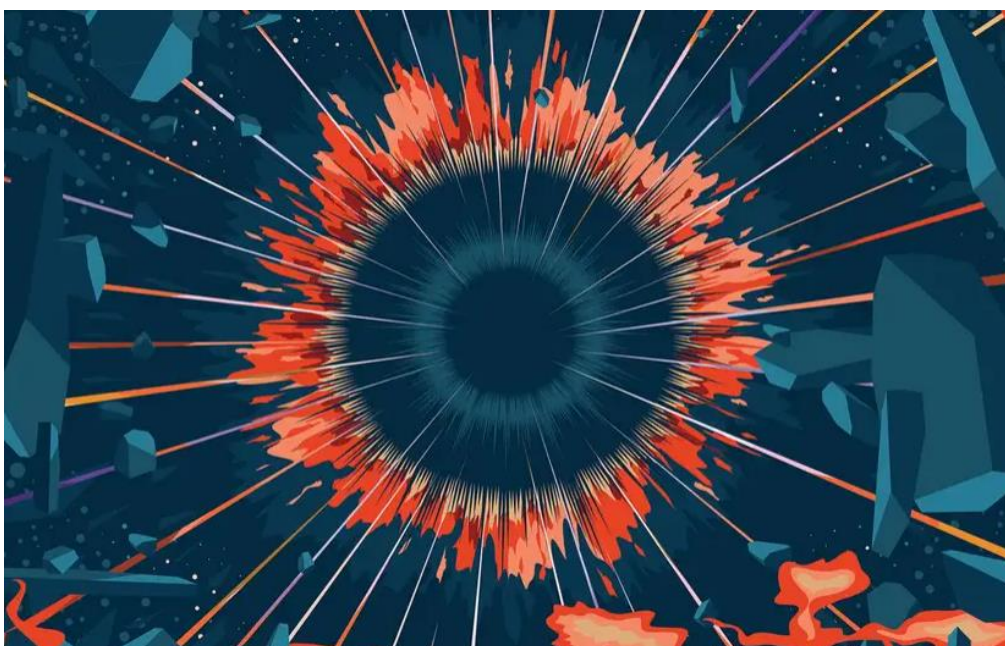


RIT Honors Program Weekly Newsletter

November 20th, 2024



It's week 13 at RIT and the universe carries on! Check out [this article](#) highlighting research out of Colgate University that provides evidence for a second, "dark big bang" that took place shortly after the birth of the universe. This research is uncovering more information and data that may help to explain the origins and nature of dark matter.

And check out our earthly opportunities and updates below that will help you stay on track with your Honors requirements, find ways to engage with your peers and colleagues in the program, and continue to build your networks and connections on and off campus.

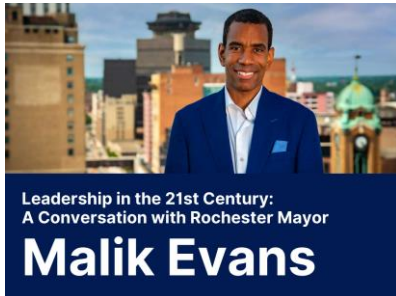
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UPCOMING EVENTS



Event Highlight: 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? Join a small group of Honors students in dialogue with the mayor to learn about what it means to lead in these dynamic times.

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!**](#)



Attendees will receive a **FREE** copy of the book, The Civically Engaged Reader which includes this piece and many others that help us think about and reflect on what it means to serve others.

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

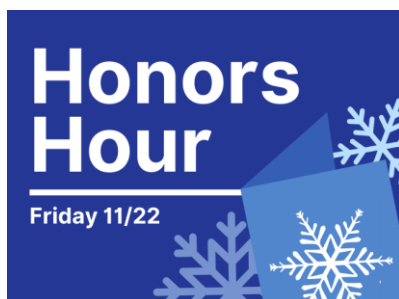
Join fellow Honors students in a discussion on service and civic engagement that will use Pablo Neruda's "The Lamb and the Pinecone." This piece evokes concepts of childhood wonder, gift-giving and sharing, and the reciprocal nature of good will. This event is made possible with support from [Humanities NY](#).

Pizza will be provided!

This event is approved for Complementary Learning!

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

RSVP on Campusgroups!



11/22 Honors Hour

'Tis the season of giving! Join your Honors friends to make holiday cards for hospitalized youth. Your hour of service will go a long way in helping to make a young person's life a little brighter this time of year.

Pizza will be provided!

