm-5pm  Limited stations  
5pm-7:30pm  Dinner  
Thursday August 24 11am-2:30pm  Lunch  
5pm-7pm  Dinner  
Friday August 25 11am-1:30pm  Lunch  
Saturday-Sunday August 26-27 Closed |                  |             |
| **PEET’S @ WEIGMANS HALL** | Monday-Friday August 21-25 8am-2pm  
Saturday-Sunday August 26-27 Closed |                  |             |
| **EASTMAN DINING CENTER** | Monday August 21 6pm  Dinner  
Tuesday August 22 9am-9:55am  Breakfast  
12pm-12:55pm  Lunch  
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Wednesday August 23 11:30am-1:30pm  Lunch  
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CAS 170 U.S. LIFE: CUSTOMS & PRACTICES

CAS 170 is a course offered by the University of Rochester for international students. Through this course students will explore campus, community and American culture, enhance their intercultural competence, and build academic skills to improve their success in the American classroom. Students will compare cultures through a variety of readings, in class discussions, blogs and outside class activities. Topics include verbal and nonverbal communication, education systems, ethics, relationships, perception, beliefs, values and norms. Open to first semester and first year international students.

*Note: All international students are expected to enroll in the Fall or Spring semester of their first year.*
CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND LEARNING (CETL)

CETL supports undergraduate students in the college with services that promote success, including course-specific collaborative workshops and study groups, study skills support, a study skills course and disability support. So if you ever need academic help, run to CETL sooner rather than later!

office: 1-154 Dewey Hall
phone number: (585) 275 - 9049
website: www.rochester.edu/college/cetl/

COLLEGE CENTER FOR ADVISING SERVICES (CCAS)

CCAS is available to assist undergraduate students in the college with their academic needs. Whether you talk to a member of the support staff or a professional adviser, you will meet an individual committed to helping you access accurate information, solutions to your academic problems and or opportunities that may highlight your undergraduate years.

office: 312 Lattimore Hall
phone number: (585) 275 - 2354
website: www.rochester.edu/college/
Gwen M. Greene Career and Internship Center

The Gwen M. Greene Career and Internship Center is a great resource to help students explore careers and internships. The Hyman J.V. Goldberg Career Library contains online and published resources that can assist those seeking to set goals, explore career and internship options, and enhance job search skills. Counselors can address questions pertaining to careers, internships, or job searches.

office: 4-200 Dewey Hall
phone number: (585) 275 - 2366
website: www.rochester.edu/careercenter

Office of the Bursar

How will I pay my bill to the University? The Office of the Bursar handles billing and tuition payment issues for all University students. They can help explain available payment plans, billing procedures, and methods of payment including e pay. Please note that if the necessary forms and information are not submitted to the Bursar’s Office, you may be prohibited from timely course registration, which can cause immigration complications.

office: 330 Meliora Hall
phone number: (585) 275 - 3931
website: www.rochester.edu/adminfinance/bursar
PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Safety officers patrol University properties 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The University has an extensive network of over 500 interior and exterior public access telephones. You can call Public Safety for assistance any time of the day or night from any of these phones. Included are over 185 direct-dial Blue Light Emergency Phones, more than 165 elevator phones, and over 125 interior and exterior telephones.

In an emergency:

• Dial x13 from any University phone
• Pick up a Blue Light Emergency Phone
• Dial #413 from AT&T or Verizon cell phones.

An officer will be sent to your location right away. Local police, fire, or ambulance agencies will be notified as needed.

To request one of our non-emergency services, call (585) 275-3333; a dispatcher is on hand 24 hours a day to answer calls.
**BUSES**

The University bus service offers free rides to many locations in Rochester, including Eastman, College Town, Marketplace Mall, Wegmans, Target, etc.

Schedules can be found on http://www.rochester.edu/parking/shuttles/

You can also get updates and live information on the UR Mobile app for your smartphone.

