

11/27 - Honors Weekly Newsletter



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Wishing each of you a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday! We are thankful for the opportunity to support each of you through your Honors experiences at RIT! We hope that over the next few days you are able to spend time with family and friends and find ways to relax and reflect upon what you are grateful for this year.

Please check out the information and updates below to help keep you on track for the last few weeks of the semester.

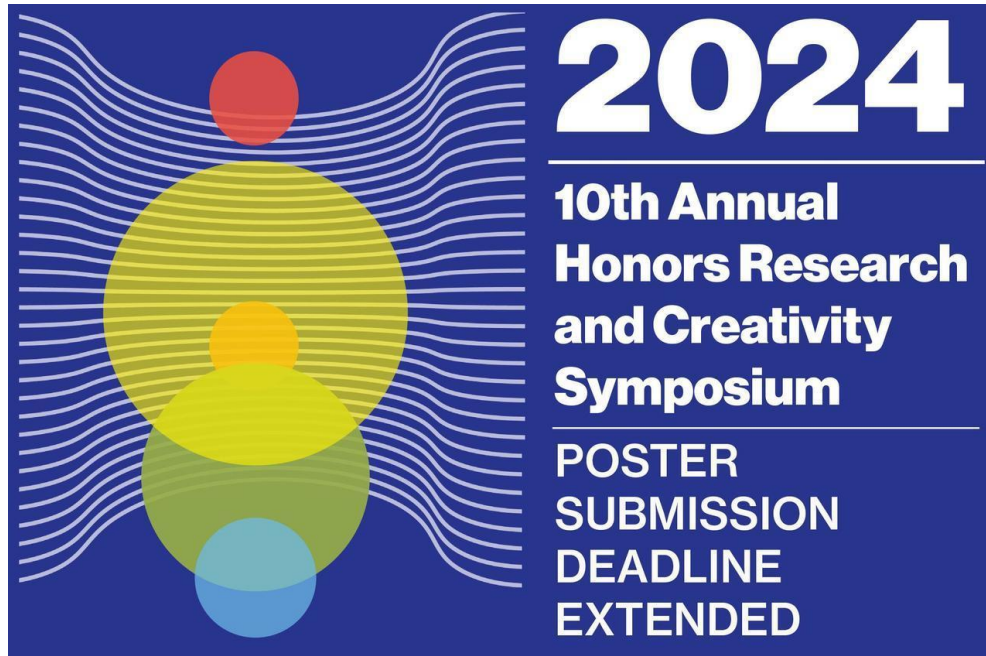
UPCOMING EVENTS

Poster Deadline Extended & Important Updates - Research & Creativity Symposium 12/2 Honors Council Meeting 12/3 Meeting with Rochester Mayor Malik Evans 12/6 Honors Hour 1/20 Let Freedom Ring 1/25 AfterRIT Career Skills Retreat 1/29 Expressions of King's Legacy 3/1 Honors Gala Save the Date

PROGRAM UPDATES & OPPORTUNITIES

Call for Mentors: Internal Admit and Fall 2025 Orientation Save the Date: Spring 2025 Honors Graduation Reception Complementary Learning Opportunities

UPCOMING EVENTS



The Honors Research & Creativity Symposium is under two weeks away! Please review the information and updates below that will ensure a successful event for all participants.

We are extending the submission deadline for posters to Sunday, Dec. 1 at 11:59 PM. This is a hard deadline and we cannot accept submissions after that time. Be sure to follow the [poster guidelines](#) to ensure your poster is in the correct format and is ready in time for the symposium. Submit posters to: honors@rit.edu with subject: Symposium Poster_Last Name

The Symposium will take place from 9:00 - 11:30 am on Saturday, Dec. 7 in the SHED room 3300. **All presenters should arrive at 9:00 am** for a welcome and introduction of the day's schedule and agenda. We will have everyone's posters labeled and ready to hang when you arrive. There will be four groups of presentations each lasting 25 minutes with 10 minutes of transition between each group.

We expect students to stay throughout the symposium to ask questions and contribute to the exchange of ideas at each of the posters. **Students will receive complementary learning** for their time at the event spent engaging other presenters.

We will have refreshments throughout the event. The symposium is open to all - bring a friend, invite your family members and spend the morning with the Honors community!

Questions? Email honors@rit.edu



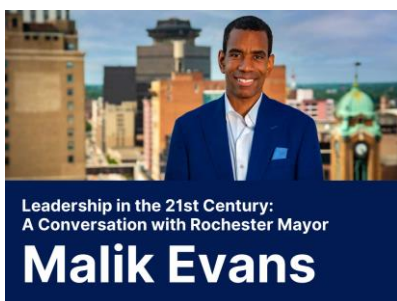
12/2 Honors Council Meeting

Join Honors Council for the final meeting of the semester! This will be a celebratory meeting with snacks. The agenda will include information about delegate elections and the Honors Gala that will take place in the spring semester.

