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Dear neighbor,

I am writing to introduce myself as Rhode Island School of Design's Associate Director of Community Relations and to update you on upcoming events on campus.

The inauguration of Rosanne Somerson as RISD's 17th president will take place on Friday, October 9. The event is the cornerstone of RISD by Design 2015, a three-day gathering that brings alumni and parents to campus.

We have planned a variety of celebratory events surrounding inauguration and wanted to ensure you have a formal invitation to attend the event, which will take place at 2:00 p.m. at the Roger Williams Memorial (284 North Main Street), exhibits throughout campus beginning at 4:00 p.m. as well as the After Party, which will bring people from Canal Walk to Benefit Street between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m.

While we are working diligently to ensure the events surrounding inauguration have a minimal effect on our neighbors, we think it's important to inform you about a few things happening in and around campus.

Thursday, October 8th

- 6:00 a.m. - Benefit Street between Waterman and College Streets will be closed. The street will remain closed through Saturday, October 10th.
- 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. - A student dinner will take place under a tent on Benefit Street.

Friday, October 9th

- 2:00 p.m. - Inauguration will take place at Roger Williams National Memorial, 284 North Main Street
- 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. - The After Party festivities will include live performances, artwork and happenings throughout the central campus between Canal Walk and Benefit Street. The event will feature notable RISD bands, along with locally sourced food and libations. (cash bar, 21+).

Saturday, October 10th

- 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - RISD Craft will take place on Benefit Street. This event will close Benefit Street between Waterman and Hopkins Streets and will also include a partial closure of College Street.

This is just a small sampling of inauguration festivities. Please visit president.risd.edu/inauguration for a full list of what's happening across campus.



In addition if you would like to receive email updates about RISD's activities in the neighborhood, or if you have concerns or questions, please contact me directly at 401.709.8520 or by email bcostell@risd.edu. Should you have any immediate concerns during inauguration, please feel free to contact RISD public safety at 401.454.6376

We value our relationship with the Providence community and hope you will join us in celebrating the installation of President Rosanne Somerson as RISD's 17th President.

Sincerely,

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