This event is approved for Complementary Learning!

Friday, November 22 from 11:30am-12:30pm
SAU 1510 (1829 Room)

RSVP on CampusGroups



11/22 + 11/23 CWC X Lambda Alpha Upsilon / Latino America Unida

Join Honors Council's Community & Wellness committee as they partner with Lambda Alpha Upsilon on Friday 11/22 from Noon to 4pm outside the SAU to collect donations for Thanksgiving meals. Students donating will have the chance to throw a pie in a fraternity member's face!

LAU is also also picking up and delivering dinner boxes for Thanksgiving on Saturday 11/23. Sign up below to support the effort!

Students who help out with the on-campus portion for at least a 1/2 hour can submit for complementary learning. Volunteering for a shift below is approved for complementary learning as well.

Fill out this Signup Genius to participate!

OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES & OPPORTUNITIES



The 2024 Honors Research and Creativity Symposium

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

will take place on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 am - 12:00 pm in the SHED - Rooms 3300 and 3350.

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



attend to support their peers and actively engage the presenters.

The deadline to submit your poster design is Friday, November 29

Submit posters to: honors@rit.edu with subject: Symposium Poster_Last Name

HRACS Poster Guidelines

HRACS Informational Slides

Questions? Email honors@rit.edu

Call for Mentors for spring '25 Internal Admit Orientation and fall '25 Orientation

We are seeking mentors for our spring '25 internal admit orientation and for the fall '25 orientation.

Mentors play a key role in the onboarding of our newest members to the program by helping establish a strong foundation in our policies, procedures, and guidelines, while building a network of support and guidance for the entirety

Please follow the link below for more information and to complete an interest form.

Honors Orientation Mentor Interest

Form



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.

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



Save the Date: Spring 2025 Honors Graduation Reception

Mark your calendars - The Spring Honors Graduation Reception will take place the afternoon of Thursday, May 8, 2025.



Ovation: RIT Performing Arts Showcase Registration

Registration for RIT's 2025 Performing Arts Showcase is open! The showcase is open to all RIT students who enjoy dance, music, theatre, comedy, juggling, and more. Prize money will be awarded to the top two performances of the showcase. First place will receive \$1,000 and second place will receive \$500.

Registration forms must be submitted by the **deadline of November 22, 2024**, via

Honors Student and Electrical Engineering major Gavin Palmer was a co-winner of the 2024 Ovation Performing Arts showcase, performing a cello duet rendition of "[Smooth](#)"

Criminal" by Michael Jackson.

the RIT Performing Arts Department [CampusGroups](#) page.

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

Questions? Email Debbie Kiel, at dlkgri@rit.edu.

**Event takes place February 7, 2025 from 6:00-8:00pm
Ingle Auditorium (SAU)**



Last year's Imagine RIT poster (shown) was made by **Jessica Hall**, a member of CAD Honors! 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.

ImagineRIT: Updates and Opportunities

Submit a proposal to be an Exhibitor at ImagineRIT

Over 40 RIT Honors students presented at Imagine RIT last year! If you have a project to share with the community please consider submitting a proposal for this year's event on Saturday, April 26, 2025. Current RIT students, faculty and staff are eligible to submit.

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

Submit your design! ImagineRIT Poster Design Contest

[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!

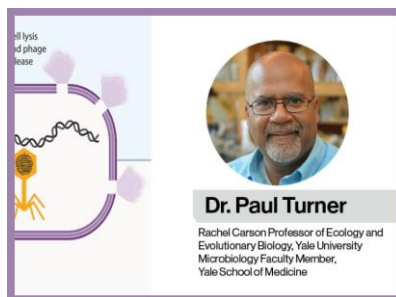
This year there will be a \$25 registration fee which gets you admission to the event, limited edition t-shirt, and a Luminaria bag!

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

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

COMPLEMENTARY LEARNING

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



COS Speaker Talk

Join Dr. Paul Turner's Distinguished Speaker Talk: Developing phage therapy against antimicrobial resistant bacterial infections. Find more at [this link!](#)

November 22nd from 1:00pm-1:50pm
Gosnell Room A300



COLA DEIC Talk

Small Bites, Big Ideas returns to discuss "For Slow Scholarship: A Feminist Politics of Resistance through Collective Action in a Neoliberal University". Find out more at [this link!](#)

**November 22nd from 1:00pm-2:00pm
McKenzie Commons (LBR-1251)**



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**

"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life." - *Melody Beattie*