



# **Destler-Johnson Rochester City Scholars**

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City Scholars

# Overview

Rochester Institute of Technology is proud to offer the Destler-Johnson Rochester City Scholars Program to graduates of the Rochester City School District and approved charter schools, who are admitted as freshman to full-time study in baccalaureate programs at the University.

It is a comprehensive program for students entering RIT from the district who meet the academic and financial parameters. The program features a summer enrichment program, extensive advising and support for students throughout their enrollment, and full tuition scholarship support for undergraduate study at the university.



## 2020 Destler-Johnson Rochester City Scholars

Welcome to the RIT family!

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Leadership Academy for Young Men

# Welcome Destler-Johnson Rochester City Scholars!

## From President David Munson

Welcome to **RIT**! Congratulations to each of you for your acceptance into the Destler-Johnson Rochester City Scholars program. I applaud you for your achievements and dedication thus far, and we look forward to helping you capitalize on all that RIT has to offer.

You are at the cusp of making your dreams a reality and are among a group of 22 new scholars for this program. The program was established in 2010 by former President Bill Destler and his spouse, Dr. Rebecca Johnson. To date, 225 scholars have been where you are today.

As part of this special group, you'll be inspired and challenged. You will contribute in interdisciplinary teams and have innovative technologies at your fingertips. And you will learn about the interconnectivity of technology, the arts and design to transform the world's future.

Dr. Destler and Dr. Johnson had a vision and founded this program to provide opportunities for Rochester City Scholars who are bright, full of leadership potential and are eager to learn. You are now attending a top-rated global university. It's time for you to put forth everything you have to excel academically, choose a career, positively impact your

community, and commit to helping others through your leadership. You will be well positioned to lead lives of great consequence and purpose, including outside your chosen profession. I'd like you to remember those who have contributed to your triumphs and academic foundation. Think about the people who saw your potential, encouraged you, offered a helping hand or pushed you to overcome challenges in your life.

You're in the right place, at the right time. We are excited to partner with you and your loved ones to help you navigate this journey and serve as your compass. Remember to use your time wisely, ask questions of faculty and staff, make friends, and prepare yourself for a lifetime of personal growth. You are now part of this legacy and the RIT family.

I wish you all the best. Please don't hesitate to stop me on campus to say hello and strike up a conversation.

Go Tigers!

David C. Munson Jr.  
**RIT President**



# [ Welcome ]

Welcome Destler/Johnson Rochester City Scholars,

Congratulations on being chosen to join the Destler/Johnson Rochester City Scholars family! I am honored to welcome you with the Zulu greeting, “Sawa Bona”.

By greeting you in this fashion, I am simply saying, on behalf of RIT, “We see you.”

Know that we at RIT “see you” and are excited that you have joined the RIT family.

The Zulu response to this greeting is “Sikhona”, which means “Because you see me, I am here.” Perhaps, however, the most important part of the greeting is the “response to the response”—“Ubuntu”. This response says, “We are who we are because of who we all are.” Know that we at RIT see you, recognize that you are here, and acknowledge that our creativity and innovation are the result of our entire “engaged, intellectually curious, and socially conscious community”. I take great honor in formally welcoming you to RIT and applaud your many accomplishments to date.

I have the honor each summer of teaching some of you in my Intercultural Communication class offered through the Division of Diversity & Inclusion Summer Experience. Based on the interactions I enjoyed during each class session, I am excited about the impact you will have, not only each other but on all of us—faculty, staff and students—at RIT.

As you embark on this new and exciting journey at RIT, we recognize that you stand on the shoulders of many who played important roles in your success. Your solid foundation includes not only their support and encouraging words, but also your preparation through studies, participation in student clubs and organizations and involvement in community activities that helped shape the persons you are today. In this season of your journey at RIT, prepare to shine, dream big and do and be all that you envision.

We are excited to partner with you, your family and loved ones in helping you accomplish the goals you’ve set and achieve success. We encourage you to explore your new surroundings and use your time wisely as you prepare for a lifetime of personal growth and responsible citizenship.

I wish you all the best, new class of Rochester City Scholars.

My door is always open to you.

