

RIT Honors Program Newsletter

November 13th, 2024



It's class registration week! We hope your early registration benefit is helping you get the classes you want and is providing you with some peace of mind through the selection process.

Remember when creating your schedule for the spring that **all Honors students are required to earn at least one honors point per year**. Take some time to think about how many points you need to continue working towards the completion of your requirements - and how you are going to earn those points. Check out the [Honors courses](#) being offered this spring, review the guidelines for submitting an [Honors Options](#), or refer to the [Honors handbook](#) for the full list and details regarding earning points.

If you have questions about your progress through the program or want support in mapping out a completion plan please reach out to honors@rit.edu and we'll set up a meeting!

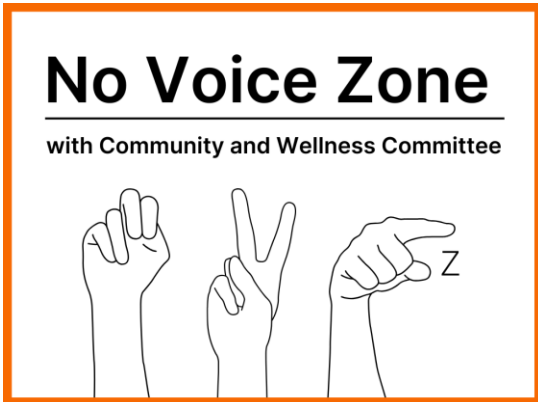
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UPCOMING EVENTS



11/14 No Voice Zone with Community and Wellness Committee

Join committee members and NVZ facilitators to help you learn American Sign Language. NVC is a student run program that hosts weekly sessions to support our community in learning American Sign Language.

November 14 from 8:00-9:00pm in HAC room 1320/1325. This is a Comp Learning Opportunity

[RSVP on Campusgroups!](#)



11/15 Study Session With AEC

AEC will be hosting monthly study sessions where we provide a place for Honors students to study for any of their classes. Join us for the next session on November 15th!

**November 15 from 4:00-5:00pm
Honors Office (GV 2000-400)**

[RSVP on Campusgroups!](#)



11/18 Honors Council Meeting

Mark your calendar November 18th and join Honors Council, a student-led organization that coordinates Honors Program activities. Meetings are held every other Monday from 5:00-6:00pm. Location varies, so check Campusgroups or the RIT Honors website for updates.

Students attending Honors Council meetings receive a 1/2 hour of complementary learning!

**November 18 from 5:00-6:00pm
Bamboo Room (CPC 2650)**

[RSVP on Campusgroups!](#)



11/21 Meaning of Service Discussion - "The Lamb and the Pinecone"

At this session we will use Pablo Neruda's prose piece, "The Lamb and the Pinecone" to structure our discussion. The piece evokes concepts of childhood wonder, gift-giving and sharing, and the reciprocal nature of goodwill. This event is made possible with support from [Humanities NY](#). Pizza will be provided!

Thursday, November 21 from 4:30-5:30pm
SAU 1510 (1829 Room)

[RSVP on Campusgroups!](#)



11/22 Rage Room With AEC

Join Honors Council Academic Excellence Committee at iSMASH and release your finals season tension in a Rage Room with your fellow Honors Students! The cost is \$10 per student for an hour in the smash room, pizza and drinks!

November 22 from 6:30-8:00pm
iSmash Rochester - 1225 Jefferson Rd Suite 24,
Rochester, NY 14623

[RSVP \(Required\) on Campusgroups!](#)



12/3 Leadership in the 21st Century - A Conversation with Rochester Mayor Malik Evans

The Honors office has 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?

December 3 from 4:00-5:00pm at Rochester City Hall:
30 Church St, Rochester NY 14614. This is a Comp Learning Opportunity.

[Learn more and RSVP here!](#)

OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES & OPPORTUNITIES

Honors Research and Creativity Symposium

December 7 | 9:00am - 12:00 Noon

Please mark your calendars for the 2024 Honors Research and Creativity Symposium which will take place on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm in the SHED - Rooms 3300 and 3350.

Attending the Symposium is approved for Complementary Learning (not including your presentation time if presenting).

Research & Creativity Symposium Updates/Reminders

Join your peers and colleagues as they present their research from first-year seminars projects, Honors Options, and faculty mentored research experiences, along with creative projects and works of art. We encourage all Honors students to attend to support their peers and actively engage the presenters.

The deadline to submit a poster is **Friday, November 29**. Posters are being submitted to honors@rit.edu with subject: Symposium Poster_Last Name

Follow this link for information about how to create, format, and print your poster:

[HRACS Poster Guidelines](#)

Visit this link for general information about the event for presenters and attendees:

[HRACS Informational Slides](#)

Questions? Email honors@rit.edu



Lilly Matis
Office Assistant



Tira Heiss
Media & Marketing Coordinator

Welcome New Honors Office Student Workers

Tira Heiss: Media & Marketing Coordinator

Hello! I am a third-year Marketing student pursuing a minor in Psychology. Other campus involvement of outside working in the Honors Office includes serving as the Vice President of Communications of Alpha Sigma Alpha at RIT and an Executive Board member of Chabad at RIT, and active member of both Vis Viva Dance Company and Hip Hop Dance Collective. I enjoy reading, going on nature walks, art, spending time with friends, and all things coffee!

