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## Welcome Back!

We hope everyone has returned safely from a rejuvenating winter break ready for a fun, challenging, and engaging semester! Please review the information below for program updates, announcements, and upcoming events that will help you thrive as an Honors student (and as a person in the world). If you have any questions always feel free to reach out to [honors@rit.edu](mailto:honors@rit.edu) - we are here to support you through your Honors experience!

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# Honors Option Submissions



**Now is the time to submit!**

## What is an Honors Option?

An Honors Option is something that you do to earn credit in a standard course by going above and beyond the usual expectations. It is a project that is supervised by the instructor and approved in advance by the Honors Office.

## Submission Process

Connect now with the faculty member teaching the class in which you want to add the option. Share with them your idea for the expansion of the coursework and get their approval to submit the proposal - this should be an in-person or ZOOM meeting - not just an email exchange. Once you get their approval click the link below to submit or visit the *User Tools* section of the Honors website for more information and the link to apply.

## Requirements

- Must have a faculty sponsor
- Must be a 200-level or higher course (1st year students can propose an option for a 100 level course)
- You must give a public presentation of your work
- You must earn at least a B- grade
- Successful options earn the number of points equal to the number of credits for the course (max 3)
- Cannot add an option to an existing an Honors course offered in the same semester
- Your option must be completed in the same semester as proposed

**Deadline for submissions**  
**Sunday, January 26 at 11:59pm**

[Submit your option](#)

[proposal](#)



## Become an Internal Admission Mentor

Were you an internal admit to the Honors Program?

We are seeking mentors for our Spring '25 Internal Admission Orientation that will take place on Saturday, March 22 from 8:30 am-12:30pm. Your experiences and path to the program are unique and we'd love to have you pass on lessons learned to the cohort of students joining the program this semester. Mentors earn complementary learning hours for their involvement. Click the button for more information and to submit an application.

[Internal Admission](#)

[Mentor Application](#)

## Spring Events / Announcements



### 1/16 - Vision Boards With CWC

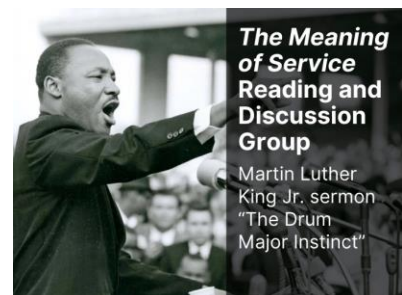
The Community and Wellness Committee is kicking 2025 off with a vision board making event where students can start their semester right by visualizing their hopes and goals for the semester and ways to achieve them.



### 1/17 - Honors Hour

The Honors Office welcomes you back to school with the first Honors Hour of the semester. Join us for updates and announcements from the office and Honors council, and as always, pizza!

Friday 1/17 from 11:30am-12:30pm  
SAU 1510 (1829 room)



### 1/31 Meaning of Service Honors Hour

During our 2nd Honors Hour of the semester we will celebrate the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by listening to and discussing King's *Drum Major Instinct* sermon. This activity is approved for Complementary Learning.

Thursday 1/16 from 5:00-  
6:00pm  
WAL 3605

[RSVP FOR 1/17 HONORS HOUR](#)

Friday 1/31 from 11:30am -  
12:30pm  
HAC 1320

[RSVP FOR VISION BOARDS](#)

[RSVP FOR 1/31 MEANING OF  
SERVICE HONORS HOUR](#)

## Complementary Learning

This semester we will be sharing one complementary learning opportunity in our weekly newsletter and will update the [complementary learning webpage](#) with additional opportunities as events and activities are scheduled.

Please remember, students are expected to engage in at least 20 hours of complementary each cycle (Sept.-Aug.) to remain in "good standing" in the program.

All complementary learning hours are submitted through [form](#) located within the *User Tools* tab of the Honors website.

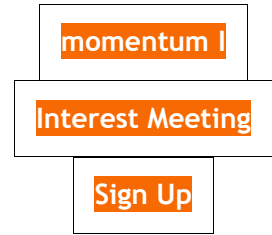
# *momentum I*

**Momentum I** RIT's centralized leadership launchpad to introduce students to meaningful competency development and to increase their sense of belonging through connections to key leadership opportunities including Orientation Leaders, Residence Advisors, RIT 365 Co-facilitators, and Club E-Board Roles.

More information is available on the event page.

Participating in the CLCE's momentum program is a great way to earn complementary learning hours while gaining practical and marketable leadership skills and knowledge. All your time spent engaged in the program counts for complementary learning (up to the maximum 15 hours for a single activity).

Interested? Sign up to attend the Spring 2025 Cohort Interest Meeting that will take place on Wednesday 1/22 from 5:00-6:00pm in SAU 1500 (1829 room) by clicking the button.



“What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year.” *-Vern McLellan*