**Dr. Keith B. Jenkins, Professor**  
**Vice President and Associate**  
**Provost for Diversity & Inclusion**



## MCAS

“Community + Trust = Academic Success”

The Multicultural Center for Academic Success (MCAS) would like to congratulate each of you on being selected as a Rochester City Scholar. As a Destler-Johnson Rochester City Scholar, you are joining a larger extended MCAS family of scholars and leaders.

MCAS is committed to building community and trust with our students in order to strengthen their academic success. As a member of MCAS, you will have access to personal coaching; educational and social programming, as well as leadership and mentoring opportunities. You’ll work primarily with David Benitez, Associate Dir. Community Initiatives, and he along with the rest of MCAS look forward to supporting and enhancing your academic talents and personal development during your time here at RIT and beyond.

We look forward to getting to know each of you and aiding in your growth and development!

The MCAS Team



James  
Macchiano



David  
Benitez



Jonathan  
Ntheketha



Stephanie  
Paredes



Bernard  
Rodgers



Megan  
Tornow





Samier Al-Hachami

**High school:** School Without Walls #69

**College/Major:** College of Art and Design/3D Digital Design

**Describe your perfect day.**

My perfect day would be a day with no one at home, the house being perfectly quiet and me cleaning the house with no distractions. Of course after that's done the rest of the day would be spent composing drawing, and working out.

**What do you hope your college experience will prepare you for?**

There is only one thing I hope this experience can prepare me for, and that is the working world. I hope that I can learn the practical skills needed for a job in 3D.

**What are your hobbies?**

My hobbies include but are not limited to playing piano, guitar, bass, and digital instruments, composing original music and different arrangements of pre-existing music, drawing, designing characters, making comics, animating, creating 3d models, learning random skills, exercising, reading, calligraphy and many more. To be honest I just do anything that seems interesting and might be useful at some point.

Mohamed Amadi

**High school:** Rochester Prep HS

**College/Major:** Saunders College of Business/Business Exploration

**What are you looking forward to at RIT?**

I am looking forward to studying at one of RIT's global campuses. I've always been interested in visiting a country outside of the U.S. and RIT's study abroad program offers campuses in China, Dubai, and Croatia!

**If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would it be?**

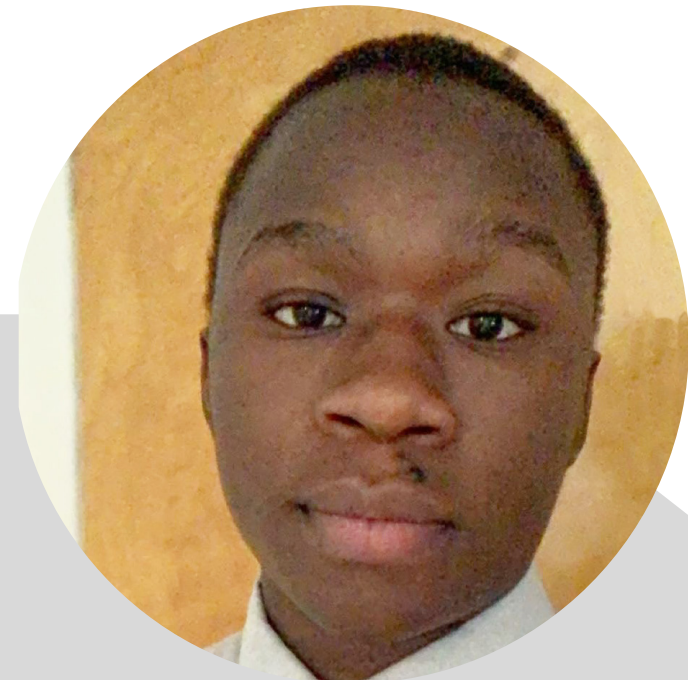
If I could travel anywhere in the world, it'll be East Africa. I would want to visit East Africa because it is my family's origins, both of my parents were born and raised in Somalia and I was born in Kenya. I want to see and experience what life is like in my birth country.

