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Need some inspiration after your fall break? Check out this year's Nobel Prize recipients! Honoring individuals and teams whose work includes: [machine learning and artificial intelligence](#), the [creation of new proteins and the prediction of protein structures](#), the discovery of [microRNA](#), investigations of [historical trauma and the fragility of life](#), envisioning a [world free of nuclear weapons](#), and understanding the [vast differences in prosperity](#) across the globe. These awards illustrate the profound interconnectedness of life on this planet and the ways in which we seek to understand and be understood intellectually and emotionally. Take a moment to reflect on the output of this year's winners and think about where you fit into the complex world they are helping to illuminate.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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HONORS COUNCIL

NEW!

COMP LEARNING CREDIT:
SEE CAPTION FOR DETAILS

**MON OCT 21st 5:00-6:00PM
CPC 2650 (BAMBOO ROOM)**

Agenda:

Council & Committee Updates
&

OPERATION GRATITUDE

Cardmaking for Veteran's Day

Register Here →

10/21 Honors Council Meeting

Join Honors Council on Mon. 10/21 in the Bamboo Room CPC 2650 for updates from the President and Committee Chairs. During the meeting we will be taking part in a service project organized by the Service and Leadership committee making cards for Veterans and active duty military service members to commemorate Veteran's day. All supplies will be provided and **students attending will receive 1 hour of complementary learning** for taking part in the card-making service project.

October 21st from 5:00-6:00pm
CPC 2650 (Bamboo Room)
[RSVP for the meeting here!](#)

NEW: Complementary Learning at Honors Council meetings - Students attending Council meetings will receive 1/2 hour of complementary learning for their attendance and participation. We are seeking new members for Council and will need folks to run for delegate roles as current members graduate. This is a great way to learn about the functions of Council and how you can get more involved.

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KGCOE Honors Social

KGCOE Honors Social Event Luncheon – drop by and grab some DiBella's, play games, and mingle with your KGCOE Honors Student Delegate, Advocate, and honors students.

October 24th from 11:00am-12:30pm
Garelick Conference Room - GLE 3119
[RSVP for this event here!](#)



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Friday Nov. 1 - Honors Women's Hockey Night

Join us to cheer on the RIT Tigers Women's Hockey team as they take on the Robert Morris Colonials! Sit together with your Honors friends and be a part of the action! We'll provide the food - you provide the honors fan energy!

November 1st at 6:00pm

Gene Polisseni Center

[RSVP for the event here!](#)

Friday Oct. 25 - Honors Men's Hockey Night

October 25th at 7:05pm

Gene Polisseni Center

This event registration is already full.

Students who registered for the October 25 men's hockey game can pick up their tickets for the game anytime the box office is open, or the night of the event - be sure to bring your ID!



10/27 - CWC Halloween Event

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Honors Council's Community & Wellness committee is hosting *Honors Haunted Halloween!* Join your fellow Horror students for a spooky afternoon of crafts, pumpkin painting, festive treats, and a costume contest to celebrate the season! So trick or treat yourself and sign up for this eerie-sistible event! Witch way to the party?

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October 27th 4:00pm-6:00pm
Bower Makerspace - SHED Room 1300
[RSVP for this event here!](#)

Honors Workshop with Academic Excellence Committee

November 3rd from 3:00-5:30pm in Institute Hall Room 1140

Academic Excellence Committee is hosting this Honors Workshop event to provide an overview of the Program requirements, processes, and paths to completion. Join members of Honors Council's Academic Excellence Committee to ask questions about earning Complementary Learning and Honors Points, submitting and completing an Honors options, utilizing your \$500 grant, and any other questions you may have.

11/3 Honors Workshop Event with AEC

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11/19 Giving Tuesday Hunger Project

The Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement is inviting students in the Honors Program to their seventh annual Giving Tuesday's Hunger Project, happening Tuesday, November 19th, 11 a.m. -3 p.m. in RIT's Gordon Field House & Activities Center. This year students will be packaging 30,000 meals for the RIT and Rochester community!

For this special event the CLCE partners with US Hunger, an organization committed to providing healthy meals to those in need domestically and globally. At this high energy event students and community members will assemble meals in teams with music blasting, lentils flying, and cow bells ringing (and yes there are even orange hair nets involved)! Check out [the video of one of our past Hunger Projects](#).

When registering - **Please be sure to include "Honors" in the section that asks: "Are you affiliated with an RIT Group? If so who!"** - We want to make sure our group is well represented.

Volunteering for this event is approved for complementary learning!

