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Opportunities Abound!

As we move through week five of the semester, opportunities to connect and engage are everywhere! Between the small group dialogue with the Fram lecturer and AI visionary Kerrie Holley that took place yesterday, the career fair taking place today (good luck to everyone attending!), the *Walking for Rochester* community cleanup organized by Honors Council this Sunday, the upcoming discussion with *The Nature of Change* Keynote Jerome Foster II on Oct. 1, and this month's World Affairs Council speaker with Presidential historian Timothy Naftali there are so many ways to expand and deepen your knowledge of the world in which we live. Join any one of these events to develop skills and understanding that will benefit your career aspirations and personal growth, enrich your overall experience at RIT, and support your connection to and involvement in the Honors program.



Students with Fram Lecturer Kerrie Holley after our small group dialogue on Sept. 24

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09/27 Honors Hour: Alternative Break Info Session

On Alternative Break, students spend 5-9 days learning about critical challenges facing communities, interacting with local leaders, and performing short-term projects with community agencies. Join us for the 9/27 Honors Hour to learn more about these opportunities. The Honors Program will provide an additional \$500 grant to Honors Students that elect to go on one of these available trips.

Honors Hour September 27th from 11:30am-12:30pm
Hales-Andrews SLC Room 1325
[RSVP for the Information Session here!](#)
Pizza provided!

Attendance at an information session is required to apply. While we are hosting our own on 9/27, there are additional sessions on [Monday Sept 23rd](#), [Tuesday Sept 24th](#), [Thursday Sept 26th](#) and [Friday Sept 27th](#). Follow their links to learn more.

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A portrait of Jerome Foster II, a Black man with glasses, wearing a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, and a blue tie. He is smiling and looking slightly to the right. The background is a blurred green and white.

Meet with Jerome Foster II, Keynote Speaker

A leading voice for Black visibility in climate action, get inspired by Jerome and his work to create positive social and environmental change through art, technology and policy.

10/1 Honors Small Group Dialogue with Jerome Foster II, Keynote Speaker

Join fellow Honors students in dialogue with [Jerome Foster II](#), an environmental justice activist, social entrepreneur, and renowned public speaker. Jerome is one of the major organizers of the [Fridays for Future](#) and has been a leading voice for Black visibility in climate activism. Foster made history in March, 2021 becoming the youngest-ever White House Advisor, appointed to the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council following 80 weeks of weekly climate strikes in front of the White House and leading the [OneMillionOfUs](#) initiative registering one million young people to vote.

October 1st from 11:00am-12:00pm
SAU Room 2510 (Mosaic Room)

[RSVP for this event here! \(Required\)](#)

This event will count for Complementary Learning

Foster's University-wide lecture, *The Nature of Change* will take place after the Honors dialogue from 12:30 - 1:45 in the Ingle Auditorium with a Q & A led by Honors program alum Myren Bobryk-Ozaki. Attending this event will also count for complementary learning (see below).

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10/10 World Affairs Council with Presidential Historian Timothy Naftali

With the Presidential election just 40 days away, this month's speaker couldn't be more timely! Join your Honors peers in dialogue with Presidential historian Timothy Naftali, a graduate of Yale, Johns Hopkins and Harvard, and a senior research scholar on International and Public Affairs at Columbia University. Naftali is a regular contributor on CNN, highlighting his deep knowledge of US Presidential history and our unique approach to the electoral process. Naftali is the author, co-author or editor of 8 books, including the biography of George H. W. Bush in the American Presidents' series.

In this highly polarized and partisan moment this is an opportunity to move past the noise of the race to investigate and discuss the politics of the moment and the potential impacts on our society and the world. Naftali's expertise in foreign affairs will help participants look beyond the Americentric view of the race and think about how the outcome will impact global politics and policies and potentially change our standing in the world.

Participants meet with Dr. Lutzer to review preparatory texts and plan for the discussion off campus for breakfast on Sat., Oct 5. Then join your peers in the small group dialogue on Thurs., Oct. 10 at the Irondequoit County Club, meeting with Naftali before enjoying a wonderful dinner and listening to his prepared remarks.

Meet with Dr. Lutzer review preparatory texts on Sat. October 5th
Dialogue with Timothy Naftali and Dinner on Thur. October 10
[RSVP for this event here!](#)

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Honors Research and Creativity Symposium

Submit your Intent to Present

Honors Research and Creativity Symposium: Intent to Present

Please follow the link below to indicate your intent to present at the 2024 Research & Creativity Symposium which takes place on Saturday, December 7 from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm in the SHED rooms 3300 and 3350.

Please review the information below before submitting:

- Presentation abstracts will be due on Sunday, Nov. 10 at 11:59 PM
- All research presentations will be in the form of a poster presentation / presentation of artwork - there are no lecture style presentations this year
- The Honors office will support students in the printing of posters up until Sun. Nov 17
- You can use your Honors grant to pay for the cost of printing
- Creative presentations can be in the form of a poster, or depending on the project and logistics can present the artwork itself (a painting, sculpture, media presentation, etc.)
- Each presenter will have approximately 25-30 minutes to present
- Students can present independently or with a student or faculty co-presenter
- Presentations at the R&CS fulfill the presentation requirement for an Honors Option
- The R&CS will be open to the RIT community

[Submit your intent here!](#)

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10/4 AEC Honors Study Session

The Academic Excellence Committee is hosting their first study session of the semester next Friday! Come hang out, get some work done, check in and collaborate with other Honors students, and enjoy provided snacks.