**Best advice about life you've received and from whom?**

The best advice I've ever received in life is that time is the most valuable thing I have. This advice from my mother made me realize that life begins to move a lot faster as you age because you have more responsibilities and less free time. In order to make the most of time, it's best to be productive and have fun while you're young.

**What do you hope your college experience will prepare you for?**

I hope college will prepare me for ultimate success in life. I want to gain the knowledge to maintain a successful life financially and emotionally.



## Imani De Las Casas

**High school:** School of the Arts

**College/Major:** College of Liberal Arts/Applied Modern Language and Culture  
- Chinese Option

**Have you received any specials Awards or Recognitions?**

IBERO Hispanic Scholar.

**What are you looking forward to at RIT?**

I'm honestly just looking forward to learning about myself, others, and learning in my classes. Of course I'm excited about my major but I'm also excited about the opportunity to take classes on other areas of interest.

**If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would it be?**

I would love to travel around Asia and I plan to after school. I want to visit many different places but at the top of my list are China, Korea, Thailand, Taiwan, and Singapore.

**What are your hobbies?**

I love doing artistic things, whether that be painting, drawing, singing, dancing, building things, or dancing. I also like watching movies, dramas, and listening to music but my favorite thing to do is watch music videos. I love all the different artistic aspects that go into making a music video and I could probably spend a whole day watching them.



Liam Eckel-Monroe

**High school:** World on Inquiry HS

**College/Major:** College of Science/Environmental Science

**What are you looking forward to at RIT?**

I'm looking forward to meeting new people the most. It'll be nice to have a new group of friends, that most likely won't stay static like the ones in high school.

**If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would it be?**

If I could travel anywhere in the world, I'd probably choose Alaska. I've always wanted to go there because I've heard it's beautiful and I really want to see the northern lights someday.

**What do you hope your college experience will prepare you for?**

I hope my college experience will prepare me for life after school. Mainly because that is a big part of the purpose of college.

**What is your favorite book, artist, activity, or sport?**

My favorite book is currently one from the Wheel of Time series. They're all really good so I can't decide on which is the best. The world is just crafted extremely well, the main characters are interesting, and the books somehow maintain their cohesiveness even though the narrator switches so much, even to minor characters, mainly to give details about what is happening elsewhere in their world.





**Alysia Figueroa**

**High school:** Rochester Prep HS

**College/Major:** College of Art and Design/Graphic Design

**Have you received any special Awards or Recognitions?**

Honor Roll, High Honor Roll, Design Student of the Year.

**How would you describe yourself to someone who doesn't know you?**

I would describe myself as a funny, creative, honest, and caring person. I am good at reading a crowd and people in general, and am usually good at fitting in with anyone.

**If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would it be?**

If I could go anywhere in the world, I would probably go to Whitsunday Island in Australia. I have always wanted to go to Australia and I love beautiful beaches. I believe it will be fun to see different people, the wildlife and also to relax somewhere beautiful.

**What is your favorite book, artist, activity, or sport?**

My favorite book is Glory Lane by Alan Dean Foster. It is a sci-fi book about three very different people joining forces to discover a new planet and joining a universal battle between alien species. I like this book because it opens your eyes to seeing that we do not know everything in existence and there are things much more significant than what we know in our day to day lives.

**Victoria Graziano**

**High school:** School of the Arts

**College/Major:** College of Art and Design/Graphic Design

**What are you looking forward to at RIT?**

I have heard so many great things about RIT and have heard that overall, it's a really pleasant and welcoming environment. I'm excited to study art, which I love a lot, in someplace so great!

**What are your hobbies?**

I really enjoy drawing and playing the piano! I even majored in piano in high school (I attended an arts school) — it was a really fun experience!

**If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would it be?**

I would visit Tokyo! I have family there and have visited in the past and really enjoyed it.

**What would people be surprised to learn about you?**

I think that my taste in music surprises people a bit, I have a pretty broad taste. People tend to assume I'm into kpop and classical music, which I am, but I really like rock and metal as well!





Bryce Majors

**High school:** World of Inquiry #58

**College/Major:** College of Health Science and  
Technology/Diagnostic Medical Sonography

**Have you received any special Awards or Recognitions?**

Black Scholar

**What are you looking forward to at RIT?**

I'm looking forward mainly to the freedom I am going to have living on my own, but also all the new people I am going to meet and become friends with. I hope to develop new hobbies and join clubs.

