Opportunities.....

**Imagine Cup**
IGM is going to host Imagine Cup Hack-a-Thon! Get your team in order and prepare for 36 hours of hacking fun. The School of IGM will be providing snacks and meals throughout (details to come). The lab will be open all night (yes you should still go home and show at least once). Build games, solve problems, or create cool applications.

**Where?**
Starting with a Keynote in GOL 1400 and then moving to Gol 2000 & Gol 2025

**When?**
Friday November 14\(^{th}\) – 16\(^{th}\) Starting at 6 pm in Gol 1400

**Prizes?**
Yes and they will be good ones, still working out exactly what they will entail.

**What is ImagineCup?**
Check out the link below, our own Steve Maier (Adjunct Professor & Microsoft Evangelist) will lead the way!
[https://www.imaginecup.com/custom/index/getstarted](https://www.imaginecup.com/custom/index/getstarted)

**OK I am interested what do I need to do?**
Get your team together! Stack it with the best people (has to be RIT students) you can get your hands on and show up on November 14\(^{th}\) in Gol 1400 @ 6 pm. Also be sure to get your Eventbrite tickets (we need to know how much food to get).
[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/imaginecup-tickets-14191644591](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/imaginecup-tickets-14191644591)

**IGM Labs Web Developer Position**
The IGM Labs has a student web developer position(s) that we are looking to fill for work on a couple of projects of web/database. This is a part time position and you will also be assisting with open lab hours.

We are looking for:
1) Self starting student
2) Maximum 18 hours per week, minimum 10 hours per week.
3) Knowledge of:
   a. HTML
   b. PHP
   c. MySQL preferred
   d. Ajax \ Javascript preferred

If interested, please send your resume, cover letter and examples of your work to ann.warren@rit.edu

**Get ready for Gray Matter to take on Gamergate!**

Mark your calendar for a special discussion Monday evening, November 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Simone Center for Innovation.

**Video Games Live comes to Rochester!**

The RIT Center for MAGIC is pleased to provide promotional support to the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra to present Video Games Live at Kodak Hall at the Eastman Theatre on Friday, November 21 at 8:00 PM. This support includes a 20% discount for members of the RIT community.

Tickets are available at: http://www.rpo.org/p_1874/?cal=1 Please use the code RITMAGIC at checkout.

For more information about the show, including the opportunity to create the set list, please visit the Facebook page for the event at: http://ow.ly/BhIrK

Additional questions regarding the show should be directed to the Eastman Theatre Box Office at 585.454.2100.

**Microsoft College Scholarship Program**

Microsoft awards college tuition scholarships each year to encourage students to pursue studies in Computer Science and related STEM disciplines. Scholarships are awarded in
full or partial amounts for use toward the 2015-2016 academic year. For more information, please visit http://aka.ms/microsoftscholarship. Application can be found at http://aka.ms/scholarshipapplication.

**The IGDA Scholarship Program <http://scholars.igda.org/>**

The IGDA Scholarship Program is a 13 year old program that kick-starts careers of the best and brightest students entering the games industry. This program awards scholarships to select individuals who apply. Here's the full list of what award winners receive:

- **Conference Passes**: All access passes to GDC, GDCE, Gamescom, E3, TGS, and CEDEC

- **Mentorship**: A veteran, industry mentor is assigned to scholarship recipients based on the field of their study. This mentor meets with them during the conference, helps them network, and maintains a relationship with the student throughout his or her career.

- **Studio tours**: This year students toured DoubleFine, 3 Rings, DICE LA, Insomniac Games, and Gree.

- **Booth Tours**: This is usually specific to E3 and Gamescom. As part of this students get to play games and meet with developers there. This year students sat down one on one with designers from Ubisoft, attended a Destiny after hours event, met with Disney, sat down with Oculus after hours and more.

