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FRAM FINDS

- **Master Class with Celebrity Chef, Gale Gand:** Monday, October 11, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. James Beard Award winner, and former Food Network host, Gale Gand BFA '81 will lead RIT Tigers through a one-hour digital instruction on a savory dish that you can share with family and friends. Registration is required to attend. Register [HERE](#).
- **Brick City Homecoming & Family Weekend:** October 15-17, 2021. RIT's tradition of celebrating alumni, students, parents and families, faculty, staff and friends of the University. More information [HERE](#).

A FEW THOUGHTS

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- **Dr. Heath Boice-Pardee**, Associate Vice President, Student Affairs. Dr. Boice-Pardee gives his thoughts on problem solving and how it relates to applied critical thinking [HERE](#).
- **Dr. Amanda Bao**, Associate Professor, College of Engineering Technology. Dr. Bao explains how she uses applied critical thinking in her teaching and everyday life [HERE](#).

FROM GENE FRAM

- **9/11 Was a Terrible Tragedy: It Was Also the Birth of Red Teaming,**” by Bryce Hoffman, September 11, 2021. Mr. Hoffman is a bestselling author, speaker and president of Red Team Thinking, LLC. His article discusses how the U.S. government used a systemic way of critical and contrarian thinking as part of a strategic planning process (also known as red teaming) after the events on September 11, 2001. Read more [HERE](#).
- **“Over 115 Lesson Plans Based on New York Times Articles”** by The Learning Network, The New York Times, July 21, 2021. Every school day, The Learning Network selects a New York Times article and pairs it with critical thinking questions to be featured in their Lesson of the Day. More information [HERE](#).

