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Welcome to Week Two!

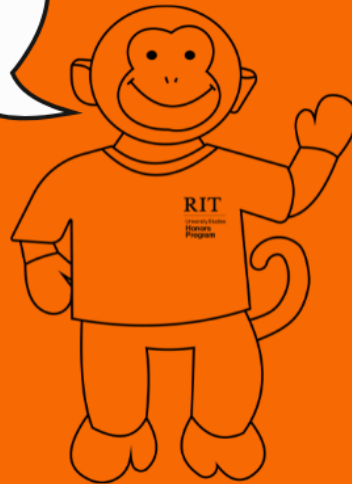
We hope you are settling in to your new schedules and routines and are staying warm in these frigid temperatures!

Many weeks we like to use the opening photo of our Wednesday Newsletter as a moment to pause and reflect on the beauty and wonder of the world around us. **Do you have a photo you think would be a good fit? Send it to honors@rit.edu and we'll consider using it for one of our upcoming messages (and will credit you as the photographer of course!).**

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- Reminders and Announcements

**MENTORS
NEEDED!**



Internal Admission Orientation

**SATURDAY, MARCH 22
8:30am - 12:30 pm**

Call for Internal Admission Mentors

Were you an internal admit to Honors?

Your path to the program and experiences since being admitted are unique and we'd love to have you pass on lessons learned to the cohort of students joining the program this semester. We are seeking mentors from each college to support and guide the incoming students through this process

Each mentor will help to set up for the Orientation and will be assigned to a table of students from their College. Mentors will lead their mentees through table-top interactives and activities and will be available answer questions throughout the morning and beyond. Mentors finish up the day helping to clean up and get materials back to the Honors office.

Mentor involvement

- Mentors will participate in a 1 hour ZOOM training on **Thursday, March 6 from 6:00-7:00pm.**
- Mentors will attend the full orientation on **Saturday, March 22 from 8:30am-12:30pm.**
- We also need internal admission students to attend the Information Session **tomorrow, Thursday, Jan. 23 from 6:00-7:00pm** via ZOOM.
- Participating now is beneficial if you are interested in becoming an Orientation Mentor for Fall 2025.

Mentors earn complementary learning hours for their involvement

Submit your

mentor application

Honors Council

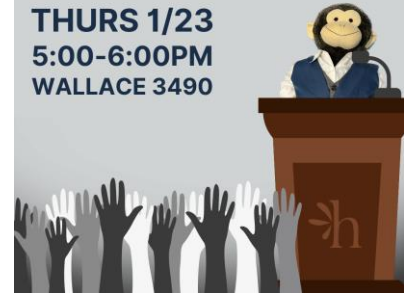
The Honors Council is the student-oriented, student-run body of the Honors Program that promotes the pillars of citizenship, leadership, and academic excellence. Students active in Council foster community and wellness among all Honors students and represent the interests of the Honors community to the faculty, administration, and staff.

Council is made up of delegates from each college as well as communities within the program including BIPOC students, internal admits, and first-year students. Delegates sit on one of three committees to organize events and activities, advocate for students, facilitate communication within each college through the [Honors Advocate](#), and provides feedback and guidance to the Honors office.

If you are interested in getting more involved with Council drop by a full council meeting or get involved with one of the committees: Service & Leadership, Community & Wellness, and Academic Excellence. Committees meet weekly and anyone in Honors is invited to attend. Check out the [Honors council webpage](#) to see who your college delegate is, when committees meet, and to learn more about how to get involved.

HONORS COUNCIL

THURS 1/23
5:00-6:00PM
WALLACE 3490



Full Council meetings are every other Thursday, 5:00-6:00pm in Wallace 3490.

The next full council meeting is tomorrow, Thursday, 1/23.

All Honors students are welcome to attend and receive 1/2 hour of complementary learning.

Updates & Announcements



Gibson Housing Requests

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT: SUNDAY FEB. 9

The graphic features an orange background with a white line-art illustration of a bed and a nightstand with a lamp. The text is in white and orange.

Gibson Housing Requests

Are you interested in living in the designated Honors housing in Gibson Hall during the '25-'26 academic year? Please complete our survey **before 2/9** by clicking the button below and we will



Honors Option Submissions

The graphic shows a dark blue background with illustrations of an open book, a laptop, a smartphone, and a pen.

Deadline for Honors Options Submissions

Planning on pursuing an Honors Option to earn points this semester? The deadline to submit is this **Sunday, Jan. 26 at 11:59pm.**



Continuation Review

- Points earned
- Complementary Learning completed

The graphic features a yellow background with a white clipboard icon containing a checklist with three checked items and one unchecked item. A yellow pencil is also shown.

Continuation Review

The Honors office reviews the status and standing of all students in the program at key moments during the year. We are currently undergoing a check of students placed in *conditional standing* in the

forward the information to housing.

Gibson housing

interest survey

Follow the link for more information and to submit your proposal

Spring '25 Option submission

fall '24 semester to verify that their issue (points or complementary learning) has been resolved. Records will be updated and communications from the office will be sent in the coming weeks regarding any change in standing.

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.

Rochester Sustainable City Tour



RIT Sustainability is collaborating with The Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence and Rochester Ecology Partners for a special opportunity! Hop aboard our rented bus as we tour four inspiring locations across Rochester: Lambertton Conservatory, the Rochester Public Library, the High Falls State Park construction project, and the Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence. Together, we'll explore impactful community-led sustainability efforts. Along the way, you'll enjoy food, meaningful discussions, and the opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals passionate about building a greener future. Don't miss this chance to learn, engage, and be inspired by the incredible work happening right here in our city!

Follow the link to learn more and register for this event!

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"In the depth of winter, I finally learned that there was in me an invincible summer."

-Albert Camus