2017
INTERNATIONAL
RBHS STUDENT ORIENTATION

August 28–August 29
Hosted by the Center for Global Services
Dear Students,

Welcome to Rutgers! We are delighted to bring you into the university family during this exciting time of international growth. As one of our largest classes of incoming international students, you help us to envision Rutgers’ future in an interconnected world. As our newest global citizens, you help us strengthen our tradition of academic excellence and our commitment to learning. Rutgers has been an international university since its founding as a Dutch seminary school in 1766, and we are honored that you have chosen to join us.

The Centers for Global Advancement and International Affairs (GAIA Centers)—soon to be renamed Rutgers Global—are here to provide you with much of the assistance you need as an international student. We invite you to make the most of your time while at Rutgers and to participate in conversations and activities through the many exciting programs and opportunities offered at the university. Inside and beyond the classroom, you will meet people from around the United States and across the globe. They will be eager to learn about your stories—so please make an effort to share your experiences with your peers and classmates.

As your hosts this week, we will help you to streamline your arrival and cultural adjustment, as we’ve done for thousands of international students and scholars who came before you, through advising services, immigration processing, and cross-cultural events and programs.

We know that it may take time for many of you to adjust to your new environment, and we are dedicated to ensuring that while you are at Rutgers and in the United States, you are comfortable in your surroundings and have the tools to succeed in the classroom—as well as outside of it. Earlier this year, we established the Office of International Academic Support, a new office within the GAIA Centers designed specifically to address the academic challenges unique to international students.

We want Rutgers to be your home away from home, a welcoming and safe environment for you to learn, to thrive, and to live. The GAIA Centers are here to make your stay at Rutgers a memorable one. We are always open to suggestions on how we can improve the services and resources we offer to you and to the rest of our large international community, so feel free to contact us at info@global.rutgers.edu.

Best wishes for the new school year!

Professor Eric Garfunkel
Vice President for International and Global Affairs
Dear Students,

Welcome to Rutgers and to the 2017 International Student Orientation. You have chosen to study at a premier U.S. university, and we are pleased to welcome you to the Rutgers family.

As you begin your journey, I would like you to think of the Center for Global Services, a unit of the GAIA Centers, as your home away from home. Our team of dedicated and expert staff is committed to providing high-quality services, programs, information, and support to international students, scholars, faculty, academic departments, and administrative units at Rutgers–New Brunswick and Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences (RBHS). We also partner with various units to ensure an integrated experience for international students and scholars.

Our team will assist you with your immigration related needs and provide information, application processing services, and referrals on matters related to your legal status, such as employment and overseas travel. We can also assist with questions and concerns related to social and personal adjustments to a new culture, a new educational system, as well as connect you with appropriate on and off-campus resources as needed.

You can connect with our office through in-person advising, phone and email contacts, attending programs, receiving email announcements, and by visiting our brand new website, global.rutgers.edu. We look forward to hearing your feedback about our new site.

During your time at Rutgers, I am sure that you will hear us say that, “legal status and academic success go hand in hand.” Communicating effectively with the center staff will help you achieve your academic goals while maintaining your legal status. While our services will help you remain compliant with immigration regulations, we will also provide avenues for you to expand your social networks. Our office coordinates the International Friendship Program (IFP), which is a cross-cultural social initiative that brings together international and American students for fun and exciting events. You can follow the IFP event schedule at global.rutgers.edu.

Adjusting to a new school and a new country takes time, and we are here to help you during this transitional phase and beyond. You’ll find that the International Student Orientation will be a valuable learning experience for you, as well as an opportunity to make new friends and enjoy the diverse environment we have cultivated here at Rutgers. This week is carefully designed to help you take care of all essentials before you start your academic program at Rutgers and to introduce you to the incredible resources available to you on campus. I encourage you to make the most of this program, from attending all mandatory sessions to enjoying our social events.

As we hope you’ll learn this week, we’re passionate about welcoming and supporting our international students at Rutgers. You bring with you so many new ideas, talents, and perspectives that contribute richly to the Rutgers community.