**What are your hobbies?**

My current hobbies consist of playing video games, listening to music, and being active. Mainly video games though.

**What do you hope your college experience will prepare you for?**

I hope the college experience will prepare me to live on my own, provide for myself, and choose good peers and friends.

**What is your favorite book, artist, activity, or sport?**

My favorite sport is basketball. I don't play it seriously, just for fun, but watching it is fun too. myself, and choose good peers and friends.

Nicholas Mau

**High school:** Wilson Magnet HS

**College/Major:** College of Engineering Technology/Engineering Technology Exploration

**What would people be surprised to learn about you?**

I am a black belt in karate. This is often one of the things I say in two truths and a lie and many pick it as the lie.

**The COVID-19 pandemic is creating a "new normal." How are you successfully navigating all of the changes we are experiencing? What is your advice for others?**

While my new normal hasn't changed as I mostly stayed inside and played video games for entertainment I found myself being burnt out very quickly. I would need to find something different to do such as a lego set. That is what I would recommend to another person is try not to do the same thing every day and mix it up.

**What are your hobbies?**

Some of my hobbies are playing video games and building with legos.

**What is your favorite book, artist, activity, or sport?**

My favorite activity is to swim. I have enjoyed swimming for most of my life which prompted me to get my lifeguarding certification.





## Julian Mika

**High school:** School of the Arts

**College/Major:** B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences/  
Game Design and Development

**What are you looking forward to at RIT?**

I am looking forward to participating in clubs and events at RIT.

**How would you describe yourself to someone who doesn't know you?**

I would describe myself as an introverted type of person who is goofy in close friend groups.

**What do you think the world will be like when you graduate from RIT?**

I think after I graduate from RIT the world will give me a totally different perspective on life (whether it be through technology, social events, etc).

**What are your hobbies?**

My favorite hobbies include playing video games and tennis.



## Viviam Naranjo Carrazan

**High school:** School of the Arts

**College/Major:** College of Art and Design/Film & Animation - Animation Option

**Have you received any special Awards or Recognitions?**

Seal of Biliteracy (Spanish+English), National Honor Society, Senior Arts Recognition Award (School of the Arts)

**What are you looking forward to at RIT?**

I'm looking forward to learning more about the different programs and devices used to animate, especially 3D and stop motion animation.

**What is your dream job after graduation?**

After graduation, my dream job would be either a character animator or designer. I love coming up with weird creatures, and being able to bring them to life in the future, is something I'm looking forward to tremendously.

**What do you hope your college experience will prepare you for?**

I hope my college experience will help broaden my skill set as well as improve my artistic potential. In the future, I hope I am prepared to face my challenges head-on and be able to create art that I am proud of.

**What is your favorite book, artist, activity, or sport?**

My favorite artist at the moment is called Alexander Ostrowski (@ostrowskialex on Instagram). I love their creature designs and concepts overall. Their artwork and style are incredibly inspirational and beautiful to me. I aspire to be as talented as them in the future.





Marie Navas Concepcion

**High school:** Integrated Arts and Technology HS

**College/Major:** College of Liberal Arts/Psychology

**Have you received any special Awards or Recognitions?**

Frederick Douglas and Susan B Anthony Award + Hispanic Heritage Award.

**If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would it be?**

I want to travel around Europe, no place in specific. I want to hope around it's towns and cities, observe the different culture whilst enjoying the new experience.

**Best advice about life you've received?**

"The reason you know you're feeling sad right now is because you've felt happiness before so don't think that how you're feeling right now is how you'll feel forever. Things get better."

**What would people be surprised to learn about you?**

I'm really straightforward when it comes to my personality but people are usually surprised when I tell them I was born and raised in Puerto Rico and that I am also part of the LGBT+ community.

**What are your hobbies?**

I have a lot of things I like to do, I wouldn't call them hobbies since they always change depending on my mood or what type of day it is. But it would include things like: reading, writing, listening to music, watching anime or Korean dramas, swimming, exercising or simply organizing things.

