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Welcome Member of the University of Rochester Class of 2019!

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 the following:

- Your copy of the Freshman Academic Handbook
- Parent Orientation Information
- Teen, & Sibling Orientation Registration Forms
- Information about a pre-Orientation camping trip for a limited number of students (UR FOOT)
- Rising Leader Program Information Card

Take some time to review your Freshman 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 Freshman Academic Handbook, you are ready to begin the process of planning your Fall Class Schedule.

Another important document you will need, the Web Registration Guide, is not in this packet, but is available online: http://www.rochester.edu/college/orientation/resources. The Web-Registration Guide is an essential tool providing instructions on the pre-registration period. Pre-registration permits incoming freshmen that are interested in registering for certain biology, chemistry, introductory engineering courses, primary writing courses, and the US life & culture course between June 29 and July 27. This guide will provide you with information on pre-requisites necessary to register for these courses and instructions for navigating our online registration system. You will complete the remainder of your course registration during Orientation Week, after meeting with an adviser. Online course descriptions and schedules are available at: https://cdcs.ur.rochester.edu/.

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 admissions sent you. Hold onto your Net ID and password; you will use them often.

After acquiring your NetID and password, visit Blackboard at http://my.rochester.edu/ to connect to and complete all of the required Orientation forms. These forms must be completed by July 27th.

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While these forms look like tests, there are no wrong answers! You will be asked to provide information about yourself, your proposed major and course schedule so that your pre-major adviser can get to know a little bit about you.

After that, make sure to share the papers included in your envelope about Parent, Teen, and Sibling Orientation programs with your family. Parent Orientation is the evening of August 25th and all day on August 26th. Parents can pre-register for their Orientation through our website at http://www.rochester.edu/college/orientation/parent-orientation.html. Pre-registration for Parents Orientation is highly encouraged, although on-site registration does occur! Teen and Sibling Orientation are on a reservation only basis and 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!

International students, be on the lookout for an email coming in the next couple of weeks. 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 23rd for a day and a half of Orientation specifically for you.

If you misplace any of these forms or documents, they are all available online at my.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 2019 group on Facebook.

If you have any questions about any part of the 2015 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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