

# RIT | Honors Program



Since 2022 RIT has facilitated a day of events and forums that invite all members of the community engage in intentional and honest dialogues about race, ethnicity, and racism. It is a day when students, faculty, staff, and alumni can share their work, passions, ideas, critiques, initiatives, performances, and artistic projects with the RIT community through sessions held in spaces across campus.

This year's theme, **Deaf Culture, Disability and Neurodiversity** invites members of the RIT community to learn together and investigate historical narratives and practices that often ignore or devalue the importance of access. Together RIT creates a space to ask questions, empathize, build solidarity, and give recognition to our coexistence as creators, learners, scholars and peers. The day is an opportunity to highlight the positive contributions, joy and pride that all kinds of doers, communicators and learners experience. Having a diverse student body and workforce made up of a large Deaf community, neurodivergent individuals and people with disabilities is something that we need to better leverage and understand.

Visit [Together RIT: A Day of Dialogue](#) to learn about the day's events, find ways to connect and engage in the discussion, and register. Registration is open until Wednesday, October 16 at 12:00pm. Register at this link: [Day of Dialogue](#)

**All of the Day of Dialogue events count for Complementary Learning!**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### The Meaning of Service Reading and Discussion Group

The first meeting will be during the 10/11/24 Honors Hour, from 11:30am - 12:30pm in SLC - Room 1325



## 10/11 Honors Hour: The Meaning of Service

Assistant director Garth Freeman will be facilitating a discussion based on the Langston Hughes poem, "[Theme for English B](#)" to generate a dialogue focused on what it means to be an active and contributing member of society and culture. This piece introduces ideas about what it means to be an American, how we are socialized in our beliefs and actions, and ways in which we embody and transcend labels and stereotypes.

This event will take place during the 10/11 Honors Hour, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm in HAC 1325. We welcome students from all majors and backgrounds to take part in the discussion - this is a low-stakes open dialogue - **no prior knowledge of the author or piece are required**. Copies of the poem will be available at the event. And of course, there will be pizza! **This counts for**

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## Complementary Learning!

This is the first in a series of sessions that will use poems, excerpts of longer texts, and other media to discuss civic engagement, involvement in one's community, and how to develop an ethic of service. Keep an eye out for future events.

**October 11th - 11:30am - 12:30pm**  
**Hale Andrews Student Life Center - 1325 Classroom**  
[RSVP for this event here!](#)



## 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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<b>10/25 Hockey Night: Pick up your tickets!</b>	<b>2024 Honors Hockey Night #2! 11/1 Women's Hockey vs RMU</b>
Registered Honors Students can pick up tickets for the October 25th Men's Hockey Game anytime the box office is open, or the night of the event - be sure to bring ID!	Friday November 1st 6PM Gene Polisseni Center RSVP on Campusgroups!
	

## 10/25 Honors Men's Hockey Night!

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!

October 25th at 7:05pm  
Gene Polisseni Center  
This event registration is already full.

## 11/1 Honors Women's Hockey Night: RSVP Today!

Join us for another wild game of RIT Hockey - this time the women's team - to cheer on our Tigers against RMU with your fellow Honors Students. Use the link below to express your interest.

November 1st at 6:00pm  
Gene Polisseni Center  
[RSVP for the event here!](#)

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## 10/27 Save the Date! 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?

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



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## 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.

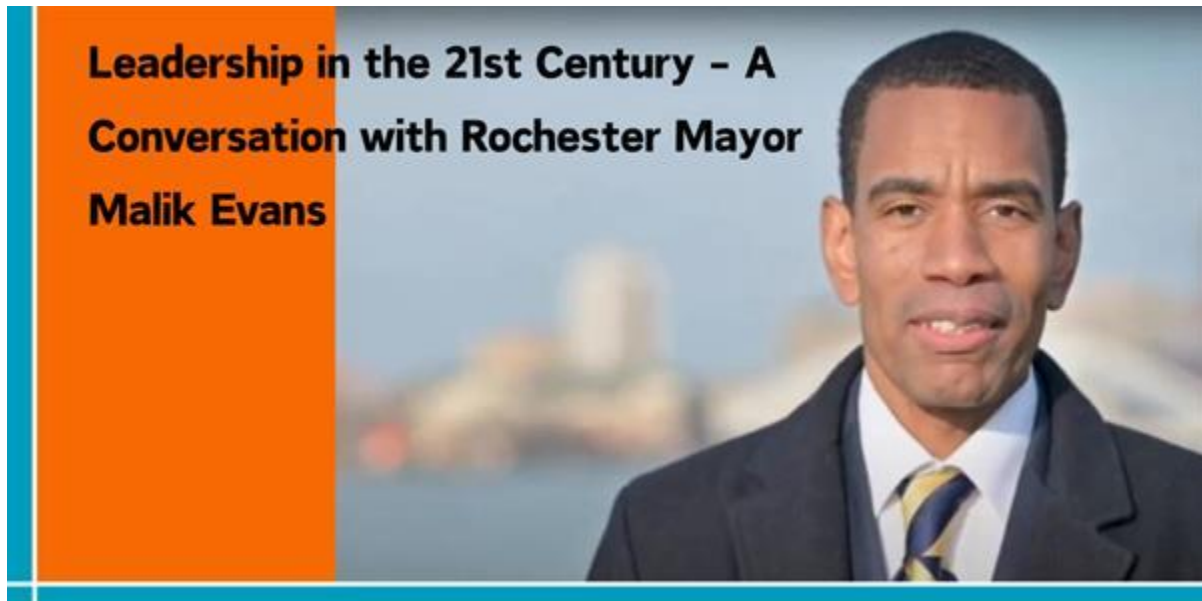
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## Coming Soon: Leadership in the 21st Century - A Conversation with Rochester Mayor Malik Evans

The Honors office is working to set up a meeting with Rochester Mayor Malik Evans to facilitate a dialogue around 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 initial research and 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.