We look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

Urmi Otiv
Director, Center for Global Services
ABOUT THE GAIA CENTERS
The Centers for Global Advancement and International Affairs (GAIA Centers)—soon to be renamed Rutgers Global—is comprised of several units that work to define and attain the university’s internationalization priorities and provide you with the tools and services you need including international student and scholar services, study abroad programming, on campus global programming, international partnership facilitation, funding for international research, and much more. This year, we launched the Office of International Academic Support to help identify and address the unique academic challenges facing international students. Visit us at our brand new website, global.rutgers.edu, to learn more about how we engage and advance the university’s global mission through:

Global Education
Fostering the development of global citizenship in Rutgers students by providing opportunities for international study, research, internships, service learning, and multicultural experiences.

Global Programs and Relations
Developing and facilitating programs that foster teaching, learning, and research while encouraging and supporting international and global engagement for faculty, staff, and students; cultivating strong and consequential partnerships with universities, governments, and communities abroad to encourage the exchange of knowledge, ideas, expertise, technology, and cross-cultural dialogue.

Global Services
Providing members of the Rutgers community and visitors with quality services that support both the growth and strength of our university's global network and integrate international visitors into the Rutgers campus community.

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MONDAY August 28, 2017

Welcome to Rutgers! Transportation will be provided between the Rutgers—Newark and Rutgers—New Brunswick campuses on Monday, August 28, and Tuesday, August 29.

Meet at New Jersey Medical School (NJMS) and Board Bus
7:15 a.m. • 185 South Orange Avenue, Newark, New Jersey
Board the bus to Rutgers – New Brunswick. Bring your passport, I-20, I-94 card (if you have it), and TA/GA stipend, or fellowship letter. Bus departs from New Brunswick at 8:00 p.m.

* Program Registration and Welcome
9:00–10:00 a.m. • College Avenue Gym
Receive special materials, meet new friends, and hear a welcome address and introduction from Barbara Lee, Rutgers’ senior vice president for academic affairs; Eric Garfunkel, Rutgers’ vice president for international and global affairs; and Urmi Otiv, the director of the Center for Global Services.

Resource Fair
10:00–11:30 a.m. • College Avenue Gym
Meet various Rutgers academic and student affairs units to see how you can use these resources during your time at Rutgers.

LUNCH
11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. • College Avenue Gym
Enjoy a quick bite with other new students and university administrators.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS I (1:00 p.m.)
* Staying in Legal Status in the United States (RBHS Students Only)
1:00–2:00 p.m. • SC&I, Room 212
Learn about work, study, and travel for international students, legal obligations, and benefits of nonimmigrant visa holders.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS II (2:30 p.m.)
Safety on Campus
2:30–3:15 p.m. • Scott Hall, Room 135
Presented by Rutgers University Police Department, learn about the role of the university police, campus safety, crisis situations, and resources and services for students.

Opening a Bank Account
2:30–3:15 p.m. • Van Dyck Hall, Room 211
Discuss opening a bank account in the United States with experienced student volunteers.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS III (3:30 p.m.)
Computing on Campus
3:30–4:15 p.m. • Scott Hall, Room 123
Receive an introduction to all the computing and technology services available at Rutgers. Learn where the computer labs are located, where and how to print, where to buy computing related items, and more. You will also learn many useful and fun apps to use as a Rutgers student!
Bus Tours of Rutgers–New Brunswick
3:30–4:30 p.m. • Meet in front of the College Avenue Student Center
Tour Rutgers–New Brunswick with experienced guides. Repeated at 4:30 p.m. today or Tuesday, August 29, at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Bus Tours of Rutgers–New Brunswick
4:30–5:30 p.m. • Meet in front of the College Avenue Student Center
Tour Rutgers–New Brunswick with experienced guides. Repeated Tuesday, August 29, at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

**AFTER HOURS FUN**

**Vendor Fair**
4:30–6:00 p.m. • College Avenue Student Center, Fireside Lounge
Meet local businesses including various U.S. banks, cell phone companies, food markets, and university vendors that can help you with your transition to the United States.

