



On Tuesday, Dec. 3rd a group of twelve Honors students representing a range of years and majors took part in a dialogue at City Hall with Rochester Mayor Malik Evans. The discussion was centered on Mayor Evans' approach to *Leadership in the 21st Century*, with students asking questions about supports for refugee communities in Rochester, transportation priorities for the region, K-12 education and equitable access to college, economic development and entrepreneurship. Students also asked Mayor Evans about possible challenges our institutions may face in the coming years regarding freedom of the press, stricter immigration policies, and the erosion of social services, and how those national priorities may impact Rochester and similar communities across the US.

Mayor Evans' highlighted his belief in the power of collaboration to effect positive change, and the importance of establishing trust between people and entities as the necessary foundation for partnerships to thrive. When asked how Honors students at RIT could get involved in initiatives of the city, Mayor Evans offered that individuals must find the issue or cause that they are most passionate about and seek out government, non-profit, and community programs that address the topic so students can connect their skills and talents to those endeavors. And if those agencies don't exist, draw on and develop your own leadership experiences to create something new that meets the challenges of the moment and builds bridges of understanding to create a shared, actionable vision that will improve the lives of all citizens.

Want to get involved in Honors programming like this event? Get in touch with the office to share your thoughts about potential visits with local leaders to build on this conversation.

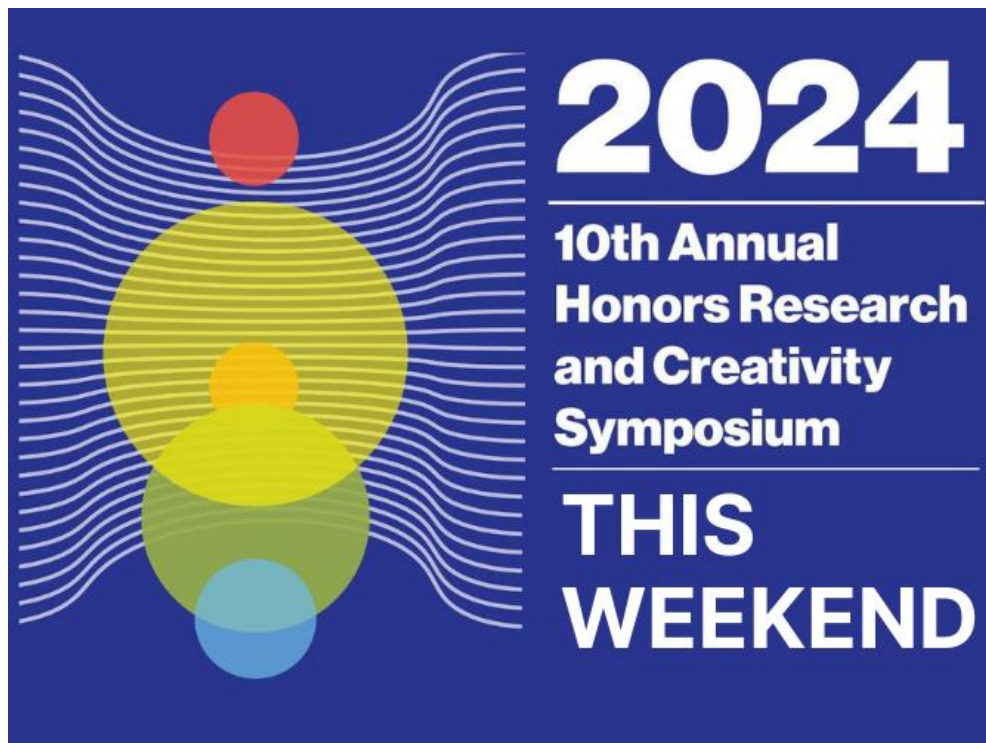
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UPCOMING EVENTS



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

The Symposium will take place from 9:00 -11:30am on Saturday, Dec 7 in the SHED room 3300. **Presenters should plan to arrive between 8:30 - 9:00 am** to check in and receive their poster, presentation time, and poster location.

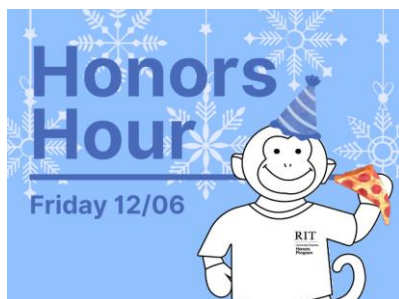
At 9:00 am Dr. Lutzer will open the symposium with a welcome and introduction of the day's schedule and agenda. There will be four groups of presentations each lasting 25 minutes with 10 minutes of transition between each group.