November 19th from 11:00 am -3:00pm
Gordon Field House
[RSVP for this event here!](#)

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Leadership in the 21st Century - A Conversation with Rochester Mayor Malik Evans

Would you like to meet with Rochester Mayor Malik Evans to discuss his approach to leadership in the 21st century. What led the mayor to this role? What are the challenges and opportunities Mayor Evans sees for Rochester? What initiatives is the city undertaking to address pressing issues like poverty, crime, and under-employment while championing our best qualities in the arts, culture, and our long history as part of the social and racial justice movements?

We are looking for 10-12 students who will prepare for the meeting by doing some preparatory reading and attending a planning meeting prior to our time with Mayor Evans to discuss what issues are most important to you and what you would like to get out of the exchange.

Please fill out this form to pre-register for the event. We are still working out the details for date and time and will reach out to students who complete the form as soon as plans are finalized.

[Pre-register for this event here!](#)

OFFICE UPDATES

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Brazil trip reminders

The deadline to apply for the Honors Study Abroad trip, *Activism and Social Movements in Brazil* is **Sun. October 20th**. Please review the [budget worksheet](#) which provides the tuition costs and fees as well as the estimated costs for airfare and other out of pocket expenses. Please remember, the Honors Program provides \$1,500 to students who participate in the trip, and students can elect to use any portion of their \$500 grant to offset costs as well.

The course in support of the trip will meet in the spring '25 semester and will meet once a week. Students will be in Brazil from May 12-21.

Please contact the Honors office or RIT Global / Study Abroad with any questions.

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Spring Honors Courses to look out for!

Spring Honors Courses

Please see below some spring '25 Honors courses that you may be of interest as you build your schedule for the next semester and think about your plan for earning points. We will collect these and all the Honors courses in a single document as more courses are made public and will post that on our website and will share it here as well.

CLA-HIST-330H: Deafness and Technology
GCCIS-CSCI-420H: Principles of Data Mining
HNRS295: Civic Engagement & Resistance in Brazil

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Honors Research and Creativity Symposium

Submit your Intent to Present

Submit your intent to present and abstract: Honors Research and Creativity Symposium

Please follow the link below to indicate your intent to present at the 2024 Research & Creativity Symposium which takes place on Saturday, December 7 from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm in the SHED rooms 3300 and 3350.

Please review the information below before submitting:

- **Completing the Intent to Present now includes a section for a brief abstract** (rather than collecting that at a later date)
- All research presentations will be in the form of a poster presentation / presentation of artwork - there are no lecture style presentations this year
- The Honors office will support students in the printing of posters up until Sun. Nov 17
- You can use your Honors grant to pay for the cost of printing
- Creative presentations can be in the form of a poster, or depending on the project and logistics can present the artwork itself (a painting, sculpture, media presentation, etc.)
- Each presenter will have approximately 25-30 minutes to present
- Students can present independently or with a student or faculty co-presenter (can be a non-Honors student)
- Presentations at the R&CS fulfill the presentation requirement for an Honors Option
- The R&CS will be open to the RIT community

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[Submit your intent / abstract here!](#)

Program Reminders, Updates, and Tips

Submitting for Honors Points:

- If you are unsure whether an experience will be approved for Honors Points please contact the Honors office *before* taking part in the activity / experience. This is especially important when fulfilling your *Honors in the Discipline* requirement.
- It is your responsibility to submit for Honors Points for all experiences **EXCEPT** for Honors classes (classes that have the "H" attribute on your schedule).
- Students should submit for Honors Points as soon as the activity or experience has been completed.
- When submitting for points, please provide as much information as possible to help us streamline the processing of your submission.
- Verification emails are sent to faculty, advisors, co-op / internship supervisors / and Honors Advocates to approve your activity.
- Points awarded are equal to credits **EXCEPT** for the following types of activities:
 - **Faculty Sponsored Research** - Points are awarded based on the time that you commit to the project:
 - 60 hours earns 1 point
 - 120 hours earns 2 points
 - 180 hours earns 3 points
 - **Non-Required Co-Op / Internships and Non-required Study Abroad or Study Away**- Points are awarded based on the number of weeks you commit:
 - 1–3 full weeks of full-time work earns 1 point
 - 4–9 full weeks of full-time work earns 2 points
 - 10 full weeks or more of full-time work earns 3 points
 - **Competitive Fellowships and Awards** - One point is earned by completing an application for an eligible international fellowship through RIT Global; eligible programs include the Marshall, Mitchell, Rhodes, Schwarzman, Churchill, and Fulbright (full, not summer). .
 - At most 1 point, total

As always, check the [Honors Handbook](#) for additional information and connect with the Honors office with specific questions.

Complementary Learning

Keep track of new events and opportunities on our Complementary Learning Webpage: [Complementary Learning | Honors Program | RIT](#).

