“With students from more than 70 countries, Rensselaer truly is a global community. And, service to others is one of the best expressions of our unique diversity.”

Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson
President
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute is dedicated to enhancing the student experience while providing an effective hands-on approach to education for all students. Rensselaer strives to create an inclusive environment that develops true intellectual, geographic, gender and ethnic diversity in our students, faculty and staff. Our commitment to diversity is focused on engaging the best talent available and preparing our students to work, communicate across cultural boundaries and lead in the global community.

This minority resource guide is intended to serve as a supplemental handbook for underrepresented minority students and all members of the Rensselaer community. This guide provides a listing of individuals, offices, organizations, support services and local community resources to assist minority students in dealing with the pressures they may encounter while attending Rensselaer. It is our hope that this guide will meet the needs of our minority students and will help foster better communications among students, faculty, staff and the entire Rensselaer community.
The Office of Minority Student Affairs provides academic, personal, career and financial support services to underrepresented groups in the sciences, technology and engineering professions. Underrepresented groups, as defined by Rensselaer, include African American, Latino, Native American and HEOP students. All support services focus on facilitating academic excellence, leadership skills, graduation, graduate skills, and entry into professional careers.

The Office of Institute Diversity works to insure that Rensselaer reflects a diverse profile of students, faculty and staff, realizing that diversity is value added on our campus. The goals of the office include recruiting a student body that reflects the diversity of the world and creating a welcoming and diverse campus environment that is comfortable for all students, faculty and staff, regardless of race, gender, age, physical abilities, sexual orientation, religion or cultural heritage.

The Career Development Center coordinates all job search and interviewing activities for intern, co-op and full-time job seekers. The goal of the CDC is to provide students with access to resources which will support career decision-making and career exploration, and provide experiences and opportunities to develop the skills necessary to conduct a successful job search. The CDC provides mock interviews, resume critiques and numerous workshops and special events.
CAMPUS RESOURCES

Advising & Learning Assistance Center
Russell Sage Laboratory 2106
(518) 276-6269
www.rpi.edu/dept/advising/

Archer Center for Student Leadership Development
Rensselaer Union 3702
(518) 276-2119

Financial Aid Office
Academy Hall, 2000 level
(518) 276-6813
E-mail: financial-aid@rpi.edu

Office of the First-Year Experience
Academy Hall – 4100
(518) 276-6864
www.rpi.edu/fye
E-mail: fye@rpi.edu

Office of Graduate Education
Walker Laboratory 4103
(518) 276-6488
www.rpi.edu/grad/gradschool.html

Office of Residence Life
(518) 276-6284
http://j2ee.rpi.edu/reslife

Office of Undergraduate Education
Walker Laboratory 4010
(518) 276-2244
www.rpi.edu/dept/urp

Pride Alliance
http://rpa.union.rpi.edu
E-mail: rpa@union.rpi.edu

Rensselaer Athletics
http://www.rpi.edu/dept/athletics/

Rensselaer Intramurals
http://www.muellercenter.rpi.edu/Intramural.asp

Student Health Center
Academy Hall 3200
(518) 276-6287
http://studenthealth.rpi.edu/

Student Records & Financial Services
Academy Hall, 2000 level
(518) 276-6231
http://sis.rpi.edu

Study Abroad & Exchange Programs
Office of Undergraduate Education
Walker Laboratory 4010
(518) 276-6822

Women in Engineering
Director- Barbara Ruel
E-mail: ruelb@rpi.edu
(518) 276-6203

Writing Center
Rensselaer Student Union
15th Street & Sage Avenue
African & Caribbean Students Association (ACSA)
E-mail: acsa@union.rpi.edu
Website: http://acsa.union.rpi.edu

The African and Caribbean Student Association is here to create cultural awareness and respect. We discuss political, economic and health issues that affect Africa and the Caribbean. We also give you the opportunity to experience different foods, go on fun trips, and participate in charity events. There are lots to do in ACSA and we guarantee that the experience will be one to remember.

