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FRAM FINDS

- **Executive Insights: Redefining HR in the Age of AI:** January 15, 2025, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm. Location: Zoom. To thrive in the AI-driven landscape, HR leaders must understand meta-work, foster adaptability, and align AI strategies with organizational values and goals. Hear from Malarvizhi Hirudayaraj, Ph.D., on how proactive engagement with these changes ensures HR remains a key driver of innovation and resilience in the workplace. Learn how RIT Executive Business Programs incorporate these insights into experiential learning. For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).

- **Let Freedom Ring:** January 20, 2025, 10:30 – 11:30 am. Location: Ingle Auditorium & Fireside Lounge. Join us for our 8th annual Let Freedom Ring featuring keynote speaker Irshad Altheimer! Irshad Altheimer is the Ellen M. Granberg Endowed Professor. He also serves as a professor of criminal justice and the Director of the Center for Public Safety Initiatives (CPSI). As Director of CPSI, Dr. Altheimer has partnered with a diverse set of stakeholders supporting the implementation and evaluation of projects seeking to reduce violence and improve the administration of justice. For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).
- **Roc the Jam:** January 24 – 26, 2025. Located at MAGIC Spell Studios on the RIT campus. Roc the Jam welcomes Rochester artists, musicians, developers, and game makers. Come by yourself and find others to work with, or come with a team ready to roc(k). For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).
- **AfterRIT Retreat:** Saturday, January 25, 2025, 9:00 am – 7:00 pm. Location: RIT Campus. AfterRIT is a full-day retreat for RIT students to participate in interactive workshops on life and career skills led by alumni and local entrepreneurs. For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).
- **Expressions of King's Legacy with Keynote Speaker: Deborah Archer** January 29, 2025, 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm. Location: Gordon Field House. Join us for our 43rd Expressions of King's Legacy, commemorating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Deborah Archer is the eighth President of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). She leads America's premier civil rights and civil liberties organization. For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).

A FEW THOUGHTS

In this issue, meet:

- **Sandy Johnson**, Senior Vice President of Student Affairs. Read Sandy's thoughts related to critical thinking [HERE](#).

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- [*"The Socratic Method: Cultivating Critical Thinking Through Dialogue"*](#) by Bharath, Avinashi by Bharath, December 30, 2024.
- [*"Manifesting Your Goals From a Critical Thinking Standpoint"*](#) by Christopher Dwyer, Ph.D., Psychology Today, December 12, 2024.
- [*"Tomorrow's Needs: Students"*](#) by John Lehman and Laura Bulleit, Michigan Tech, December 4, 2024.

