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Welcome to week 3!

It's week three and things are really starting to happen! Honors Option proposals were due this week, we've had two successful Honors Council meetings, we packed the office during our first Coffee & Chat of the semester, and we're taking over 100 Honors students to Niagara Falls and Buffalo this weekend! Not to mention all of your own academic and co-curricular involvement and responsibilities. Nice job everyone!

This is a good time to slow down for a moment and reflect on the past few weeks and to think critically about your goals and ambitions over the next few months. How is your workload? Are you able to balance the competing aspects of your life? What might need to be tweaked or adjusted? What's working well and bringing you joy? Take a look at the updates and opportunities below and see if there are ways the program can support you in meeting your personal, academic, and professional goals.

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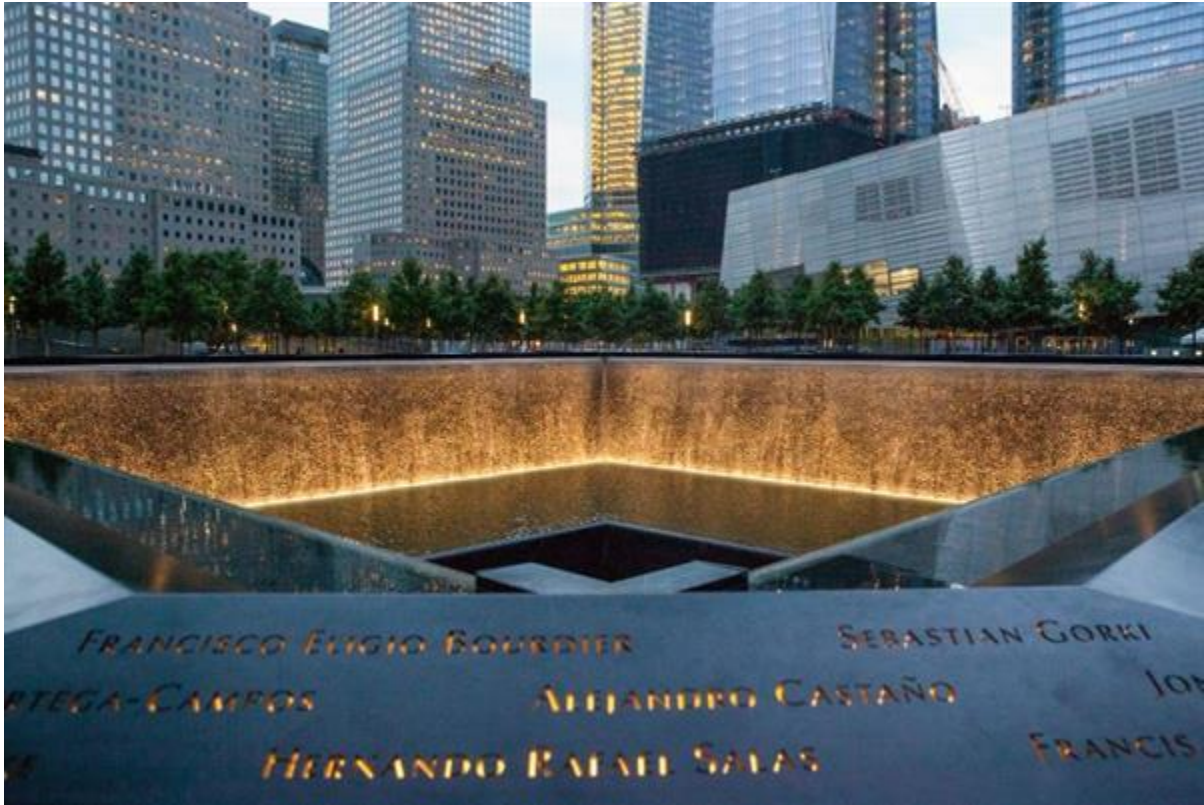
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Today marks the 23 anniversary of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. We encourage you to take a moment out of your schedule today to pause and reflect on the lives lost and the ways in which our country and the world have been forever changed by this moment in our recent history.

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WE'RE PROCESSING YOUR
HONORS OPTION APPLICATIONS!

Keep an eye on your inbox! Expect to see a response to your application on Monday, September 16th.

Honors Options Processing

The deadline for Honors Option Proposals closed on Monday, September 9th. We're currently processing them, so keep an eye on your inbox for the response to your application on Monday, September 16th.



**CONTINUATION REVIEW -
COMPLEMENTARY LEARNING**

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Complementary Learning Continuation Review and Reminders

As shared last week the 2023-24 Complementary Learning submission cycle wrapped up on 8/31. We are in the process of **reviewing of all students for Complementary Learning** and will begin sending emails to students who have not fulfilled their hours requirement for the 2023-24 cycle. Individuals who are behind on hours will be placed into *conditional standing* for Complementary Learning and will have the remainder of the semester to make up any deficit of hours remaining from

Here are some important reminders as you plan your complementary learning goals for the 2024-25 cycle:

- Students in the Honors Program are expected to **complete at least 20 hours of complementary learning each year** until they have both:
 - completed at least 15 points of honors academic work, **and**
 - recorded a total of at least 70 hours.

This is best explained using the examples that can be found in the [Honors Handbook](#):

Example 1: In an academic tour de force, Alex earns enough honors points to complete the academic side of the program by the end of the second year. Having done 20 hours of complementary learning in the first year and another 20 in the second year, Alex is expected to continue doing and recording complementary learning (at least 20 hours per year) because $20+20 < 70$.