We expect students who are presenting to stay throughout the symposium to ask questions and contribute to the exchange of ideas during each of the sessions. All Honors students are encouraged to attend and will **receive complementary learning** for their time at the event spent engaging the 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!

We could use a few more volunteers for the event - please check the complementary learning section below for a link to sign up. Volunteers will receive complementary learning.

Questions? Email honors@rit.edu

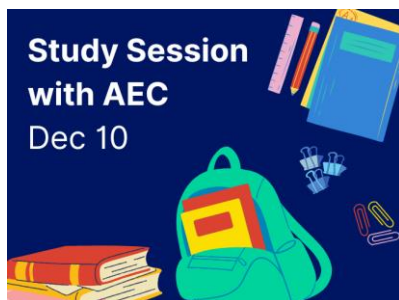


12/6 Honors Hour

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, crafts, and an all around good time - and as always, there will be pizza!

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

RSVP on Campusgroups!



12/10 Reading Day AEC Study Session

The Academic Excellence Committee is hosting the final study session for the semester. Use this opportunity as a fun way to study for finals with peers! Snacks

will be provided.

**Tuesday December 10 from 12:00-2:00pm
Honors Office**

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!



1/29 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

There will be an additional small group discussion with Deborah Archer and pre-law and political science majors from CLA. The discussion will take place 11:00-11:50am on 1/29. Location TBD. Seats are limited!

[Learn more and register here!](#)

[Register for the small group](#)

[discussion](#)



Honors Gala Save the Date

Save the date for the annual Winter Honors Gala on March 1, 2025, 7-10 PM. More details to come soon!

OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES & OPPORTUNITIES



Honors Points Submissions

It's time to submit your Honors points for the Fall Semester. Points must be submitted using the webform on the Honors portal for any activities that are not Honors courses. Approved points will be

listed in your Honors accounts once the office receives confirmation of your experience after the semester ends.

All submissions are due on December 20.



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 Honors Graduation Reception will take place the afternoon of Thursday, May 8, 2025.

More details coming soon!

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.

12/7 Attending the Honors Research & Creativity Symposium
1/20 Let Freedom Ring
1/29 Expressions of King's Legacy

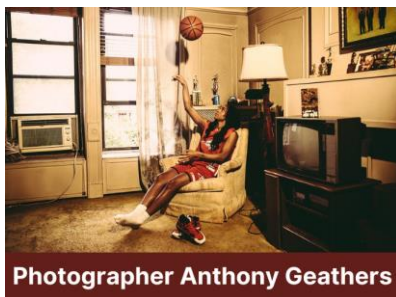


12/7 Honors Research and Creativity Symposium

Volunteers are still needed to help run the Honors Research and Creativity Symposium this weekend. You will receive comp learning for the entire time you are volunteering at the event. Fill out the form below if you are interested in this opportunity!

**December 7 from 8:30am-12:30pm
SHED 3300**

[Volunteer Interest Form](#)



Photographer Anthony Geathers

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**

Cognitive Science Speaker Series

Inducing Lexical Semantic
Generalizations



Dr. Aaron White

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



2/23 Try-A-Tri Triathlon Volunteers

RIT Running and Multisport is looking for volunteers to help run their annual Try-a-Tri. Try-a-Tri is a beginner friendly triathlon where participants do a 15 minute swim, 15 minute bike ride, and 15 minute run, all inside Gordon Field House. Volunteers will help count laps in the pool and track, document wattage on bikes, and run check in. This year's Try-a-Tri will be raising money for Camp Good Days, a local summer camp for children fighting cancer.

Volunteers can sign up for the entire time, or take shifts. The first shift will be 6:40am-9am, and the second shift is 9am-11am.

Please reach out to Nick Duggan at nkd2840@rit.edu if you are interested in volunteering.

February 23, 2025
RIT Gordon Fieldhouse

"The first fall of snow is not only an event, it is a magical event. You go to bed in one kind of world and wake up in another quite different, and if this is not enchantment then where is it to be found?" -*J.B. Priestley*