Madeline Newsome

**High school:** School of the Arts HS

**College/Major:** Interdisciplinary Studies/University Exploration

**What are you looking forward to at RIT?**

Just the experience of being an RIT student. What more is there to ask for?

**What would people be surprised to learn about you?**

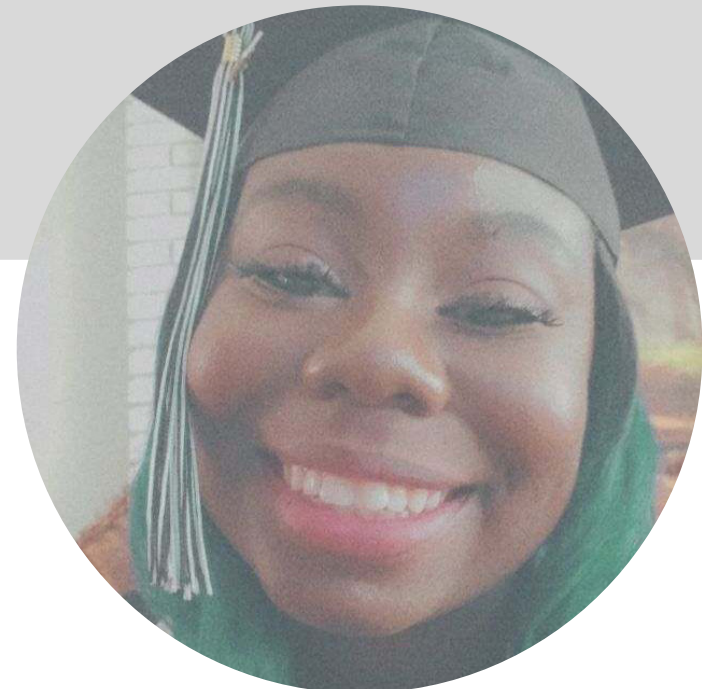
I am a very talkative person once you get to know me.

**What do you hope your college experience will prepare you for?**

I hope that it will prepare me for life in general and just being able to handle whatever gets throw my way.

**What are your hobbies?**

My hobbies are reading, writing, playing video games, listening to music and playing instruments.







Zabari Phillip

**High school:** Rochester Prep HS

**College/Major:** College of Liberal Arts/Digital Humanities and Social Sciences

**What are you looking forward to at RIT?**

Getting to meet a bunch of different and new people with a variety of backgrounds.

**Describe your perfect day.**

When I feel by the end of the day that I've accomplished something it leaves me feeling fulfilled/satisfied.

**If you could have a conversation with anyone living or dead, who would it be and why?**

Jeff Bezos because he is a self made man who also has become extremely successful.

**If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would it be?**

Dubai because seeing will help me remember the lifestyle I'm working towards.

**What is your dream job after graduation?**

I dream of working in the cyber security field and ultimately being a type of private contractor.

Sandra Rodriguez

**High school:** Rochester Prep HS

**College/Major:** College of Health Sciences and Technology/Biomedical Sciences

**How would you describe yourself to someone who doesn't know you?**

I would describe myself as someone who's very complicated to understand. I'm very friendly at times but enjoy being alone. I also have a weak heart against those who are in need. And if I really care about you I'm the type to do anything in my power for that person.

**Describe your perfect day.**

My perfect day would include the one person I trust and just talk to them all day and eat.

**What are your hobbies?**

My hobbies are reading manga, watching anime and drawing.

**What clubs at RIT are you interested in joining?**

I'm really interested in going back to doing track. I got back into track in highschool and I surprisingly love it still and miss it so much. However, I'm also into joining a club that involves anime.





## Jahaad Shairi

**High school:** School of the Arts

**College/Major:** College of Art and Design/Film & Animation - Production Option

**What are you looking forward to at RIT?**

I am looking forward to meeting many new people and furthering my education. I hope to make connections that last a lifetime and try out new things I would've never before.

**What is your dream job?**

After graduating I would like to enter the film industry as a writer and director. I would love to make films exploring the human experience in a surreal fashion.