**ZIP CAR RENTAL**

Get around town when you need to with ease with Zipcar. Rent a ride by the hour or for a day to get out and about, attend a meeting, or get to an appointment (Gas and insurance are included!). New renters will receive $35 in free-driving credit towards their rental. Vehicles are located at the Medical Center, River Campus and Eastman School. Learn more and sign up at www.zipcar.com/rochester

**BIKE RENTAL**

CityCycles is a bicycle lending library that allows full-time UR River Campus undergraduate students to borrow a bike for recreation, sightseeing, exercise, or shopping. Rentals last for a period of 24 hours or until next day close of business, whichever comes first. Visit citycycles.rochester.edu/
**EMPLOYMENT**

Am I allowed to work in the U.S?

The ISO will provide information on what types of work options are available in the U.S. while you are in student status and will assist you in applying for the authorizations you will need to work. Working without authorization is a severe violation of your status and is a deportable offense. As an international student under UR’s visa sponsorship, you are eligible to work on-campus up to 20 hours per week during the academic year and full-time during annual vacation periods. http://www.iso.rochester.edu/employment/index.html

**SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER**

Can I apply for SSN?

Yes you can. A U.S. Social Security Number (SSN) is used to track an employee’s wages for benefits eligibility and tax reporting requirements. This number is assigned permanently, so you do not need to get a new SSN if you already have one. Employment is required for you to be eligible to apply for an SSN. The Admissions Office in collaboration with the International Services Office will be hiring you for a short-term focus group position so that you can apply for an SSN right away. The ISO will assist you with this entire process during the SSN session on Tuesday.

**TAXES**

Will I have to file U.S tax forms?

Yes, as an international student, you will be subject to several tax reporting obligations, even if you do not collect any U.S. earnings. However, to help you navigate the tax system and meet these requirements, the University offers a free software program called GLACIER. After your arrival, you will receive an email from “support@online-tax.net” with instructions to create your GLACIER account. This email is NOT spam! More information on the U.S. tax system and University resources are available at http://iso.rochester.edu/taxes/index.html
CELL PHONES

I find it extremely cost effective to buy a prepaid phone plan. That way, you don’t have to worry about contracts and you can control the amount of money you spend on calling, text and data. I use AT&T prepaid plan.

GETTING INVOLVED

The activities fair is a great place to see what clubs and activities are available. Sign up to be on the email list of all the clubs you’re interested in, and then narrow it down by attending the first couple of meetings for each.

MAKING FRIENDS

Get to know as many people as possible during Orientation! Everyone will be at his or her friendliest. Definitely try to step out of your comfort zone! Meet people in your classes, join different clubs, etc. You can learn so much by making friends who aren’t from the same place.

BUYING BOOKS

Don’t always buy! Try to rent books from the bookstore, or other sites if possible. Chegg.com and slugbooks.com are great for that.

CLASSES

Take a step out of your comfort zone and take a class you would have never thought of taking.

FOOD

When craving for something close by, take a short walk to the Med center. The food there is pretty great! You can use your declining there too.

PLACES TO VISIT

Rochester has so much to offer, although it doesn’t seem like it at first. There’s so many museums and there’s Letchworth park, there will always be something to do when you get bored of the campus.
10 things to do during your first year

1. Attend the University’s community weekends—YellowJacket Weekend, Meliora Weekend, Winterfest Weekend, and Springfest Weekend

2. Use the University’s motto “Meliora” properly

3. Cheer on a Yellowjackets sports team

4. Paint the tunnel underneath the Eastman Quad

5. Follow the saga of the student, the scholar, and the wild boar during the “Reading of the Boar” at the Boar’s Head Dinner

6. Put a scarf or hat on the George Eastman statue

7. Get really involved with a club, sport, fraternity, sorority, or student organization

8. Sled down the hill behind Susan B. Anthony Halls

9. Eat a garbage plate from Nick Tahou’s

10. Go to the top of Rush Rhees Library on Halloween or during Senior Week for the best view on campus
please remember to recycle this booklet
thank you