Alianza Latina (AL)
E-mail: alianza-latina@union.rpi.edu
Website: http://alianzalatina.union.rpi.edu

Alianza Latina is a cultural organization that brings Latin awareness to the Rensselaer Community. Alianza Latina's purpose is to provide a social and cultural environment which gives the Latino at Rensselaer a sense of identity. Also, to enhance the Rensselaer community with the diversity of the Latino culture and unite the Latino community at Rensselaer. Some of the goals of Alianza Latina are to increase the unity and involvement of Latinos at Rensselaer through enjoyable and social activities and to preserve and promote the richness of the Latino culture through education and awareness.

Black Students’ Alliance (BSA)
E-mail: bsa@union.rpi.edu
Website: http://bsa.rpi.edu

The Black Students’ Alliance exists to allow the participation of all people in the promotion of black cultural, intellectual and social interests at RPI and in the surrounding community. BSA serves to uplift the conscious awareness of the Black Student, politically, culturally, and intellectually. BSA focuses on championing and ensuring the rights of Black students and our community. BSA also serves as a guiding and uniting force for the Black Student on campus and in the surrounding community.

Minority Graduate Student Association (MGSA)
E-mail: gml-l@lists.rpi.edu

The purpose of the Minority Graduate Student Association is to provide a medium to support and foster the academic and professional development of minority graduate students, and enhance cultural and community networks among minorities at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) – Rensselaer Chapter
E-mail: nsbe_rpi_eboard@yahoogroups.com
Website: http://www.nsbe.rpi.edu

NSBE’s mission is to increase the number of culturally responsible black engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally and positively impact the community. NSBE serves to stimulate and develop student interest in the various engineering disciplines and it also strives to increase the number of minority students studying engineering at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Some of NSBE’s present activities include tutorial programs, group study sessions, high school/junior high outreach programs, technical seminars and workshops, career fairs and an annual national convention.

Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) – Rensselaer Chapter
E-mail: http://www.shpe.rpi.edu

SHPE’s mission is to "promote the development of Hispanics in engineering, science and other technical professions to achieve educational excellence, economic opportunity and social equity." SHPE strives to fulfill its mission by fulfilling our mission by increasing educational opportunities, promoting professional and personal growth, carrying out its social responsibility to be involved in education, business and government issues and enhancing pride within the organization and reinforcing its reputation as a vital Hispanic organization.

*Open to all students regardless of race or ethnicity.
MINORITY GREEK LIFE
at RENSSELAER

Sigma Delta Sorority
E-mail: sigmadelta@union.rpi.edu
Website: http://sigmadelta.union.rpi.edu

La Sociedad de Damas, Sigma Delta is the only local sorority recognized by the Panhellenic Association. Sigma Delta is a Latin-based sorority founded in 1996 with the purpose of promoting basic values such as honesty, compassion, self-pride, professionalism, and hard work among women. Women who share the values of Sigma Delta are strongly encouraged to join the sorority, regardless of their background.

Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Alpha Chapter
E-mail: President@phiota.net
Website: www.Phiota.org

La Familia of Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity Inc., a brotherhood composed of undergraduate, graduate, and professional men internationally, established on December 26, 1931 at Rensselaer, is the Oldest Existing Latino Fraternal Organization. Phi Iota Alpha dedicates itself toward the empowerment of the Latino community by providing intensive social and cultural programs and activities geared toward the appreciation, promotion and preservation of the Latin American Culture.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Omicron Upsilon Chapter
E-mail: apa@rpi.edu
Website: http://alphaphialpha.union.rpi.edu/

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., the first intercollegiate Greek-lettered fraternity established for Black college students, was organized at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, on December 4th, 1906. Alpha Phi Alpha national programs include “Go to High School, Go to College”, “Project Alpha” and “A Vote less people is a Hopeless people”. The Untouchable Omicron Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., at RPI was founded on February 19, 1983.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
Nu Pi Chapter
Information: www.kappaalphapsi1911.com
or contact lawalo@rpi.edu

The Nu Pi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi was chartered in the spring of 1989. The objectives of the fraternity include encouraging honorable achievement in every field of human endeavor and promoting the spiritual, social, intellectual and moral welfare of its members. The organization unites college men of culture, patriotism and honor in a bond of fraternity.