Lily Matis: Office Assistant

Hello! I am a first-year Medical Illustration student in the College of Art and Design. Outside of the Honors Office and my classes, I am involved in Vis Viva Dance Company and the Medical Illustration club! I typically spend my free time reading, doing some kind of art related activity, watching musicals, and listening to music!



Save the Date: Spring 2025 Honors Graduation Reception

For students graduating in the spring - please mark your calendars for the **Honors Graduation Reception** on Thursday, May 8, 2025.



Food Drive - CHST X HSTSA

Items will be collected November 4-22 at the first floor CBET, Clinical Health Sciences Center (East Entrance), and the Honors Office. High need items include:

- Dry goods (cereal, rice, pasta & sauce)
- Canned beans (no green beans!)
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Canned tuna fish
- Ingredients and condiments (spices, sugar, ketchup, etc.)
- Gluten free and Vegan options
- Seafood soups (not ramen), mac & cheese, oatmeal

With Halloween just past, get in the spirit of Thanksgiving and give back to your community! The Honors College of Health Sciences and Health Sciences and Technology Student Association are hosting a fall food drive in support of RIT Foodshare.



ImagineRIT: Updates and Opportunities

Submit a proposal to be an Exhibitor at ImagineRIT

Save the date for ImagineRIT to showcase your hard work and talents on Saturday, April 26, 2025. Current RIT students, faculty and staff are eligible to submit a proposal. RIT Alumni are encouraged to partner with current RIT students, faculty and staff on projects so they may participate in an exhibit, if desired.

[Click this link](#) for more details about dates, deadlines, submission guidelines, and to submit your proposal.

Submit your design! ImagineRIT Poster Design Contest

RIT students of all majors are invited to create a design for

this year's festival poster that captures the spirit of Imagine RIT: Creativity and Innovation Festival. Last year's poster was made by **Jessica Hall**, a member of CAD Honors!

[More details can be found here](#)



Relay For Life At RIT

Save the date for Relay For Life at RIT! Attend the 24-hour event that raises funds for the American Cancer Society to fight cancer, and brings communities together to celebrate cancer survivors and remember loved ones. Join the relay or donate in support of the American Cancer Society to reach a goal of \$75,000.

Register with Honors under the "Gibsonites" team and team leader Kaelyn Beeman! This year there will be a \$25 registration fee which gets you admission to the event, limited edition t-shirt, and a Luminaria bag!

[Click here](#) to register and learn more.

April 5-6, 2025 from 6:00pm-6:00am
RIT Gordon Fieldhouse

CHAIRity Auction Call for Artists!

CHAIR SELECTION

-> Pick Your Chair (or use your own!)

Tuesday, November 19, 2024
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Campus Center Lobby

Recreate a one-of-a-kind chair! The chairs will be auctioned off during this year's RIT United Way Campaign. All proceeds are directed to a United Way agency selected by each artist.

Deadline for Completed Chairs
Monday, February 24, 2025

Link to chair pick-up form:



Questions? Contact
Lia Giasi | lrshtm@rit.edu
Wendy Hagele-Stapf | wmsiao@rit.edu

RIT Division of
Government and Community Relations

CHAIRity Auction

Sign up to decorate a chair for CHAIRity! Support the United Way through this unique and creative fundraiser. Design your own chair that will be auctioned off during the annual United Way campaign this spring.

[Click here](#) to sign up to pick up your chair. Deadline to submit completed chairs is Monday, Feb. 24, 2025

Time spent creating your chair can be submitted for complementary learning.

Questions? Contact [Lia Giasi](#) or [Wendy Hagele-Stapf](#)

COMPLEMENTARY LEARNING

For a full list of events and activities that are approved for Complementary Learning visit [Complementary Learning | Honors Program | RIT](#)



Giving Tuesday, traditionally held on the Tuesday following Black Friday, encourages people to volunteer and give back to their community. RIT's Center for Leadership & Civic Engagement has selected [Feeding Children Everywhere](#), a Florida-based organization, to help bring healthy meals to those in need.

11/19 Giving Tuesday: The Hunger Project

Rochester Institute of Technology students are encouraged to volunteer to prepare 20,000 healthy meals for the community during the Giving Tuesday Hunger Project.

Once packaged, 2,000 meals will be donated to RIT's FoodShare program, directly benefiting members of the RIT community. The additional 18,000 meals will be donated to Foodlink in Rochester.

Music will be booming as the students prepare the packaged meals of red lentil jambalaya, which includes lentils, white rice, dehydrated vegetables and pink Himalayan salt.

When registering please make sure you indicate that you are a part of the Honors Program!

Tuesday, Nov 9 from 11:00am-3:00pm
RIT Gordon Fieldhouse
[RSVP for this event here!](#)



11/15-11/16 Rochester Maker Faire & Student STEAM Fest

Sign up to assist young people and the general public with enjoying the STEAM education activities at the event under the guidance of Maker Faire staff!

Click [this link](#) for more volunteer information.

November 15-16, times vary
RIT Gordon Field House



2025 SnowFest Volunteers

RIT Cosplay Troupe runs a 100% student-led cosplay convention and is looking for student volunteers to help run the event. Tasks may include checking badges, checking in with panelists, working with special guests, and helping with artists in the 'merch market'. Applications to volunteer are open until January 1, 2025.

Links for more information:

[SnowFest website](#)

[Volunteer application page](#)

January 25, 2025 from 9:00am-10:00pm
RIT SAU and Campus Center

"Be present in all things and thankful for all things" - *Maya Angelou*