

Why in the world is Groundbreaking printed on all of your shirts? Well I am about to tell you. It is a challenge to all of you. What challenge are you being issued? [Pause] To get involved at RIT!

I took this challenge two years ago and it is the reason I am standing up here. [Sign this sentence] By the way my name is Paul, Tall Paul if it helps. I am this year's student government president! A few years ago I sat down there [Point] listening to a theme titled "dream big," by a student rocking this orange blazer so hideous that it resulted in me [Lean slightly to the side] leaning over to the kid next to me and saying, "did he lose a bet?" Well if he lost a bet than I lost the same bet, and I am now standing up here letting you know this is the best bet I ever lost. Why might you ask? Well I got involed, made great friends, and now have the honor of talking to all of you about the fun things here at RIT that you can get involved in. [Smile]

One thing you probably won't hear at RIT is students saying [Hand/Arm upholding chin, bored tone] "I am so bored, there is never anything here to do". If all you do is go to class and never leave your room then yeah RIT is a pretty boring place; however, if you are a brave soul and wish to take my challenge, you will soon turn around to any student who dares to utter these words, and say [Look astonished, throw hands in the air a bit] "What do you mean there is nothing to do here, there is never enough time in the day to do everything that I want to!"

Well guess what? [Hold up 3 fingers] This is a three part challenge:

[One Finger Up] Part one, go try playing some sort of sport here! We have everything from Division I Hockey to intramural Quiditch. That's right, I said Quiditch, it's harder than you'd think! We also love to cheer on our sports teams, from friends supporting their floor intramural team to the rowdy corner crew that cheers on our men's and women's hockey teams.

[Two Fingers Up] Part two, go out to the get involved in a club. With the club fair this Saturday you need to go and sign-up for at least one club. We have everything to offer from the electronic gaming society to Greek life and hundreds of others! Though if you think we are missing a club or organization, and you are feeling a little ambitious, then you can easily create your own!

[Three Fingers Up] Part three check out at least one event each week! We have Residential Advisors putting on events to meet everyone on your floor, Members of the College Actives Board hosting major concerts, weekly movie nights, or one of the many other events that clubs and organizations put on! [Pause and Chuckle] One such event that everyone gets involved in whether they want to or not is humans vs zombies. This is essentially a giant week long game of tag that is played with nerf guns, flying socks, and the occasional kid jumping out of a tree or bush. No matter what you do that week you will be [Slight duck] dodging bullets, laughing as a student gets chased around campus by a swarm of zombies and [Chin stroke] wondering who came up with such a great game.

Despite the absurdity or surprises you're in for at RIT, you're going to find that you are drawn to particular events, activities and friends. Jump into those, and if you ever need help finding what

gets you excited than I suggest you just look around at all of the students here now. Some your biggest supporters at RIT are in this room in the form of Resident Advisors and Orientation Assistants! They are waiting to help and are eager to guide you as you navigate the trails of RIT. All of them were in your shoes at one point, and can vouch that It might not seem it, but you are the new leaders on campus. I guarantee by the end of the year each one of you will have left a mark, come impress us with your talent, passion and vision for your perfect RIT.

Have fun with the rest of orientation! If you remember one thing from my speech, keep your door open, talk to everyone and if something looks fun then it probably is. Also Don't be afraid to come say [Wave] hello to anyone in a leadership role from your Residential Advisor to Destler himself, we might ROAR [Slight Pause] occasionally, but we certainly don't bite!