La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc.
Alpha Gamma Chapter
Website: http://www.launidadlatina.org/chapters/alpha_gamma

La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Incorporated was established on February 19, 1982 in order to address the shortcomings of academic institutions in meeting and addressing the needs of Latino students in higher education. Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Incorporated primarily seeks to take a leadership role in meeting the needs of the Latino community through cultural awareness, community service, and promotion of the Latino culture and people.
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LOCAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

General Information – 518-555-1212

Restaurants
Angels Bed and Breakfast
96 Madison Avenue
Albany, NY 12202

First Choice Caribbean-American Cuisine
451 Fulton Street
Troy, NY 12180

Chili’s Grill & Bar
60 Wolf Road
Albany, NY 12205

Clayton’s Caribbean American Restaurant
244 Washington Ave.
Albany, NY 12210

El Mariach Mexican Restaurant
144 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12210

El Pilon Spanish Restaurant
385 South Pearl Street
Albany, NY 12202

Fresno’s Southwest Restaurant & Bar
377 River Street
Troy, NY 12180

Kenneth’s Tastebud (West Indian)
177 Henry Johnson Blvd.
Albany, NY 12210

I Love NY Pizza
125 4th Street
Troy, NY 12180

Gino’s Pizzeria
123 4th Street
Troy, NY 12180

Roy’s Caribbean Restaurant
185 Henry Johnson Blvd.
Albany, NY 12210

Barbershops & Beauty Salons
Mr. Rowland’s Fademaster
46 King Street
Troy, NY 12180

Blessings Barber & Beauty Shop
299 Central Ave.
Albany, NY 12206

New Spirits Barber & Beauty Salon
69 North Allen
Albany, NY 12203

A Cut Above
400 Central Avenue
Albany, NY 12206

Impression Hair Designs
173 Central Avenue
Albany, NY 12206

3-Star Barber
193 South Pearl Street
Albany, NY 12202

Crews – The Hair Producer
295 Hamilton Street
Albany, NY 12210

Tru Images Barber Shop
262 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12203

Entertainment
Sneaky Pete’s Night Club
711 Central Ave.
Albany, NY 12206
Local Cultural Resources

Entertainment (cont.)

Jillian’s
59 N. Pearl Street
Albany, NY 12207

Doc McCutchen’s
388 Broadway
Albany, NY 12207

Soul Kitchen (Poetry Night)
Clayton’s Caribbean American Restaurant
244 Washington Ave.
Albany, NY 12210

Crossgates Mall
1 Crossgates Mall Road
Albany, NY 12203

Colonie Center Mall
Wolf Road & Central Ave.
Albany, NY 12205

Troy Music Hall
www.troymusichall.org

Palace Theatre
www.palacealbany.com

Proctors Theatre
www.proctors.org

Movie Theaters
  o Crossgates Mall Cinema 18
  o Latham Circle Mall Cinema

Places of Worship

Bethel Baptist church
2165 5th Avenue
Troy, NY 12180

Macedonia Baptist Church
172 North Allen St.
Albany, NY 12206

Metropolitan NT Mission Baptist Church
105 Second Street
Albany, NY 12210

Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church
159 Quail Street
Albany, NY 12206

Israel A.M.E. Church
381 Hamilton Street
Albany, NY 12210

Friendship Baptist Church
407 Union Street
Schenectady, NY 12305

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church
441 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12206

New Hope Baptist Church
2900 Fifth Avenue
Troy, NY 12180

Seventh Day Adventist
454 Hoosick Street
Troy, NY 12180

Grace Fellowship Church
20 Delatour Road
Latham, NY 12110

New Covenant Christian Fellowship
359 Clinton Avenue
Albany, NY 12206
**Local Cultural Resources**

**Community Based Organizations**

- **Jack & Jill of America, Inc.**
  Greater Albany Chapter  
  www.jack-and-jill.org