**Best advice about life you've received:**

The best advice that I've learned is to take a breath before taking your next step because a second can change the outcome of your life. I learned this myself through several experiences, and realizing how much rushing and nerves can negatively impact your outcome of success.

**What is your favorite book?**

I really love the phone book! I've read it cover to cover and back again about 14 times now. It has everything you could ever need! Thanks yellow pages!



## Yassir Smith

**High school:** Rochester Prep HS

**College/Major:** College of Engineering Technology/Mechanical Engineering Technology

**What are you looking forward to at RIT?**

I'm looking forward to new experiences. I'm willfully knowing that RIT will grant me knowledge and wisdom to keep with me for the rest of my life, and I'm excited and ready to receive it.

**How would you describe yourself to someone who doesn't know you?**

I would describe myself as someone who is willing to work. I try to be prideful or egotistical but I refuse to say that I'd be afraid of working on something or with someone to help anyone. Refusing to help people is like refusing to build your community in my eyes.

**What clubs at RIT are you interested in joining?**

I'm interested in joining the drama club and or a theater program. I'd like to keep my ambitions and skills as an actor sharp while attending college. I also find it to be a great stress reliever and a very powerful way to learn emotional control.

**Best advice about life you've received and from whom?**

The best advice I've received about life was given to me by my grandad: the greatest things in life you'll ever have are the things you've worked for and earned.





Alyssa Troidl

**High school:** School of the Arts

**College/Major:** Kate Gleason College of Engineering/Mechanical Engineering

**If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would it be?**

If I could travel anywhere in the world I would travel to New Zealand. I would want to go hiking, exploring and meet many new people. I am also a huge fan of Lord of the Rings and the Hobbit so I would have to visit the Hobbiton movie set.

**What clubs at RIT are you interested in joining?**

I am interested in joining a lot of clubs, some I've never done and some to keep doing things I like. I would like to join the Ballroom Dance Club, Rock Climbing Club, RIT Pep Band, RIT Formula SAE Racing Team or Hot Wheelz, Anime Club, Women in Engineering, Volleyball (but not varsity) and something to expand my knowledge of ASL.

**What are your hobbies?**

My hobbies include reading, baking, listening and playing music, and going for walks or hikes. I have been baking since I could remember and it is something that helps calm me down, not to mention that I enjoy eating what I make.

Holden Vance

**High school:** Integrated Arts and Technology HS

**College/Major:** B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences/ Game Design and Development

**What are you looking forward to at RIT?**

I'm looking forward to being able to set my future up for success at RIT. I thought long and hard about where to go, and based on RIT's reputation for Game Design, I am sure that I'll be able to gain the tools needed to fulfill my dream.

**What is your dream job after graduation?**

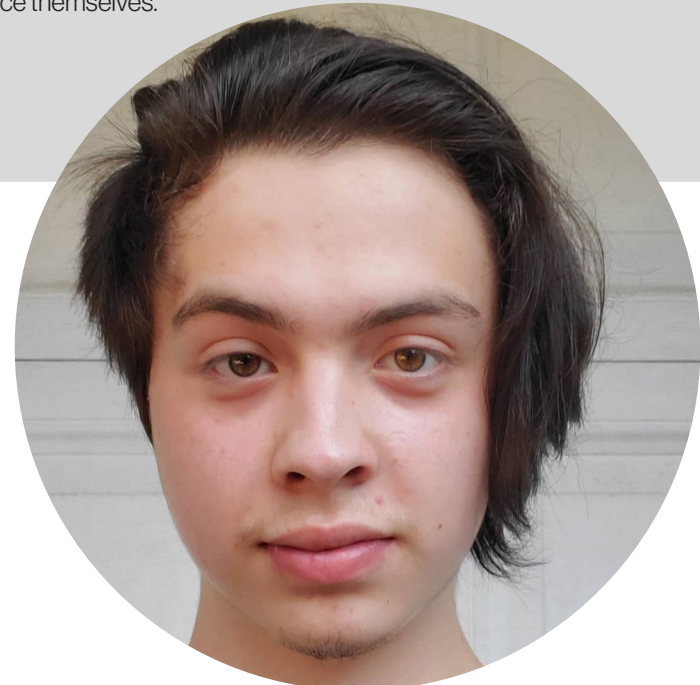
After graduating, my dream job is to be a full time Video Game Designer. Realistically I may intern at bigger names for a while, but I eventually want to emerge with a studio of my own.