**Dinner at the Yard on College Avenue**
5:30–8:00 p.m. • The Yard
Join us for a Rutgers-themed celebration filled with food, games, and a chance to socialize with fellow new students and university administrators! Don’t miss the chance to get your picture taken with the Scarlet Knight and win prizes by participating in a scavenger hunt! After the social, end your night with a fun outdoor movie showing. Be sure to bring your meal voucher from your orientation folder with you.

*Share your photos and videos of tonight’s festivities!*
Snapchat: use the chat to send photos and videos to RutgersGlobal
Instagram: send photos and videos to RutgersGlobal.

**Board Bus to NJMS from the Yard**
8:00 p.m. • 36 College Avenue
Bus will depart from dinner at the Yard to Newark.
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7:15 a.m. • 185 South Orange Avenue, Newark, New Jersey
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Check-In Support
9:00–11:00 a.m. • Academic Building, Room 1210 and 1220
F-1 and J-1 students are required by U.S. immigration regulations to complete a check-in procedure at their host institutions. You will need to submit an online form to complete this process. Please note that your record cannot be activated in the SEVIS database until this process is completed. You can access the form through our online student portal at RGLOBAL. If you have any questions or need assistance, our expert orientation volunteers will be available to guide you at this campus computing lab during this time. Remember to bring with you:
- Passport
- U.S. Visa (Canadians will not have a visa)
- DS-2019 or I-20 issued by Rutgers
- I-94 record (access this on CBP’s website)
This session is repeated daily.

* School of Graduate Studies Orientation
10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. • College Avenue Student Center, Multipurpose Room
If you are a School of Graduate Studies student, you must attend this session to learn about registration, academic integrity, fellowships, benefits, and academic policies and procedures.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS I (9:30 a.m.)
Zumba with Rutgers Recreation
9:30–10:30 a.m. • College Avenue Gym, Upper Gym
Start the day with a high-energy Zumba class! This exhilarating, easy to follow, Latin-inspired exercise will keep you dancing and smiling throughout. At the end of the class, learn about all the fitness classes Rutgers Recreation offers and how you can continue to work on your fitness beyond orientation.

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Tour Rutgers–New Brunswick with experienced guides. Repeated today at 11:00 a.m.
SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE BUS
10:30–3:00 p.m. • Scott Hall or 180 College Avenue  (Bus will depart from Scott Hall at 10:45 a.m.; subsequent departures will leave from 180 College Avenue and run on a loop. Last departure is at 2:00 p.m.)
You must have an on-campus job to be eligible to apply for a Social Security Number (SSN). You must have checked in and attended the Staying in Legal Status session before applying for an SSN. A bus will take you to the SSN office.

You MUST bring all of the following documents to this session:
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LUNCH
11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. • Brower Commons
Grab a quick lunch before the next sessions. Bring your meal voucher from your orientation folder with you.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS III (1:30 p.m.)
* Academic Integrity for Graduate Students
1:30–2:15 p.m. • Scott Hall, Room 135
Hosted by the Graduate English Language Learners and International Teaching Assistant’s Program (GradELL& ITA), the workshop reviews Rutgers’ principles of academic integrity with regard to the graduate student experience and provides academic resources so that students can effectively adhere to these principles.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS IV (2:30 p.m.)
* Student Health Insurance
2:30–3:15 p.m. • Scott Hall, Room 123
Learn the ABCs of Student Health Insurance Plans: A-Advantages of the plan, B-Benefits explanation as to what is covered or not covered and how much you have to pay, and C-Comprehension of the steps from selecting a provider, to how a claim is processed, and your out of pocket expenses. Get tips on comparing the Student Health Insurance Plan to other plans.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS V (3:30 p.m.)
Library Services
3:30–4:15 p.m. • Van Dyck Hall, Room 211
Learn how the Rutgers Libraries can help you succeed in your studies and research. We will introduce you to the spaces, the services, the amazing collections (of books, journals, media, and data), and the helpful librarians of Rutgers! Repeated on Wednesday, August 30, at 1:30 p.m.