Example 2: Morgan stacks up an impressive 40 hours of complementary learning in both first and second years, but Morgan intends to complete the academic requirements of the Honors Program by counting some graduate course work in the fourth year. Although $40+40 > 70$, Morgan is expected to continue doing and recording complementary learning (at least 20 hours per year) until the academic side of the program is done.

- When engaging in complementary learning, submit your hours contemporaneously, within 30 days of the event.
- The maximum number of hours you can submit for one activity (like being an RA, or volunteering for one nonprofit) is 15.
- The submission cycle runs from Sept. 1 - Aug. 31 each year - we are now in the 2024-25 cycle.

If you have any questions about Complementary Learning please contact: honorscomplearning@rit.edu

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Honors Hour: Brazil Trip Info Session

Join us in the SAU at lunchtime this Friday! Guest speaker Joel Gallegos Greenwich will be joining us to talk about "Activism and Social Movements in Brazil", a course opportunity this spring accompanied by summer travel to Brazil. Learn more about the program through [this link](#) and by coming to this Friday's info session!

Not interested in the Brazil trip? That's OK! Please feel welcome to stop by, grab a slice of pizza and connect with your fellow Honors students.

September 13th from 11:30am-12:30pm
Meeting in SAU Room 1829 (Across from Ingle Auditorium)
[RSVP for this event here!](#)

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Please join us in welcoming your
newest representative in Honors
Council

Patricia Aristy

to her position as First Year Delegate!



Honors Council: First Year Delegate Announcement

The incoming class has voted and **Patricia Aristy** has been selected to serve as the first year delegate for 2024-25 academic year. Congratulations Patricia!

Special thanks to both candidates, Patricia and Benjamin Gorsky for putting yourselves out there and seeking this position of leadership in the program. And thanks to members of the incoming class who participated in the election.

Here's a brief bio from Patricia:

Hello! My name is Patricia, and I'm the first year delegate majoring in Mechanical Engineering with a concentration in aerospace. In my free time I like to draw, cross-stitch, and do a bunch of little art projects. I'm also hoping to get involved with the Theme Park Enthusiasts and many other clubs. I'm looking forward to getting involved on campus and working with all of you!

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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.

Join your Honors peers in a 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. Reserve your spot today!

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

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Did you sign up for the Honors Excursion to
NIAGARA FALLS + BUFFALO?

**PLEASE FILL
OUT THESE
SURVEYS!**



**REMINDER! Survey required for Niagara Falls Excursion
this weekend**

If you have yet to complete the survey collecting your **dinner order for Sunday evening please do so ASAP!** If we don't hear from you by the close of business today, Wed. 9/11, we will be ordering you the grilled chicken dinner.

Survey link: [Rainforest Cafe Dinner Order](#)



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Register to Vote!

For many of you this will be your first time being able to vote in a national election! With *service to the community* as one of the core principles of the RIT Honors program we want to make sure you have all of the resources and information you need to be able to enact your civic duty and take part in the electoral process this November. Please see below some helpful links and contacts that will prepare you to enter the voting booth in a few months.

The CLCE has a host of events and opportunities connected to voter engagement and registration coming up over the next few weeks. Please see the dates and times below and visit: [RIT Roar the Vote](#) for more information or email:

Voter Registration at NTID:

Today! 9/11, 11:00 am - 1:30 pm, Lyndon Baines Johnson Hall Room/Location: Ellie's Place

October 02, 2024, 11:00 am - 1:30 pm, Lyndon Baines Johnson Hall, Room/Location: Ellie's Place

Boba and Ballots: September 12, 2024, 11:00 am - 1:15 pm, Student Alumni Union Lobby. Stop by and learn how you can cast your ballot this fall and enjoy a boba tea!

National Voter Registration Day: September 17, 2024, 11:00 am - 1:30 pm, Campus Center Room/Location: Breezeway

Roar the Vote: Pizza & Polls: September 17, 2024, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Student Alumni Union Room/Location: 1829 Room. Meet with representatives of the Monroe County Board of Elections to get the information about the electoral process and learn how you could become an election volunteer.

Roar the Vote: Voter Registration Events -

September 24, 2024, 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm, Student Alumni Union Lobby

October 01, 2024, 11:00 am - 1:30 pm, Student Alumni Union Lobby

October 08, 2024, 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm, Student Alumni Union Lobby

October 22, 2024, 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm, Student Alumni Union Lobby

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Honors Research and Creativity Symposium

SAVE THE DATE: DECEMBER 7th

Save the Date: Honors Research + Creativity Symposium

We are looking forward to hosting the annual Research and Creativity Symposium this fall on Saturday, December 7 from 9am-12pm in the SHED. This annual event brings together Honors students at all levels and from all academic areas to share their research, independent study work, Honors Options projects, and visual art or other media with peers in the community. The invitation to submit presentations will be disseminated in the coming weeks, but we wanted to make sure you had the date in your calendar and could plan accordingly. We hope to see you and the manifestation of your talent and hard work at this year's event!

Complementary Learning

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

New Complementary Learning Opportunities:

[Into the ROC: Genesee Country Village & Museum Agricultural Fair](#)

[Into the ROC: Friends of Washington Grove](#)

[Into the ROC: Alpaca Tour](#)

[Into the ROC: College Night at the Strong Museum of Play](#)

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"By all these lovely tokens, September days are here. With summer's best of weather and autumn's best of cheer." -*Helen Hunt Jackson*