



High Falls State Park | Lilly Matis, 1st year Medical Illustration major

Another wintery day in Rochester captured by Honors student Lilly Matis during the Rochester Sustainable City Tour that took place on Sat. Feb. 1 - a collaboration with RIT Sustainability, The Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence, and Rochester Ecology Partners. Students from the Honors program joined others from campus to tour the Lambertson Conservatory, The Rochester Public Library, and the High Falls State Park project site to learn about community-led sustainability efforts across the city. We will continue to share opportunities like this through the weekly newsletter, on our website, and on social media - keep your eye out for future events that will enrich your Honors experience!

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Call for Fall 2025 Honors Orientation Mentors

Do you want to be a Mentor for Honors Orientation?

We're looking for mentors to help welcome incoming students to the RIT Honors Program Community! Acting as a resource for new students, you'll help plan orientation activities, act as a role model, and lead a group of new students with your team.

There will be a general information session on Thursday, 3/06 via ZOOM.

Key dates to be available:

8/21: Mentor Training 9:00am-5:00pm
8/22: Orientation Kickoff 8:00am-5:00pm
8/23: Camp Arrowhead 8:30am-5:30pm
8/24: Orientation Wrap-up 9:00-11:00am

Important due dates:

3/02: Lead Mentor applications
3/23: Regular and Photo Mentor applications

Mentors receive a stipend and 15 hours of complementary learning.

Fill out an application!



2/19 - Honors Council Networking Event

Will you end the night by “swiping right” and connecting via LinkedIn?

Get ready for a night of growing your network and socializing with members of the Honors community! The CWC and AEC are collaborating to bring you a “speed dating” event that’ll spark conversations and connections. For the first half of the event, pair up with another attendee and take turns asking and answering prompts designed to help you dive into meaningful dialogues. Don’t get too comfortable as the pairings will be switched up after each round.

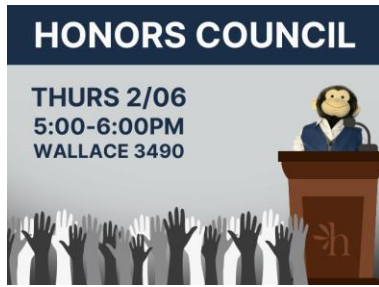
During the second half, enjoy your choice of mocktails (from a pre-established menu) and freely engage with your fellow Honors peers. We hope to see you there!

2/19 from 5:00-6:30pm
SAU 1510 (1829 room)

[Register on](#)

[Campusgroups](#)

Updates & Announcements

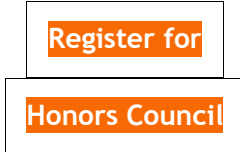


2/6 Honors Council

Join Honors Council for their bi-weekly meeting this Thursday, February 6. Full council meetings take place every other Thursday from 5:00-6:00pm in Wallace 3490.

Remember that attending Council meetings counts for 1/2 an hour of complementary learning.

2/6 from 5:00-6:00pm
WAL 3490

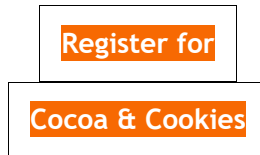


2/7 Cocoa & Cookies

The Coffee & Chat for February has a theme of Cocoa & Cookies. Join us at the Honors Office for good conversation, hot cocoa, juice, and other tasty treats as a way to warm up from this cold winter weather!

This is a great time to chat with friends in the program or ask questions of the Honors program staff. Register below or just stop by!

2/7 from 10:30-11:30am
Honors Office



Call for RIT Open House Volunteers

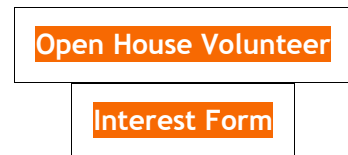
We are recruiting Honors students to participate as representatives from their College at the Spring 2025 RIT Accepted Student Open House events.

As a volunteer, you will introduce yourself at the end of Dr. Lutzer's presentation and answer questions from prospective students and families.

Fill out the form below if you are interested in this opportunity. You do not need to be available for all time slots to fill out the form.

Volunteers will receive complementary learning.

- 3/29: Accepted Student Open House I
- 4/03: Virtual Open House from 7:00-8:00pm
- 4/05: Accepted Student Open House II



Complementary Learning

Please see below our highlight opportunity this week. There are many other opportunities on the [complementary learning webpage](#) that can fit almost anyone's busy schedule and diverse interests.

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 contemporaneously, within 30 days of the event or activity, through [form](#) located within the *User Tools* tab of the Honors website.

Black History Month Events



COS
ALANA

2/10 College of Science ALANA Film Discussion

Join COS ALANA for a viewing of 'Fences', followed by a discussion about Black excellence in STEM and science's legacy of exclusion. Pizza and drinks will be provided; please RSVP to provide a count for food and to share Access Services needs.

2/10 from 5:00-7:00pm
Fireside Lounge

[Register Here](#)



2/11 Foreigners Everywhere: Stories of Black Diaspora in Renaissance Europe Screening and Discussion

Join MOSAIC for a film screening (55 minutes) and panel discussion event with director Fred Kudjo Kuwornu that reframes the common understanding of Renaissance Europe. The film "We Were Here – The Untold History of Black Africans in Renaissance Europe" (2024) challenges the notion that all Black people were slaves or servants. It reveals a diverse presence, including princes, ambassadors, merchants, and religious figures. Narrated from an Afro-European perspective, it explores stories absent from traditional history books and unveils the untold history of Black Africans in that vibrant chapter of history.

2/11 from 5:00-7:00pm
College of Liberal Arts
Lecture Hall A205

[Register Here](#)

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."

-Harriet Tubman