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Understanding the American Classroom  
3:30–4:30 p.m. • Milledoler Hall, Room 100  
Presented by the Graduate English Language Learners and International Teaching Assistant’s Program (GradELL& ITA), this workshop presents the academic norms, expectations, responsibilities, rights, and resources in the American classroom, and, in particular, at Rutgers. Students are presented with resources and support tips to enhance their graduate experience at Rutgers. Repeated on Wednesday, August 30, at 2:30 p.m.

AFTER HOURS FUN  
Board Bus to Livingston Plaza for Dinner  
5:00 p.m. • 180 College Avenue

Dinner at Livingston Plaza  
5:30–6:30 p.m. • Livingston Plaza, Livingston Campus  
Join us for another night of fun, food, games, crafts, and prizes! Volunteers will introduce you to American football, and Rutgers Athletics will be at this event to get you excited for your first football game on Friday!

Shopping Trip  
6:30–8:00 p.m. • Livingston Plaza, Livingston Campus (bus departs from front of Livingston Plaza)  
Shopping event provided by Bed Bath & Beyond. Find everything you need for campus living: apartment essentials, health and beauty aids, kitchen must-haves, paper products, laundry and cleaning items, and much more. Please see the flyer in your folder.

Board Bus to NJMS from the Shopping Center  
8:00 p.m. • Shopping Center  
Bus will depart from shopping trip to Newark.

Need stuff for your apartment or dorm? New clothes for the first day? Catch the bus from Livingston Plaza to stores like Bed Bath & Beyond, Target, Old Navy, and Marshalls for your back-to-school supplies. 6:30–8:00 p.m.
**SPECIAL NOTE**

This program has been customized for RBHS students. Transportation is available for students based in Newark between the Rutgers–Newark and Rutgers–New Brunswick campuses on Monday, August 28, and Tuesday, August 29. This orientation is designed to help you take care of all essential steps and receive information you need as you begin your programs of study at Rutgers. It also provides you with opportunities to socialize with our large and diverse international community at Rutgers, explore the historic Rutgers–New Brunswick campus, and meet with key staff and administrators who will be your partners on your journey at the institution. There are multiple social events and other sessions offered throughout the week from August 28–September 1. All RBHS new international students (from Piscataway, Newark, or other areas) are welcome to attend other orientation events during the week beyond Monday, August 28, and Tuesday, August 29. For a detailed schedule for the week, please visit global.rutgers.edu.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Study Abroad Fair**

*September 19, 3:00–6:00 p.m. • Morrell Street (outside College Avenue Student Center)*

We’ve been running study abroad programs since the 1960s, and since then, thousands of students just like you have taken advantage of these life-changing cultural and social learning experiences. Come to our Fall 2017 Study Abroad Fair to find out more about our program offerings and how international exposure can give you a competitive edge in your job hunt. We’ll have food, music, and giveaways—including application fee waivers and scholarships—so be sure to sign up for our raffle before the event. To enter the raffle for a $1,000 scholarship, students must complete the form at bitly.com/rutgersabroad17.
DINING OUT  Food options during orientation week

**BUSCH CAMPUS CENTER**  
**Convenience Store**  
Monday–Thursday, 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.  
Friday, 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.  
732-463-8488

**Moe’s Southwest Grill (Mexican food)**  
Monday, 10:00 a.m.–6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday–Friday, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.  
732-463-0100

**Gerlanda's Pizza and Café**  
Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.  
732-463-1616

**Szechwan Ichiban (Asian food)**  
Monday and Tuesday, 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.  
Wednesday and Thursday, 11:00 a.m.–6:30 p.m.  
Friday, 10:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.  
732-463-8880

