Congratulations on your enrollment at the University of Rochester!

We are excited to welcome you to the Rochester community. This is the first of a few emails you will receive throughout the summer to help prepare you for the Fall semester. Be sure to check your Rochester email account regularly going forward as this will be the primary email address used to send all official communications.

**Setting up Your Credentials**

Upon enrollment, you were sent an email requesting that you activate your NetID and Rochester email. Your NetID and Rochester email are unique to you and will allow you to access many of the University systems. If you have not yet activated these two items, please do so prior to completing the [Incoming Student Checklist](#).

**Incoming Student Checklist**

You should have also received an electronic enrollment packet from the Office of Admissions. The packet contained directions on accessing the Checklist which you will need to complete prior to the Fall semester. All items can be completed electronically except the University Health History form. The form will be mailed to your home address and must be completed and mailed back in paper form. Please take a moment to review the checklist as there are deadlines as early as June 5th.

**Online Orientation**

**Online Orientation will begin Wednesday, June 3rd.** Along with the Incoming Student Checklist, there will be a series of mandatory and optional webinars for students and families to attend. These webinars are meant to onboard you and provide important information you will need to be a part of the Rochester community. The full schedule is available on the [Orientation website](#). Please note that some additional webinars will be added in the coming weeks. Students will be required to attend and/or watch all mandatory sessions prior to the fall semester. In addition, some webinars will have modules in our learning management system, Blackboard, that will also need to be completed in conjunction with the webinar. Full instructions on those modules can be found within Blackboard, which you will be given access to on June 4th.

In the event that you are unable to access our Online Orientation due to connectivity or access issues, please let us know as soon as possible and we will work with you to find a solution.
Advising and Course Registration
Students will be assigned a College advisor by the end of June. Advising will take place throughout the summer months, primarily in July. Your advisor will reach out to you directly via email to begin discussing your academic plans and fall schedule. Prior to connecting with your advisor, please review the First-Year Guide and complete the Orientation Questionnaire (opening June 1), which will be available on the Orientation website shortly. The guide contains important information about degree requirements, course options and placements as well as an academic planning sheet for you to use for your advisor meeting. The Orientation Questionnaire gives you the opportunity to provide additional information about yourself, which will assist your advisor in helping you plan your Rochester education.

Departments and programs will be holding open houses throughout the summer to allow students and families to learn more about these disciplines and ask questions. A full schedule of open houses will be available on the Orientation website.

Registration for fall classes will be held during the week of August 3rd. Full instructions and training will be provided prior to registration.

Orientation Leaders
Our team of Orientation Leaders will communicate with you in the months prior to your arrival at the University, helping to prepare you for course registration and life at Rochester. They will also help you meet fellow incoming students and serve as your point for any questions you have as you begin your University of Rochester journey. You should receive an email from your designated Orientation Leader shortly.

Rochester Ready Newsletters
You will soon receive the first edition of the Rochester Ready newsletter. This is a weekly email newsletter full of information on important resources, upcoming deadlines and webinars. This newsletter coupled with emails from the Orientation team, Orientation website, webinars and Blackboard modules will provide all the information you need to get ready for the Fall.

Fall Welcome Weeks
In preparation for this fall, we are currently evaluating our arrival and move-in procedures in conjunction with the University Health Service and Residential Life. We hope to welcome all new incoming students to campus in mid-August, but are still awaiting official guidance from New York State and our local Monroe County leadership to ensure a safe opening of campus. We are grateful for your patience as we process this information and work to make the transition to Rochester as smooth as possible. We hope to provide you with an update soon, in order to help you make travel plans.

Contact Us
Although we are currently working remotely, we are available Monday – Friday from 9am-5pm EST to assist you with any questions or concerns you may have. You can reach us via email at orientation@rochester.edu. Please also feel free to reach out to your Orientation Leader who can also help in answering any questions you may have.

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