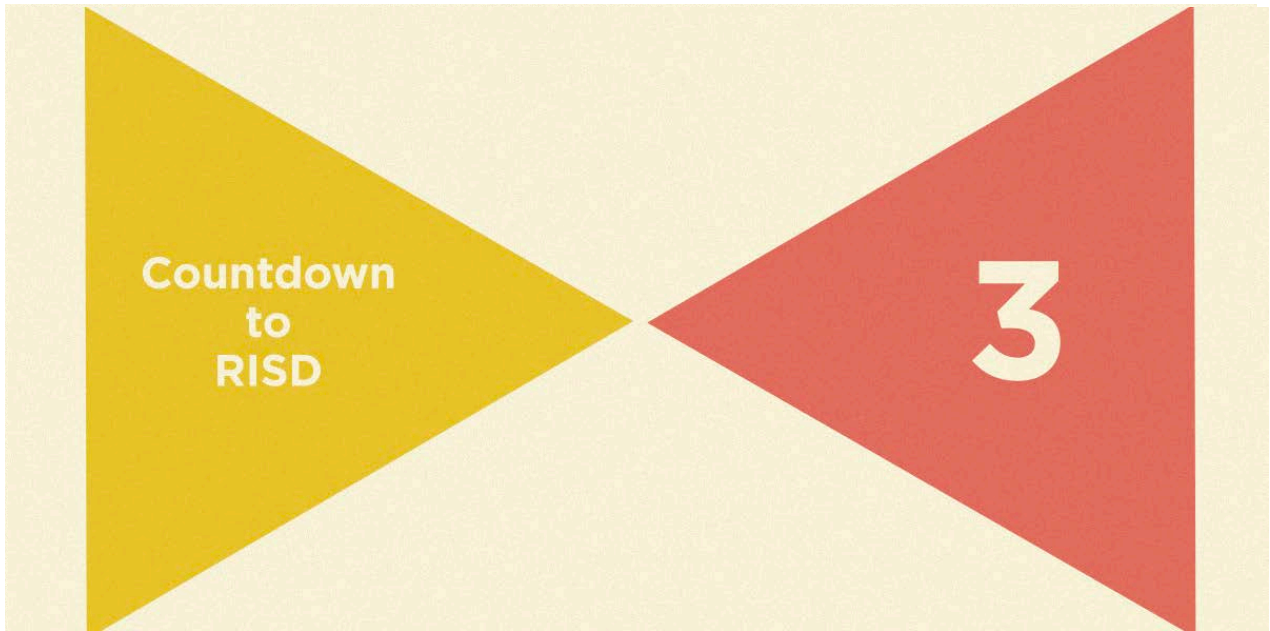


RISD



Countdown #3: Campus Community

Going away to college is a milestone for many students. We understand that coming to a new city can be exciting, but also pose the challenge of making new friendships, finding new resources to support your success, and making a new place feel like home. RISD is a vibrant college community full of passionate and caring staff, faculty, and students, all here to help you find your place!

We strive to uphold and support an inclusive environment that values and affirms the identities that make up our diverse campus. We know that sustaining community requires commitment and attention, and, when you arrive on campus, we want you to know that we're here for you.

Community can be found wherever you look for it—residence halls, academic buildings, various offices and student organizations, and with your peers. Below are some offices and groups on campus that offer support, resources, and opportunities to connect. If you have questions about anything you see here, we're happy to answer at welcome@risd.edu

LGBTQIA+ and Gender Expression / Identity

Support

RISD strives to create a safe, supportive, and celebratory culture for LGBTQIA+ students through all aspects of the campus experience. Intercultural Student Engagement (ISE) provides education and resources for LGBTQIA+ students, faculty, and staff, and hosts events in collaboration with RISD's Queer Student Association (QSA) throughout the year. Learn more [here](#).

RISD has several structures in place to support transgender and gender variant students, including gender-inclusive restrooms, gender-inclusive housing options, and a robust name change policy. To learn more about these policies, go [here](#).

At RISD, it is common to be asked, “What are your pronouns?” If this is new to you, scroll through the “Policy Definitions” section [here](#).

Religious + Spiritual Practice

Resources on campus and in Providence

There are several ways to continue your religious / spiritual practice while at RISD. The Reflection Room on campus is available for students as a quiet space for prayer, meditation, or reflection. Intercultural Student Engagement maintains a vast array of resources available on our website, including local places of worship, spiritual and religious organizations on campus, dates for religious observances, and information for any community member to learn more about resources that specifically support them both on-campus and in the Providence community. Brown University also has many religious and spiritual offerings which are open to RISD students; click [here](#) to learn more.

Cultural Clubs, Organizations and Community

Opportunities to Connect

The Center for Student Involvement (CSI) supports more than 40 clubs and organizations that allow you to create a sense of community for yourself and others.

Here are just a few examples: Black Artists and Designers (BAAD) works to educate, inform and promote blackness and it's intersections both on and off campus; the Korean Student Association (KSA) brings cultural diversity to campus through the Korean Culture Show, food nights, movie nights, and more; the Leadership and Community Engagement (LACE) program offers

opportunities to work with local non-profit organizations and help keep local communities connected to RISD; the RISD Feminists club spreads awareness about women's issues, areas of intersectionality, and social justice.

Don't find anything that interests you? Students are free to start their own club, too—learn more at involved.risd.edu.

Support on Campus

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