**COLLEGE AVENUE STUDENT CENTER**  
**Gerlanda's Pizza and Café**  
Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.  
732-846-9375

**King Pita (Middle Eastern food)**  
Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.  
732-846-9375

**Subway (sandwiches)**  
Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.  
732-296-1122

**Currito's Burritos (Mexican-Asian fusion)**  
Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.  
732-640-2222

**Wendy’s**  
Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.  
732-545-5545

**DOUGLASS STUDENT CENTER**  
**Red Pine Pizzeria**  
Monday–Friday, 10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m

**Dunkin’ Donuts**  
Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m

**LIVINGSTON STUDENT CENTER**  
**Convenience Store**  
Monday–Friday, 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.  
Saturday, 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

**Dunkin’ Donuts**  
Monday–Saturday, 8:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

**THE PLAZA LIVINGSTON CAMPUS**  
**Kilmer’s Market**  
Monday–Friday, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.  
848-445-0106

**Qdoba (Mexican food)**  
Monday–Friday, 11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.  
732-839-2024

**16 Handles (Frozen yogurt)**  
Monday–Friday, 12:00–10:00 p.m.  
732-369-0800

**Hoja (Chinese food, delivery available)**  
Monday–Friday, 11:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.  
Saturday–Sunday, 11:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.  
732-463-0800

**Henry’s Diner**  
Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.  
848-445-3232

**Starbucks**  
Monday–Friday, 7:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.  
848-445-7239

**THE YARD ON COLLEGE AVENUE**  
**Bella’s Burger Shack**  
Monday–Saturday, 11:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.  
Sunday, 12:00–8:00 p.m.  
732-658-6067
Honeygrow  
Monday–Sunday, 11:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.  
732-214-9182

Jersey Mike’s  
Sunday–Thursday, 10:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.  
Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m.  
732-448-7300

Krispy Pizza  
Monday–Sunday, 11:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m.  
732-658-3800

RU Hungry  
Monday–Sunday, 7:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.  
732-246-2177

Scarlet Sweets  
Monday–Sunday, 8:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m.

Starbucks  
Sunday–Thursday, 6:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.  
Friday and Saturday, 6:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.

Noodle Gourmet (Chinese)  
43 Easton Avenue, New Brunswick  
732-828-8188

Chapati House (Indian)  
349 A George Street, New Brunswick  
732-416-8787

KBG Korean BBQ & Grill  
6 Easton Avenue, New Brunswick  
732-626-5406

Veganized (Organic vegan food)  
9 Spring Street, New Brunswick  
732-342-7412

Edo (Japanese food)  
68 Easton Avenue, New Brunswick  
732-514-0700

NEW BRUNSWICK AND HIGHLAND PARK

Efé Mediterranean Grill (Middle Eastern)  
32 Easton Avenue, New Brunswick  
732-342-7412

Indochine Restaurant (Vietnamese)  
371 George Street, New Brunswick  
732-745-2928

My Way Korean Restaurant  
351 George Street, New Brunswick  
732-545-5757

Hunan Manor (Chinese food)  
239 Raritan Avenue, Highland Park  
732-247-8813

Stuff Yer Face (American food)  
49 Easton Avenue, New Brunswick  
732-247-1727

DINING HALLS

Brower Commons (College Avenue Campus)  
Thursday, August 31, 11:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.  
Friday, September 1, 9:00 a.m–8:00 p.m.  
Saturday, September 2, 9:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Busch Dining Hall  
Thursday, August 31, 4:00–8:00 p.m.  
Friday, September 1, 7:30 a.m–8:00 p.m.  
Saturday, September 2, 9:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Livingston Dining Hall  
Thursday, August 31, 4:00–8:00 p.m.  
Friday, September 1, 9:00 a.m–8:00 p.m.  
Saturday, September 2, 9:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

Neilson Dining Hall (Douglass Campus)  
Thursday, August 31, 9:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.  
Friday, September 1, 9:00 a.m–8:00 p.m.  
Saturday, September 2, 9:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.