

May 2009

Dear Parents and Family Members,

Welcome to the University of Rochester! An important period of emotional, personal and intellectual transition lies ahead of your son or daughter. We also understand that this will be a time of excitement and new challenges for you as a parent. Although your student will become more independent in college, he or she will continue to look to you for support and guidance. On behalf of the University of Rochester, we invite you to attend our Parent Orientation Program. The following information and schedule will provide you with highlights of our program.

**What You Will Learn**

- Enlightening information on Rochester’s rich educational traditions.
- Opportunities for study in the liberal arts as well as in our pre-professional programs.
- How students choose classes and select their major.
- Topics ranging from student employment and health services to residential life and career planning.

**Who You Will Meet**

- The College’s Deans and other administrators.
- Current students who will talk about some of their academic interests.
- Faculty from a variety of disciplines during evening programs.

**Interested in Participating?**

Parent Orientation is a free event! Meals are on your own with the exception of the opening Parent BBQ. There will be exclusive programs for teens. Children may attend program events with you, and/or register to participate in our Sibling Program (offering activities for ages 5-12), on August 26th. (More information on registering for the Teen or Sibling programs will be sent to you in June.)

If you have questions, or need further information, please feel free to contact us. Before June 1, you can reach us at (585) 275-2354, or by e-mail at [cascas@mail.rochester.edu](mailto:cascas@mail.rochester.edu). Beginning June 1, please call the Orientation Summer Office at (585) 275-4414, or e-mail us at [orientation@mail.rochester.edu](mailto:orientation@mail.rochester.edu)

*We look forward to seeing you in August!*  
The Orientation Program Staff  
Eleanor Oi, Director of Orientation



The newest members of the Rochester community plan for a full day of activities and college celebration.



In a week full of “firsts,” a new freshman and her mom tote the first packages from home following a stop at the Campus Post Office.

**Preliminary Parent Orientation Schedule 2009**

**Day 1: Tuesday, August 25, 2009**

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Student Check-In*
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Technology and Campus EXPO
11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.	Campus Walking Tours
11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.	Library Tours
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Alumni Parent & Legacy Luncheon
3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Reception for Varsity Athletes
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	College Celebration with President and Deans
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Barbeque Dinner for Parents with the President & Deans, Students - Dinner with their Floors
7:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Dessert Reception with Study Abroad, Admissions & Orientation Staff
7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Q&A: Engineering
7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	NROTC
8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Nighttime Faculty Presentation

**Day 2: Wednesday, August 26, 2009**

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Genesee River Walk
8:00 a.m. – 8:55 a.m.	Coffee with Librarians
9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.	Introduction to The College
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Workshops and Presentations**
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Academic Deans’ Reception
6:00 p.m.	Dinner with Students on Campus OR on your own (Students return to campus for 8 p.m. hall meeting)

\*Refer to your student’s housing assignment packet (mailed in July).

\*\*Workshops and presentations will cover residential life, student activities, career planning and financial aid services, academic advising, study abroad, the engineering program, parenting your college student, student employment, technology resources, health services, Greek life, and the first-year experience.

Visit [www.rochester.edu/College/orientation](http://www.rochester.edu/College/orientation) for the latest Orientation Program schedule information.

We are committed to supporting full participation in the Parent Orientation Program by anyone with a disability. If you have any disability-related needs, please let us know.

## Planning Your Visit

The Parent program begins with the College Celebration at 5:00 p.m. on the day your student moves in. We invite all parents, whether staying for Parent Orientation or not, to attend the Parent Barbeque following the College Celebration & President's Welcome on Tuesday, August 25. Meals and snacks may be purchased on campus during the Parent Orientation Program from one of our many dining locations. You will also find a list of local restaurants at the Technology and Campus EXPO, and at the Orientation Information Booth.

Local lodging and other helpful information about the region is posted at [www.rochester.edu/news/rochester](http://www.rochester.edu/news/rochester); for directions to campus, please see <http://enrollment.rochester.edu/admissions/visit/directions.shtm>. When making hotel reservations, please indicate that you will be attending the University's Orientation Program in order to take advantage of any special rates that may apply.

The Rochester area and western New York offer many sightseeing opportunities to complement your stay. For more information, visit [www.westernny.com](http://www.westernny.com) and [www.visitrochester.com](http://www.visitrochester.com), or call the Greater Rochester Visitors Association at (800) 677-7282 or (585) 546-3070.

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