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FRAM SIGNATURE LECTURE

- **2025 Fram Signature Lecture: Augmented Leadership: Critical Thinking in the Age of GenAI with Anshu Kak.** Sept 30, 3:30 – 5:00 pm, Ingle Auditorium. A reception will follow in the Fireside Lounge, where light refreshments will be served.

Abstract: The generative AI revolution is fundamentally changing the tech landscape, demanding a radical shift in traditional day to day working, leadership and operational paradigms. Anshu Kak's talk cuts through the noise, focusing on the critical role of leaders as orchestrators of intelligent systems and facilitators of seamless human-AI collaboration. We'll explore how to navigate complexities of autonomous agents, cultivate critical thinking in the context of industry-relevant use cases, and drive informed, strategic decisions. This session

empowers you, the professionals of tomorrow, to understand and navigate the agentic AI transformation. Learn how to lead effectively in an era defined by continuous AI evolution, empowering your teams and fostering AI-driven decision-making. Discover practical strategies, real-world examples, and a fresh perspective: AI isn't here to replace you, it's here to augment your capabilities. The key is understanding how to leverage it effectively.

Bio: Anshu Kak is Vice President, Google Cloud Platform and Data/Private AI practice at Kyndryl. She is a highly accomplished C-level executive and distinguished engineer, specializing in Data, AI, and cloud technologies. With over 25 years of experience at tech giants like Google, IBM, and GE, she has consistently delivered impactful results, including leading Google Cloud's global Principal Architect community and driving strategic technical initiatives in financial markets. She has spearheaded Google's Solution Design Method that is based on critical thinking and design thinking, which are two distinct but complementary approaches to problem-solving.

For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).

- **We're seeking RIT faculty, students, clubs, and collaborators to showcase innovative activities (e.g., posters, digital displays, 3D-printed materials, student clubs, etc. Re-use of exhibit materials encouraged!).** Two receptions will feature these:
 - **Monday, Sept. 29 | 5:30–6:30 PM**
University Gallery – Invite-only audience
Theme: Transforming the University Experience with AI
 - **Tuesday, Sept. 30 | 5:00–6:00 PM**
Fireside Lounge – Open to the RIT community (any and all interesting topics)

Register to exhibit [HERE](#) by August 29, 2025. Any questions? ritframchair@rit.edu

FRAM FINDS

- **Campus Connect: Connection Hub Scavenger Hunt:** August 19, 2025, 2:00 – 4:00 pm.
Location: Gleason AO55, DSP 1250, Sol 1016/1017, Ellingson 1058.
Check out the *newly renovated* Campus Connection Hubs in the residence halls. These spaces are your go-to spot to hang out, study, meet up, or attend events and workshops. Unless reserved, the Hubs are open for you to use daily from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Just check the screen outside the door. No reservation is required. See if you can find all the Connection Hubs available in the residence halls! For more information, click [HERE](#).
- **Fall Convocation for New Students:** August 21, 2025, 10:00 – 11:15 am.
Location: Gordon Field House and Activities Center. RIT marks the opening of the university's new academic year and the beginning of new students' careers with a special welcome event: Fall Convocation for New Students. For more information, click [HERE](#).
- **TigerFest: Tiger Take Off:** August 25, 2025, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.
Location: Along the Quarter Mile: from Sundial Quad to Infinity Quad. Join us as we celebrate the start of the semester and continue to welcome our new students with our inaugural Tiger Take Off! This event will include programs and events along the Quarter Mile all throughout the day. Stop by our first day of classes photo booth, taste some treats from the RIT Dining Food Truck, listen to some music from WITR Radio, and get resources from many different departments and programs. There may even be some special guests throughout the day. For more information, click [HERE](#).
- **TigerFest - Tiger Activities Fair:** August 26, 2025, 6:00 – 9:00 pm.
Location: Gordon Field House and Activities Center. Explore all the ways to get involved at RIT during this year's Tiger Activities Fair! Connect with hundreds of on-campus student clubs and

organizations and discover other engagement opportunities. Food truck meals will be available for purchase during the event through RIT Dining. For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).

- **TigerFest: Lighting the Way:** August 28, 2025.
Location: Davis Room (SAU 1300). Join us for this annual RIT tradition welcoming incoming women and nonbinary students. Participants will receive a commemorative lantern to light their route through campus. This event will begin in the Davis Room (SAU 1300) with a reception to follow in the University Gallery (Booth Hall 2700). All RIT students, faculty, and staff are welcome! For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).

A FEW THOUGHTS

In this issue, meet:

- **Rosalie Clemens**, Executive Director, RIT Certified, Academic Affairs. Read Rosalie's thoughts related to critical thinking [HERE](#).

FROM GENE FRAM

- ["Teachers union partners with Anthropic, Microsoft and OpenAI to launch AI-training academy"](#) by Mary Cunningham, CBS News-Money Watch, July 8, 2025.
- ["Impact of generative AI interaction and output quality on university students' learning outcomes: a technology-mediated and motivation-driven approach"](#) by Yun Bai & Shaofeng Wang, Nature, July 5, 2025.