October 4th starting at 4:00pm
GV 2000-400 (The Honors Office)

[RSVP for this event here!](#)

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Call for Survey Responses: Halloween Event with Community and Wellness Committee

Community and Wellness Committee is planning a Halloween Event! Interested? [Please fill out this survey about what times work best for you.](#) Thank you!

**Do you have questions about
Honors Points?
Complementary Learning?
How to submit them?**

Fill out this survey from AEC!

Call for Survey Responses: Honors Info Workshop with Academic Excellence Committee

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The Honors Academic Excellence Committee is working on hosting an Honors workshop for all Honors students to further explain Honors points and Complementary Learning Hours. We will also take the time to show how to submit Honors points, options, and comp learning honors on the website. If you are interested in attending this event, [please fill this form out.](#)



The Meaning of Service: Reading & Discussion Project

Through a grant from [Humanities NY](#) Honors program assistant director Garth Freeman will be facilitating a series of reading and discussion sessions meant to engage participants in dialogue around what it means to serve. Using poems, excerpts from larger texts, transcripts of speeches, and other media, these interactive discussions will allow participants to think deeply about what it means to be civically engaged and how to responsibly and respectfully work with communities to impact social change.

The **first discussion in the series will take place during the 10/11 Honors Hour**, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm in HAC 1325. We will be using the Langson Hughes poem, "Theme for English B" as the text for this dialogue. We welcome students from all majors and backgrounds to take part in the discussion - this is a low-stakes open dialogue - no prior knowledge of the author or piece are required! Copies of the poem will be available at the event.

October 11th - 11:30am - 12:30pm
Hale Andrews Student Life Center - 1325 Classroom
[RSVP for this event here!](#)

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Join our team! We're hiring another

Media + Marketing Coordinator

Join our team: We're hiring!

We're looking for another Media and Marketing Coordinator here at the Honors Office. This role helps facilitate communications with students, working on tasks like putting together this email, making event posters, managing social medias and more.

What skills are we looking for?

- Strong communication
- Time management
- Basic graphic design skills (you do not have to be a Graphic Designer!)
- Willingness to learn! You will be trained alongside our current student staff for this role.
- This role requires 6-10 hours of availability per week

How do I apply?

Send an email to honors@rit.edu with the subject line "Your Name - MMC Job Application". Please include your resume, your available hours M-F between 8am-5pm, and a short paragraph of why you are interested in this role.

Program Reminders, Updates, and Tips

We want to use this space weekly to share important reminders about program policies and tips to help your Honors experience be as smooth as possible and to guide you through the practical steps of staying in good standing. This week's topic: **Complementary Learning**

As you know we just completed our continuation review of all students for Complementary Learning.

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As you also know, our policies, procedures, and requirements around complementary learning have evolved over time. We acknowledge this reality and want to work with each of you to make sure you are meeting the expectations as explained to you by the program when you entered while helping us hold all students to a reasonable standard.

If you received an email informing you that you are in "conditional standing" for complementary learning due to not earning the required minimum of 20 hours a year and you have questions or want to follow up about this requirement and how it applies to you specifically please reach out. Email us at honors@rit.edu and we will work with you to come to an arrangement that satisfies all parties and allows us to move forward confidently understanding the expectations for you and the program.

Complementary Learning

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

New Complementary Learning Opportunities:

Fall Open House Events - On Campus: Represent the Honors Program at three upcoming Fall Open Houses. We will be tabling at Open Houses this fall that will engage prospective students and families and we'd love some students to share their experiences and represent the program. Students will receive an Honors polo and will earn complementary learning hours for their time.

All events take place from 12:00-2:15pm in the SHED
Fall Open House I - Monday, October 14
Fall Open House II - Saturday, October 26
Fall Open House III - Saturday, November 9

Please complete this form to share your interest and availability: [Fall Open House Sign Up](#)

Volunteer in the City of Rochester - [Rochester Greenovation](#)



Rochester Greenovation helps people in Rochester NY keep things out of the landfill by running a second-hand store where you can donate items others can use, and where people on a budget can buy things at a very reasonable price. They sell a huge array of items needed for every-day living:

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furniture, clothes, tools, plates & glasses, pots & pans, as well as records, artwork, and odd bits of Rochester history and culture.

Volunteer at the store or to help with special projects by visiting: [Volunteer with Rochester Greenovation](#)

Call for Volunteers: Brick City Homecoming and Family Weekend (On Campus) October 18-19

Join your fellow tigers in welcoming families and friends for this annual campus-wide tradition. Shifts are available at the information booth, driving guests in golf carts (valid driver's license and brief training required), and at the fun night. Follow this link to sign up: [Brick City volunteer registration](#).

"Stay afraid, but do it anyway. What's important is the action. You don't have to wait to be confident. Just do it and eventually confidence will follow." -- *Carrie Fisher*