**What clubs at RIT are you interested in joining?**

I'm interested in joining the Smash Bro. club, as well as the Dungeons and Dragons club! I never really had anyone to play games with, so I am really looking forward to having some people with similar interests as me!

**The COVID-19 pandemic is creating a "new normal." How are you successfully navigating all of the changes we are experiencing? What is your advice for others?**

The "new normal" that the pandemic has created is definitely something that took a lot of thinking to properly navigate. Something I have been doing is pacing myself. Making sure that you don't overexert yourself is something that everyone should be mindful about. It's easy to bite off more than you can chew, so I suggest that everyone makes sure to pace themselves.





Joseph Vazquez

**High school:** Rochester Academy Charter School

**College/Major:** College of Engineering Technology/  
Engineering Technology Exploration

**What are you looking forward to at RIT?**

What I look forward to most is immersing myself at RIT. I am looking forward to calling RIT my new home as I meet people and get to know the campus. I cannot wait to start learning all the complicated and interesting things that are in engineering. I Hope RIT will give me a spark and help me decide what to dedicate my life to.

**If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would it be?**

I love to travel around the world because it exposes me to different ways of life, people and most importantly food. I am a fanatic of unique cultures because I like to see and try new things. If I could travel to one place it would be to Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam for its unique street foods and tourist attractions.

**What do you hope your college experience will prepare you for?**

I hope college will prepare me for a stable and comfortable future. A future that will allow me to help improve existing technologies and contribute to humanity as a whole no matter how small or big. I want to be able to graduate from RIT with a sense of accomplishment knowing that what I do will help others. RIT will prepare me to become the best version of myself.

Luisa Velocci

**High school:** School of the Arts

**College/Major:** College of Art and Design/Interior Design

**What are you looking forward to at RIT?**

I am looking forward to RIT's diverse community and forming relationships with people from around the world.

**What is your dream job after graduation?**

My dream job after college is to become an Interior Designer, and hopefully getting my Architect Certificate and becoming a Project Manager.

**If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would it be?**

I would love to travel to Dubai and Tokyo one day, and hopefully work overseas in those two cities for design projects in my career.

**What clubs at RIT are you interested in joining?**

While attending RIT, I want to take advantage of no-voice-zones and learn how to speak American Sign Language. I want to learn a new way to communicate with my peers, as well expanding my ability to communicate with more people around the country who use ASL.





## Rainey Walker

**High school:** School of the Arts

**College/Major:** College of Art and Design/3C Digital Design

**What are you looking forward to at RIT?**

I'm looking forward to a new environment and new people. I'm excited to develop my skills and see what this new chapter holds for me.

**What is your dream job after graduation?**

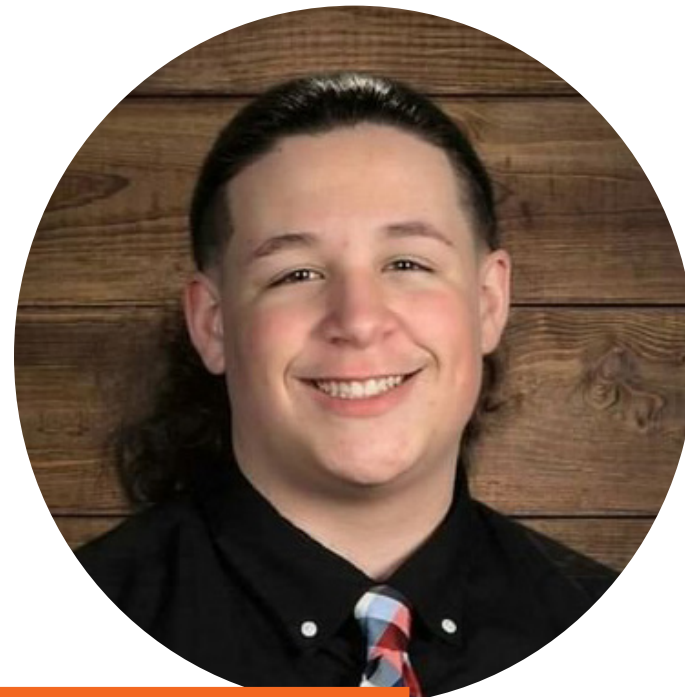
I want to be an animator for movies, shows and video games. I plan on switching my major to animation and growing as an artist.