We will reach out to respondents to [this interest form](#) with a registration link when details are finalized. The registration link will be shared with this group initially and will be shared with the entire Honors community if spots are still available.

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## 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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## Voter Engagement Resources

Are you registered to vote? Depending on your legal residency, there is still time to register! RIT's Roar the Vote has resources and information that will help you register, provide guidance around absentee ballots (they have stamps!) and can answer any other election related questions. Roar the Vote also has ongoing volunteer and leadership opportunities beyond this election season that count for Complementary Learning. Follow this link election resources and information: [Roar the Vote Information](#)

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## Spring Honors Courses to look out for!

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### **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: 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:

- Presentation abstracts will be due on Sunday, Nov. 10 at 11:59 PM
- 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
- Presentations at the R&CS fulfill the presentation requirement for an Honors Option
- The R&CS will be open to the RIT community

[Submit your intent here!](#)

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## **We are no longer accepting applications for the two positions in the Honors office**

We appreciate those who applied to the Office Assistant and Media and Marketing Coordinator positions in the office. We'll be conducting interviews this week and look forward to hiring two new employees in the coming weeks! Thank you!

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## **Program Reminders, Updates, and Tips**

### **This week's topic: Honors Grants**

Every Honors student has access to \$500 to support travel, professional development or to support activities that earn Honors Points. Please contact the office before taking part in your experience or expensing items you want to use the funds for - we will guide you in this process.

Allowable expenses associated with participation in professional development travel, and honors-related travel:

- Professional conference registration
- Travel for study abroad
- Travel for professional development conferences
- Travel with the Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement,
- Travel as part of an honors college-cohort

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Allowable expenses leading to honors points:

- Materials for honors courses or options (not standard course-related costs)
- Materials for research (i.e., not part of a class)
- Honors Grant money may be used to purchase supplies for extracurricular faculty-mentored research and honors options, but any items that are not consumed by the research become the property of RIT if they were purchased (in whole or in part) with Honors Grant money. For that reason, any student who applies to use grant money in this way will be required to provide a letter of support from a faculty member in which the faculty member agrees to assume responsibility for any unused supplies that are purchased (in part or in full) with Honors Grant money

Grant funds are paid as a reimbursement to students after submitting receipts to the Honors office. Here's how that works:

- Receipts must be dated and itemized
- RIT cannot reimburse for tax or alcohol on receipts
- You are expected to provide a table that lists the total on each itemized receipt, the tax on each, the amount from alcohol on each, a net total of allowable expense (tax and alcohol subtracted from each receipt's total), and a net total

Honors Grant money **may not** be used

- To cover standard college-related costs such as tuition, books, materials, online subscriptions, kits, or tools
- To cover living expenses such as rent, food, or fuel
- For events that happen after a student's graduation, even if expenditures are incurred before graduation.
- To subsidize others' activities (e.g., treating a friend to coffee at a conference)
- To pay tuition at another university

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## Complementary Learning

Keep track of new events and opportunities on our Complementary Learning

Webpage: [Complementary Learning | Honors Program | RIT](#).

### **On campus opportunities:**

**10/25 - Day of Dialogue** is seeking volunteers to help run the day's events. Follow this link to sign up to help out with set up, registration, check-in, and to provide logistical support for the presenters: [Day of Dialogue Volunteer Sign Up](#)

**Sustainable Campus Initiatives** - Get involved with the work of RIT's Sustainable Campus projects which include Goodbye, Goodbuy!, RIT FoodShare Center, Zero Waste Arena at Gene Polisseni Center, and the Into the Roc programming organized by the CLCE. Visit [Sustainable Campus](#) to learn more.



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## Off Campus Opportunities:

**Ongoing - Volunteer with Metro Justice** Metro Justice a member-driven, grassroots organization dedicated to social, economic, and racial justice in Rochester, N.Y. Join one of their campaign committees to address issues of climate justice, elder care, education, or fair labor policies and economic justice. Visit [Metro Justice](#) to learn more.

**Ongoing - Billion Graves** - In person and virtual opportunities. Billion Graves is the world's largest GPS-linked cemetery data resource. Take photos with the BillionGraves app, each gravestone is automatically marked with a GPS location. The data is then made readily available at BillionGraves.com for free for millions of families around the globe for generations to come. Volunteers can also provide transcription and research services online. Visit [Billion Graves](#) for more information.

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"Make everything as simple as possible, but not simpler." *Albert Einstein*