S.T.A.R.T. URI provides a transitional bridge for college students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) entering the University of Rhode Island. This program aligns with the DSS Mission by creating access to a structured pathway from high school to college designed to prepare first-year students with ASD for academic success, promote personal development, and cultivate connectedness to the URI community.

Program Timeline
Applications due by: July 3, 2020
Decisions made by: August 3, 2020
Program Runs: September 2-4, 2020

Additional Fees
Dining fees will apply
• 10 Meal Block - $81.00
• 15 Meal Block - $115.00

Program Outline

DAY 1
• Move-In
• Meet and Greet Lunch: Parents, Participants and Staff
• Afternoon Parent Workshop: "From Advocate to Ally"
• DSS Intakes
• Evening Social

DAY 2
• ASD Positive IceBreaker Workshop: "Let Me See That Tootsie Roll"
• Community Standards: "And I Oop."
• PCC Workshop: "When Panic Attacks"
• Life Skills: "Can I get a Cavity in College?"

DAY 3
• Campus Scavenger Hunt: "Quiet Spaces with Less Faces"
• Social Skills Part I: "The Flowchart of Friendship"
• Social Skills Part II: "First Weekend 101"
• Closer: "Who’s your Person?"

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