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What an Adventure!

Nearly 100 Honors students travelled to Niagara Falls and Buffalo this past Sunday to take in the sights and sounds of the Falls and share in cultural experiences designed to build community across all majors and years in school. Students viewed the falls aboard the Maid of the Mist, a boat tour that took the group up the Niagara River at the foot of the wondrous Niagara Gorge. The boat skirted the American Falls and Bridal Veil Falls and then drew within dozens of feet of the majestic Horseshoe Falls. After lunch at the falls, students had the choice of visiting the Buffalo Zoo or the Buffalo AKG Art Museum, and the excursion finished up with a group dinner at the Rainforest Cafe. Thanks to everyone who took part and helped make this event a resounding success!

When asked, what was the best thing about the trip, one student shared, "[The] opportunity to socialize with other Honors students and take a meaningful break from academics." If you attended the trip and have yet to complete our post-event survey please follow this link: [Niagara & Buffalo Trip Post Survey](#) to share your thoughts with the office so we can continually approve our programming and events.

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Meet with Kerrie Holley, Fram Lecturer

A leader in healthcare technology, Holley has driven innovation at Google, Optum, Cisco, and IBM.

Honors Small Group Dialogue with Kerrie Holley, Fram Lecturer

The annual Fram lecture is part of the University's effort to support and promote **critical thinking** among all members of the RIT community. The Applied Critical Thinking (ACT at RIT) initiative states, "**simply knowing is not enough.**" In order to be effective contributors in our local and global communities, individuals need to develop the skills to process information, assess and evaluate it's meaning within the complex and interconnected systems we are a part of, and develop strategies to generate new ideas and knowledge in the ever evolving world in which we live.

This is your chance to connect with one of the world's leaders in the rapidly evolving field of Artificial Intelligence. Sit down with a small group of Honors students to both ask questions and offer your thoughts about this the scientific, economic, social, and cultural impacts and opportunities presented by AI. Spot are limited - Reserve yours today!

September 24th from 1:30-2:30pm
Brooks H. Bower Makerspace: SHED Room 1300
[RSVP for this event here! \(Required\)](#)
This event will count for Complementary Learning

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FALL 2024

GET CAREER FAIR READY!

The annual career fair is a great opportunity to seek an internship/co-op, as well as gain experience talking to potential employers.

09/25/2024

 Gordon Field House
10:00am-4:00pm



Get Career Fair Ready!

RIT is hosting its annual Fall Career Fair next week! In order to support our community, The Honors Office is offering resume printing services from now until the career fair. We will print up to 10 resumes (color available!) per student until next Tuesday the 24th. Please note the following:

1. Please email honors@rit.edu with the subject line "Your Name - Resume Print" BEFORE you arrive at our office.
2. We will print your resumes after you arrive at our front desk. Our office is open from 8:30am-4:30pm Monday through Friday.
3. Ten resumes are printed per student.
4. Our office does not provide resume proof-reading. Please make an appointment with Career Services if you need assistance.

Check out [RIT's official "survival guide"](#) for resources covering:

- What companies will be in attendance
- Resume review resources on Campus
- Elevator Pitch practice sessions and
- What do do before, during, and after the fair!

Fall 2024 Career Fair
September 25th from 10:00am-4:00pm
Gordon Field House

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09/27 Honors Hour: Alternative Break Info Session

On Alternative Break, students spend 5-9 days learning about critical challenges facing communities, interacting with local leaders, and performing short-term projects with community agencies. Join us for the 9/27 Honors Hour to learn more about these opportunities. The Honors Program will provide an additional \$500 grant to Honors Students that elect to go on one of these available trips.

Honors Hour September 27th from 11:30am-12:30pm
Hales-Andrews SLC Room 1325
[RSVP for the Information Session here!](#)
Pizza provided!

Attendance at an information session is required to apply. While we are hosting our own on 9/27, there are additional sessions on [Monday Sept 23rd](#), [Tuesday Sept 24th](#), [Thursday Sept 26th](#) and [Friday Sept 27th](#). Follow their links to learn more.

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9/29 Walking for Rochester: Honors Council Service & Leadership Committee Event

Walking for Rochester is a local organization that works to build a stronger and cleaner community, battling localized pollution caused by litter. Join their efforts with Service and Leadership Committee on September 29th, helping keep our community clean.