- **Q&A Sessions**: We invite them to speak to veterans in private sessions. A few of the ones from 2014 included Brian Fargo (*Fallout*, *Wasteland*, *Wasteland 2*), Don Daglow (Intellivision, *Utopia*, *Neverwinter Nights*), John Romero (*Doom*, *Ravenwood Fair*, *Red Faction*), and Jenova Chen (ThatGameCompany, *Journey*, *Flow*, *Flower*).

Applications for GDC 2015 are due the 2nd of December! Visit: http://scholars.igda.org/how-to-apply/ to apply.

For general information visit scholars.igda.org! And follow us on Twitter @IGDA_scholars <https://twitter.com/IGDA_Scholars?original_referer=http%3A%2F%2Fscholars.igda.or>
Introducing Blippar!
Tuesday, November 18th 6-7pm, MAGIC Center

Hear from Luc Michalski and RIT alumna Cheena Jain of BLIPPAR, give an exciting talk on augmented reality—the future of branded engagement. They will also be collecting resumes—they have co-op and full-time opportunities available. Food will be provided.

Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra

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RIT Job Zone

Check out opportunities on Job Zone for Second Avenue Learning, SeeClickFix and Broken Myth Studios

IGM Fall Megagame: Watch the Skies!

The IGM megagame “Watch the Skies!” has been rescheduled to Saturday, November 8, 1:00-10:00pm, 70-2400

Pizza will be served!!

What is a megagame?
A megagame is a cross between a role-playing game and a tabletop wargame, involving dozens of players acting as different facets of various factions in a global conflict.

In our megagame, Watch the Skies!, you and your friends will spend a day acting as
facets of various country’s governments simulating the events surrounding an alien invasion of Earth. Each team of four or so players takes on the role of a country, the aliens, or even the global press, and needs to strategize and allocate military assets to Earth’s defense, while taking on diplomatic roles to deal with both the aliens and other countries.

To get a great idea of what a megagame is like, check out the video below:
http://www.shutupandsitdown.com/videos/v/susd-play-megagame/

Sign-up is on a first-come, first-served basis. To sign up, register online:
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/igm-megagame-watch-the-skies-tickets-13334177885

If you have any questions, please contact Sean Boyle in the School of Interactive Games and Media, at sean.boyle@rit.edu

**National Toy Hall of Fame Celebration Weekend at the Strong Museum**

**Saturday, November 8, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.**

**Sunday, November 9, 1–4 p.m.**

Courtesy LAIKA, 2014

Rejoice during this annual celebration of America’s favorite toys! Honor the toys newly inducted into the

National Toy Hall of Fame and revel in a weekend of activities featuring the cardboard box (2005 inductee)

and jigsaw puzzle (2002 inductee).

Enjoy a presentation at 2 p.m. each day by **Mark Shapiro, from Oregon-based LAIKA**, the award-winning

animation studio behind *Coraline* (2009), *ParaNorman* (2012), and the new movie *The Boxtrolls*, which
pays homage to the cardboard box. The movie tells the tale of an orphaned boy raised by underground trash-collectors who wear cardboard boxes like turtles wear their shells. See original puppets and props and learn how the creative team at LAIKA brought these cardboard-clad characters to life.

Continue the cardboard box celebration by becoming a Boxtroll using stop-motion animation with **RIT professor Tom Gasek**, and designing your own creature. Then become a piece of puzzle history and help put together “Wildlife,” the world’s largest jigsaw puzzle that consists of 33,600 pieces, and enjoy a variety of magnetic, wooden, and floor puzzles. (Puzzles courtesy of Educa.)

**Portfolio pieces for website**

If you have portfolio pieces that we can use on the IGM website please contact Beth Livecchi at bmlpsn@rit.edu.