On campus opportunities:

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Tora-Con 2025 is seeking leaders for their team! Taking on any one of these roles with Tora-Con to help organize and coordinate this annual event are approved for Complementary Learning!

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Instagram: tora.con Twitter (X): toracon Facebook: Tora-Con Youtube: ToraCon

Staff server:



<https://discord.gg/gkKWjgE895>



JOIN OUR STAFF FOR TORA-CON 2025

PRESENTED BY THE RIT ANIME CLUB

Revenue

Handles the Gordon Field House including registration and Dealer's Room (Vendors & Artists) TBD (Come to Friday Meetings)

Media

Handles social media presence, promotions, art, and merch
MON • 7 PM • GOS 2305

Operations

Handles logistics: Food trucks, rooms, equipment, and working with FMS and Volunteers.
TUES • 7 PM • GOS 2305

Events

Handles organizing and planning events for the con, which may include panels, contests, and guests/club events.
WED • 8 PM • GOS 1305

Learn more during
General meetings on:

Fridays • 7 PM • Gosnell A300

MARCH 22-23

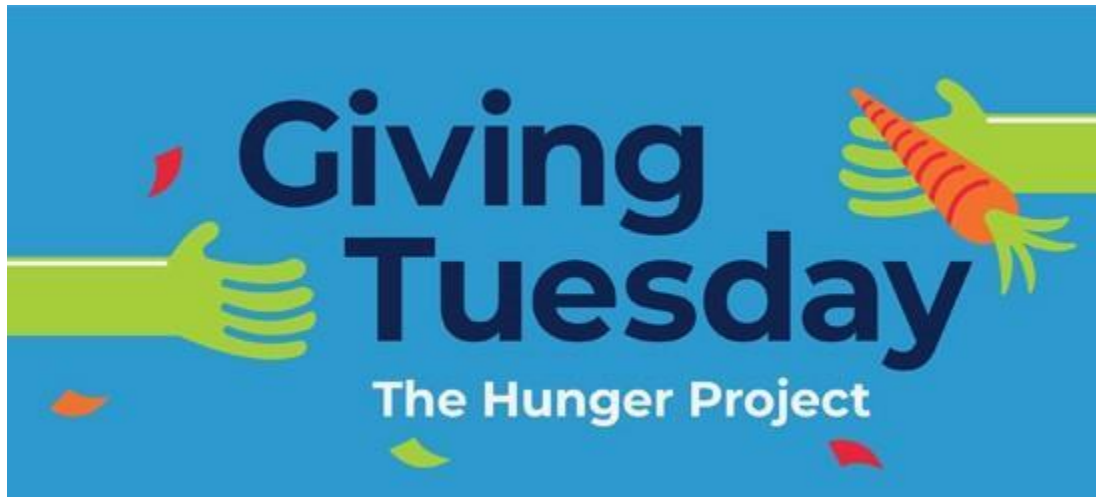
WHAT IS TORA-CON?

Tora-Con is an annual two day convention in Rochester, New York celebrating anime, cosplay, and nerd culture in general. Come help run a full weekend of guests, performances, anime-themed events, games, and convention fun!

Visit us at www.toracon.org

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[Registration Link](#)



Giving Tuesday: Hunger Project - see upcoming events section above

Off Campus Opportunities

Like working with kids? Here are a few opportunities that might be a great fit!



The Rochester Children's Book Festival

11/2 - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Monroe Community College

"The Rochester Children's Book Festival is an incredible coming together of creative minds and book lovers alike. Being a volunteer with the festival means being a part of it all...interacting with both the authors and illustrators who bring the words to life, and with those who love and appreciate their creations. Seeing the excitement on the faces of children and adults alike as you help them experience the festival makes it all so worthwhile." -Stephanie Stussman, a volunteer coordinator.

Help out with greeting, supporting the authors and organizers, reading to kids, helping in the craft room, providing tech support, and more! Visit: [Volunteer for the Rochester Children's Book Festival](#) for more info and to sign up.

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Generation 2 (G2) at the Strong Museum of Play
Ongoing October - May
Rochester-area elementary schools

If you have a passion for play and two hours per week to give, please join us as a G2 volunteer! Volunteers commit to one play session at the same time each week and work with the same three children from early October through May. Play sessions happen at Rochester-area elementary schools and are supervised by a trained site coordinator. All volunteers undergo a background check, and The Strong Museum provides toys, games, and playthings for the sessions, along with trainings in child-directed play. All you need to bring is an open mind and a love for play!

Learn more and sign up: [Volunteer with G2!](#)

"You don't get what you wish for. You get what you work for." - *Daniel Milstein*