September 29th from 3:00-5:00pm

Off-campus: Students will carpool - Please note participation waivers will be required

Follow this [link](#) or the one at the bottom of this email to register

This event will count for 2 hours of Complementary Learning

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A portrait of Jerome Foster II, a Black man with glasses, wearing a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, and a blue tie. He is smiling and looking slightly to the right. The background is a blurred green and white.

Meet with Jerome Foster II, Keynote Speaker

A leading voice for Black visibility in climate action, get inspired by Jerome and his work to create positive social and environmental change through art, technology and policy.

Honors Small Group Dialogue with Jerome Foster II, Keynote Speaker

Join fellow Honors students in dialogue with [Jerome Foster II](#), an environmental justice activist, social entrepreneur, and renowned public speaker. Jerome is one of the major organizers of the [Fridays for Future](#) and has been a leading voice for Black visibility in climate activism. Foster made history in March, 2021 becoming the youngest-ever White House Advisor, appointed to the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council following 80 weeks of weekly climate strikes in front of the White House and leading the [OneMillionOfUs](#) initiative registering one million young people to vote.

October 1st from 11:00am-12:00pm
SAU Room 2510 (Mosaic Room)

[RSVP for this event here! \(Required\)](#)

This event will count for Complementary Learning

Foster's University-wide lecture, *The Nature of Change* will take place after the Honors dialogue from 12:30 - 1:45 in the Ingle Auditorium with a Q & A led by Honors program alum Myren Bobryk-Ozaki. Attending this event will also count for complementary learning (see below).

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The Meaning of Service: Reading & Discussion Project

With direction from Humanities NY, Honors program Assistant Director Garth Freeman will be leading a series of reading and discussion sessions meant to engage students in dialogue around what it means to serve. This text-based discussion forum will use selections of poems and excerpts from larger works taken from [The Civically Engaged Reader](#) to generate dialogues about our roles and responsibilities as citizens and members of our local, regional, and global communities. These sessions will activate ideas about how we can individually and collectively address social challenges and work towards positive change in our personal and professional lives. These one-hour sessions will count towards Complementary Learning. **Dates and additional details to be shared next week.**

Complementary Learning

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

New Complementary Learning Opportunities:

[Honors Small Group Dialogue: Kerrie Holley, Fram Lecturer](#) (Details above)

[Fram Signature Event](#) - Critical Thinking: Is AI Nothing More than Machine Learning or Existential Threat? with Kerrie Holley - Ingle Auditorium (SAU) - September 24, 3:30 - 5:00 pm

[Honors Small Group Dialogue: Jerome Foster, Keynote Speaker](#)

[The Nature of Change](#) - Jerome Foster II Lecture and Q & A

[Walking for Rochester with SLC on Sept 29th](#) (details above)

Call for Volunteers: Thought at Work (On Campus) October 4th-5th

TAW connects design students to industry professionals through their annual fall speaker

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conference. They are seeking volunteers to help during prep week (packing welcome bags, folding pamphlets, making decorations) as well as for during the conference (assisting check-in, info-tables, and guiding attendees). Volunteers will receive free entry to the entire conference and will have full access to all speaker talks, panels, and networking events. Their first volunteer interest meeting is on Friday Sept 20th from 4-5pm in Booth 46212. [Sign up using this form!](#)

Call for Volunteers: Brick City Homecoming and Family Weekend (On Campus) October 18-19

Join your fellow tigers in welcoming families and friends for this annual campus-wide tradition. Shifts are available at the information booth, driving guests in golf carts (valid driver's license and brief training required), and at the fun night. Follow this link to sign up: [Brick City volunteer registration](#).

Volunteer in the City of Rochester - Flower City Pickers - Ongoing

Flower City Pickers' mission is to support the local community with free food through the recovery and redistribution of safe but otherwise landfill-bound food. By enriching other hunger relief agencies and local farms, Flower City Pickers strives to establish and grow a platform for waste prevention and civic engagement. Since our start, we have recovered and redistributed one million pounds of food, keeping it in our neighbors' hands and bellies instead of the landfill.

Volunteers meet at the Rochester Public Market Saturdays between 2:30 - 4:00 pm to collect unsold food from the vendors that would otherwise be thrown away. These items are packaged and are then distributed to local agencies that directly serve the people in our community that can benefit from these donations. Follow this link for more information and to sign up: [Volunteer with Flower City Pickers](#).

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit." - *Aristotle*