**Hudson Valley Undergraduate Games Conference**

http://midhudsongames.wordpress.com/

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1rACEur-9KnsPi3WHtpJepY3f_RM_WLA4ygG5hnQvJRC/viewform

**Discount/free passes for students attending GDC 2015**

**Please note:** availability is very limited; only a few pass discounts are available.

Email Brenda Schlageter, Operations Manager of The RIT MAGIC Center with your name and intended pass information. bljbka@rit.edu
**Room Reservations**

All IGM students or student groups/clubs must go through Jill Bray to make a room reservation. In GCCIS, please do not go through the Dean’s Office. Jill can be reached at jcbics@rit.edu or Room 2161.

**Academic Advising.....**

**To all IGM students taking (or who will take) IGME 101, 102, 105, 106, 201, and 202.**

As of Spring 2015 enrollment, IGME-102, IGME-106, IGME-201, and IGME-202 have grade pre-requisites, which SIS shows (you need to set it to "Spring"). If you get a D or lower in a course that is a pre-req to one of those courses, you must retake the pre-req course. Here are the complete grade pre-reqs:

If you earn a grade of D or lower in IGME-101, you cannot take IGME-102.

If you earn a grade of D or lower in IGME-102, you cannot take IGME-201.

If you earn a grade of D or lower in IGME-105, you cannot take IGME-106.

If you earn a grade of D or lower in IGME-106, you cannot take IGME-202.

If you earn a grade of D or lower in IGME-102, you cannot take IGME-202.

If you earn a grade of D or lower in IGME-201, you cannot take IGME-202.

The pre-reqs for IGME-202 are IGME-106, IGME-201 and MATH-185.
Please check with your academic advisor if you have any questions.

**Did you enter RIT this fall semester?**

All students who entered into RIT this year are required to attend a meeting with their advisor during fall semester. In this meeting we will discuss future course enrollment and other IGM resources. To schedule this meeting you must stop by or call the IGM office at 585-475-7453. It is imperative that you attend as there is a hold on your account that will prevent for you from enrolling in spring semester classes. This hold can only be removed by attending this meeting with your academic advisor. Please e-mail your advisor if you have any questions.

**Fall Semester Walk-in Advising Hours:** Monday – Thursday from 1pm – 3pm and Fridays from 10am – 12pm in the IGM Office (Golisano 2145).

**IGM Advising Appointments:** Students may also schedule an appointment with an advisor. To schedule, students should call the office at 585-475-7453 or stop in the main office during regular business hours. Undergraduate students are assigned an academic based on their academic program, last name, and entry year.

**Game Design & Development:**

Last names A-K and all Honors Students: Amanda Scheerbaum (absrlra@rit.edu)

Last names L-Z: Kathleen Schreier (kmsrla@rit.edu)

**New Media Interactive Development:**

All NMID students who entered in 2013 and beyond: Betty Hillman (echics@rit.edu)

Students who entered in Fall 2012 and prior, last names A-K and Honors students: Amanda Scheerbaum (absrla@rit.edu)
Students who entered in Fall 2012 and prior, last names L-Z: Kathleen Schreier (kmsrla@rit.edu)

**Social Media**

Please remember to stay in touch with the latest and greatest School news

- Facebook: School of Interactive Games and Media
- Twitter: @IGM_RIT
- Foursquare: School of Interactive Games and Media
- There are also 2 student created and moderated discussion groups: Game Design and Development and New Media Interactive Development on Facebook
- IGM Student Wiki: https://wiki.rit.edu/display/IGMguide/Home

**Key Players in IGM**

Jessica Bayliss – Graduate Coordinator
Jill Bray – Administrative Assistant to the Director
Tona Henderson – Director
Betty Hillman – Sr. Academic Advisor
Ed Huyer – Lab Manager
Beth Livecchi – Operations Manager
Amanda Scheerbaum – Sr. Academic Advisor
Kathleen Schreier – Sr. Academic Advisor
David Schwartz – Undergraduate Coordinator
Ann Warren – Lab Manager
Chad Weeden – Assistant Director
Shameelah Wilson – Sr. Staff Assistant

**Feedback Welcomed**

Your constructive feedback is always welcomed! Please feel free to respond to this email with any questions or concerns.