**Best advice about life you've received?**

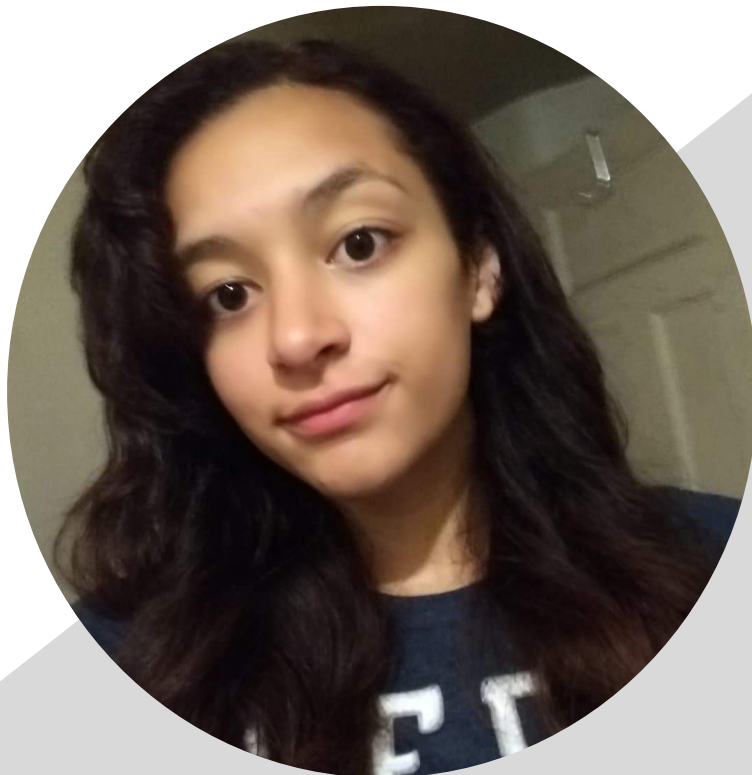
It was something like, "sometimes you have to wait for your luck to find you" and I got it from a TV show called The Fosters. It wasn't from a person I knew, but the words resonated with me and I hold them very close when times get tough.

**What are your hobbies?**

I love reading and writing, my favorite genre is fantasy. I also enjoy playing video games and watching movies/shows. I'm very passionate about creating and using art to express myself, or to tell a story.



Kyle Westbrook



**High school:** Leadership Academy for Young Men

**College/Major:** College of Liberal Arts/Advertising & Public Relations

**What are you looking forward to at RIT?**

What I look forward to while attending RIT is the college experience. I am also looking forward to becoming my best self as I believe there are many aspects of my personality and character that can be changed for the better.

**What do you hope your college experience will prepare you for?**

What I wish my experience in college prepares me for is befriending new individuals. Sure, I have tons of friends from high school, but I also had 4+ years to become such close friends with them. I want to be better at socializing with others.

**What is your favorite book, artist, activity, or sport?**

I do not know if this would count, but my favorite manga series is called *Vagabond* by Inoue Takehiko. I really appreciate how nice the art in it looks and the story is also great. It is a shame the series never got a conclusion.

**What are your hobbies?**

I enjoy doing are reading manga, listening to music, and playing video games.

# [Supporters]

Several individuals and organizations of the Rochester community have joined RIT in the past year to strengthen the RIT Destler-Johnson Rochester City Scholars program.

Their leadership level gifts have helped us to expand the program and ensure its continued success. We are grateful for their financial support, for their support of RIT and for their commitment to Rochester's youth.

Jerry & Kate Alonzo

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