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Welcome Member of the University of Rochester Class of 2015!

Get ready to join an elite group of scholars and, if history is a precedent, a friendly 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 staff 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 staff team would like to provide you with some information that we think 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*
- *Teen, & Sibling Orientation registration forms*
- *Parent Orientation Information*
- *Information about a pre-Orientation camping trip for a limited number of students*

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 setting up your Fall Schedule.

One more important document you will need, the Web Registration Guide, is available online: www.rochester.edu/college/orientation. The Web-Registration Guide: is an *essential tool* providing instructions on the Pre-registration period and more. Pre-registration permits incoming freshmen who are interested, to register for certain biology, chemistry, math, and primary writing courses between June 20 and July 25. 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. Online course descriptions and schedules are available at: <https://cdcs.ur.rochester.edu/>.

In case you have not done so yet, you need to get your NetID and assign 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 enrolling packet admissions sent you. *Hold onto your Net ID and password, as you will use them often.*

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Next, visit Blackboard at <http://my.rochester.edu/> and complete all of the required Orientation forms. These forms must be completed **by July 25th**. While these forms look like tests, there are no wrong answers! You will be asked to provide information about yourself and 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. Parents can register online for Orientation at this address: <http://tiny.cc/53365>. (this link is also available from the Orientation Website.) Pre-registration is encouraged! Parents do not need to attend Parent Orientation and there is no cost associated with the program. Teen and Sibling Orientation are on a reservation only basis. Please read the proposed schedule and if you want to register, return the form with a check. Space in these programs is limited and the Teen Program has filled up the past several years!

If you misplace any of these forms or documents, they are all available online through Blackboard 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 at [UROrientation](#) or joining the [University of Rochester Class of 2015](#) group on Facebook.

If you have any questions about any part of the 2011 Orientation Program feel free to contact me or any member of our staff 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>.

We hope you are enjoying some beautiful summer weather before starting your new and exciting adventures here this fall. The Orientation staff team looks forward to seeing you in August!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eleanor H. Oi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Director of Orientation