- **Troy Latino Coalition**
  1704 Highland Avenue  
  Troy, NY 12180  
  (518) 272-0541

- **South American Spanish Association**
  5 Kenlyn Drive  
  Colonie, NY 12205  
  (518) 447-4598

- **NAACP (Albany) – Anne Pope**
  PO Box 2544  
  Albany, NY 12202  
  (518) 442-9256

- **NAACP (Troy) - Rev. Cornelius Clark**
  542 8th Street  
  Troy, NY 12180  
  (518) 271-9086

- **Centro Civico Hispano Americano, Inc.**
  Dr. Cecilia Sanz  
  230 Green Street  
  Albany, NY 12202  
  (518) 465-1143

- **One Hundred Black Men of Albany**
  Dr. Marshall Jones  
  388 Clinton Avenue  
  Albany, NY 12206  
  (518) 432-1527  
  (518) 432-5393

- **Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.**
  Dr. Betty Shadrick  
  P.O. Box 13023  
  Albany, NY 12212  
  (518) 442-3899

**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**

- **Dona Bullock**
  P.O. Box 5187  
  Albany, NY 12205  
  (518) 869-4881

- **Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.**
  Theta Gamma Sigma Alumnae Chapter  
  Anuola Surgick  
  P.O. Box 3790  
  Albany, NY 12203  
  (518) 458-7749

- **Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.**
  Lynda Fleurismond  
  P.O. Box 6596  
  Albany, NY 12206

- **Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.**
  Nu Tau Chapter  
  Mr. Harl’O M. Fisher  
  31 Riding Club Road  
  Troy, NY 12180  
  (518) 273-8406

- **Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.**
  Mr. Jeffrey Fryar  
  P.O. Box 1121  
  Albany, NY 12201

**Health Services**

- **Emile Powe, MD (OB/GYN)**
  692 North Pearl Street  
  Albany, NY 12204  
  (518) 436-9705

- **Michael Christine, MD**
  319 South Manning Blvd. Suite 401  
  Albany, NY 12208  
  (518) 438-9025
LOCAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

Health Care Services (cont.)
CapitalCare Pediatrics
942 Route 146
Clifton Park, NY 12065
(518) 371-8000

Miscellaneous
Jacques Tuxedo & Tailoring Inc.
800 Loudon Road - Route 9
Latham, NY 12110
(518) 785-7058

Taysha Florists
191 Henry Johnson Blvd.
Albany, NY 12210
(518) 436-0073

Troy Gardens Apartments
2420 21st Street
Troy, NY 12180
(518) 272-4242

Hudson Terrace Apartments
221 Stow Avenue
Troy, NY 12180
(518) 376-3385

SCHOLARSHIPS & INTERNSHIPS

National Consortium for Graduate Degrees for Minorities in Engineering and Science
http://was.nd.edu/gem/gemwebapp/gem_00_000.htm

National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering
www.nacme.org

A T & T
Fellowship Program for Women and Minorities
http://www.research.att.com/academic/

Ford Foundation
Dissertation Fellowships for Minorities
http://www7.nationalacademies.org/fellowships/forddiss.html

Ford Foundation
Predoctoral Fellowships for Minorities
http://www7.nationalacademies.org/fellowships/fordpredoc.html

L’Oréal-Unesco
Women in Science Fellowships

NASA
Graduate Student Fellowships in Earth System Science
http://research.hq.nasa.gov/code_y/nra/current/Fellowship-ESS03/index.html

NASA
Graduate Student Researchers Program
http://fellowships.hq.nasa.gov/gsrp/program/

NASA
Harriett G. Jenkins Predoctoral Fellowship Program
http://www.uncfsp.org/jenkinsesp/

SCHOLARSHIPS & INTERNSHIPS

United Negro College Fund
www.uncf.org

National Science Foundation
www.nsf.gov
http://www.orau.org/nsf/nsffel.htm
http://www.ehr.nsf.gov/dge/programs/grf/

National Institutes of Health
Predoctoral Fellowships for Minority Students
http://grants2.nih.gov/training/careerdev/pbopportunity.html