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

**December 2 from 5:00-6:00pm
Bamboo Room (CPC 2650)**

RSVP on Campusgroups!



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

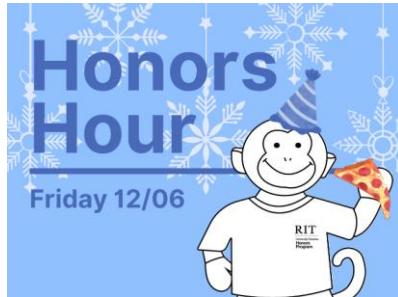
Limited seats available!

The Honors office has set up a meeting with **Rochester Mayor Malik Evans** to facilitate a dialogue around leadership in the 21st century. Join a small group of Honors students in dialogue with the mayor to learn about what it means to lead in these dynamic and challenging times.

**December 3 from 4:00-5:00pm at
Rochester City Hall: 30 Church St,
Rochester NY 14614.**

This is a Complementary Learning Opportunity.

[Learn more and RSVP here!](#)



12/6 Honors Hour

Ready for Winter Break? Rejoice with an end-of-the-semester celebration for the final Honors Hour of semester and join fellow Honors students for games, a good time, and as always, pizza!

Friday December 6 from 11:30am-12:30pm
SAU 1510 (1829 Room)

[RSVP on Campusgroups!](#)



1/20 Let Freedom Ring

The RIT community is invited to the 8th annual Let Freedom Ring program commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This year's keynote speaker is Irshad Altheimer, the Ellen M. Granberg Endowed Professor and professor of criminal justice and the Director of the Center for Public Safety Initiatives (CPSI).

This event is an approved complementary learning opportunity.

January 20
Keynote Address from 10:30-11:30am in Ingle Auditorium
Reception from 11:30am-1:00pm in Fireside Lounge

[Learn more and register here!](#)



1/25 AfterRIT Career Skills Retreat

This event is only open COS and CHST students graduating in 2024-2025.

Graduating students have an opportunity to participate in a free, all-day retreat to learn career and life skills, networking strategies, and more valuable lessons for life after college through various workshops. The keynote speaker for the event, hosted by the COS Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Department will be Dr. Amie Sankoh. Meals will be provided and students who register before December 1 receive an RIT padfolio!

Registration is required.

**January 25 from 9:00am-7:00pm
Thomas Gosnell Hall (various rooms)**

[Learn more and register here!](#)



1/29 Expressions of King's Legacy with Deborah Archer

Expressions of King's Legacy programming has been dedicated to celebrating the life and impact of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This year, the keynote speaker is the eighth President of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Deborah Archer. Her talks explore the intersection of race, civil liberties, and the law - challenging audiences to confront America's legacy of racism and injustice.

**Wednesday January 29 from 12:00-2:00pm
RIT Gordon Field House**

[Learn more and register here!](#)



Honors Gala Save the Date

Save the date for the annual Winter Honors Gala on March 1, 2025. More details to come soon!

OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES & OPPORTUNITIES



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](#)



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.

COMPLEMENTARY LEARNING

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

The events listed below are approved by the Honors Office for complementary learning. You can find more details above in the events section of this message.

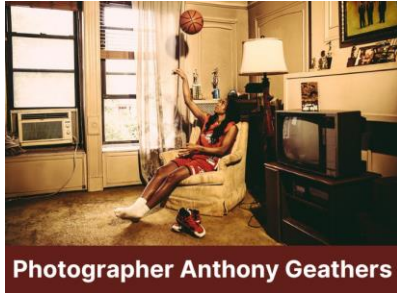
12/2 Honors Council Meeting
12/7 Attending the Honors Research & Creativity Symposium
1/20 Let Freedom Ring
1/29 Expressions of King's Legacy
4/5-4/6 Tabling at Relay for Life at RIT



12/2 COS Life Sciences Seminar

Assistant Professor at CUNY Queens Dr. Sebastian Alvarado will be discussing the organismal plasticity in the colors and behaviors of an African cichlid fish in an upcoming COS Life Sciences Seminar as a part of the Georgia Gosnell Seminar Series.

**December 2 from 1:00-1:50pm
Thomas Gosnell Hall A300**



12/5 Photographer Anthony Geathers Lecture

RIT's School of Photographic Arts and Sciences welcomes commercial, portrait and photojournalistic photographer Anthony Geathers for its Charles Arnold Lecture Series.

December 5 from 3:30-4:30pm
MAGIC Spell Studios Wegmans Theater



12/6 Cognitive Science Speaker Series

The next speaker in the Cognitive Science Speaker Series is Dr. Aaron White. Associate Professor of Linguistics and Computer Science at the University of Rochester. This talk on inducing lexical semantic generalizations explores the second possibility, examining whether constraints on lexicalization are revealed by appropriately modeling polysemy and gradience in inference judgments.

December 6 from 12:00-1:00pm
Thomas Gosnell Hall GOS 2365

"Family and friends with grins ear to ear will gather together -
Thanksgiving is near!" - *Sheri Wall*