

November 1, 2016

Dear KDI - Bloustein School Scholars 2017:

Hello!

First and foremost, I would like to congratulate you on your recent admission to the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy. Admission to our school is quite competitive, so this is an impressive accomplishment for which you should be proud.

Second, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Ms. Kathy Lopez, and I am the Coordinator for the KDI Scholars Program here at the Bloustein School. I will be one of your main contacts here at the school in addition to others from our staff including Abby Stern Cardinale, abby.sterncardinale@ejb.rutgers.edu) and Nicole Martinez martinez.nicole@rutgers.edu) and will also be the one to make the necessary arrangements for you during your time here at the Bloustein School. If you need to contact me, please send me an email at klopez@rutgers.edu.

Third, the Spring 2017 semester classes begin formally on Tuesday, January 17th. Rutgers University Offices will be completely closed from December 25th - January 2nd in observance of the Holidays. The **arrival date** we have provided to Kaithy at the KDI School for all KDI Scholars and their family members is on **Tuesday, January 3rd**. We ask that you work with us to secure that date. We have rented a **charter bus** to transport all students, luggage and family to the campus which is over a one-hour drive **for that date only**. Please make your plans and confirm now with us on your arrival.

Fourth, our staff will be picking you up at the airport when you arrive. As you know, Korean Airlines flies direct to JFK International Airport in New York City. Since this is where you will be flying into, I ask that you all **please arrive on the same flight** or on a **similar flight that day** so we can make just one pick up for the group. I will need you to please let me know how many people are traveling with each KDI student. Please be sure to specify the number of adults and children arriving as well as their ages. We need this information to ensure that we have enough transportation to accommodate everyone arriving. We do not suggest anyone arriving before or after January 3rd. We host an extensive orientation program of assistance with settling in and it will take several days and longer to get through to where you are comfortable. Arriving earlier there is no accommodations from Rutgers. Arriving late you will miss the settling in program.

Fifth, to begin the preparations for your arrival, there are several very [important items listed on this website](#) for you to “**take action on.**” Please review them which include housing, children’s education, and immunization records, to name a few.

I will be in touch in the coming weeks with additional information for you. Also, to ensure that you are able to receive all emails from me, please make sure to add my email address to your email address book.

I look forward to meeting all of you shortly and welcoming you to the Bloustein family.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.
Have a good day.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Katherine Lopez', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Katherine Lopez

cc: Steve Weston
Abby Stern Cardinale
Nicole Martinez