

Weekly Newsletter
Wed. December 10, 2025



It's time for finals...

...and you know what to do! Put all of the knowledge and skills you gained this semester into your final assignments, exams and projects and you will undoubtedly succeed!

As things wind down, please remember to report your honors experiences for points and submit any remaining complementary learning from the semester; and this is the time to start thinking about your honors activities for the spring.

As always, please reach out with any questions, concerns, or thoughts - we are here to support you!

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Honors Research & Creativity Symposium Recap

Thank You for Coming to the Symposium!

On Saturday, December 6, we hosted the 11th Annual Honors Research & Creativity Symposium. The event was a hit, with 131 students presenting 100 posters, and over 150 attendees at the event!

Students shared information generated from faculty mentored research, honors options, and first-year seminar classes, and with presentations spanning topics like *Green Urban Design*, *GPU-Accelerated Bead Tracking Code for Magnetic Tweezer Experiments*, and *The Earth is Flat*, students showcased a wide range of topics across all colleges and disciplines.

Special thanks for the **Academic Excellence Committee of Honors Council** for their work organizing the symposium, as well as the **student employees** in the Honors office for all of their efforts - we could not do this work without their contributions.

And thanks to everyone who came out and supported the Honors community. We look forward to seeing you again next year!

That's a wrap on the 2026 Honors Symposium!



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Continuation Review

Fall 2025

Fall 2025 Continuation Review

Honors Continuation Review Is Underway

During the next few weeks and into the winter break, the Honors Office will be completing the *continuation review* process evaluating all Honors students' progress towards the completion of their requirements.

Emails will be sent out to any student who's status and/or standing will change based on the following criteria: GPA, points earned, complementary learning.

This process is a good reminder to take initiative in checking your status and standing in the program.

Good Standing Requirements

- Earn at least 1 Honors Point per academic year
- Engage in your cohort's complementary learning requirement as per the Honors Handbook
- Maintain the GPA standard for your year at RIT

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Honors Office to set up a time to talk about your plan. We are here to support you and want to see you succeed!

Click the button to see your cohort's handbook for specific requirements.

Program Requirements
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Save the Date: Honors Graduation

Save the date for Honors Graduation on Thursday, May 7 2026! Graduates will be split into two ceremonies from 1:00-2:00pm and 3:00-4:00pm, both in the Sklarsky Glass Box Theatre in the SHED. There will be a reception with refreshments in the SHED Atrium from 2-3pm. Colleges will be assigned their scheduled time soon - be on the lookout for more details to come.

Questions about your Honors requirements prior to graduation? Please reach out to gafhp@rit.edu as soon as possible to make sure you are on track!

It's Time...

To Submit Honors Points!

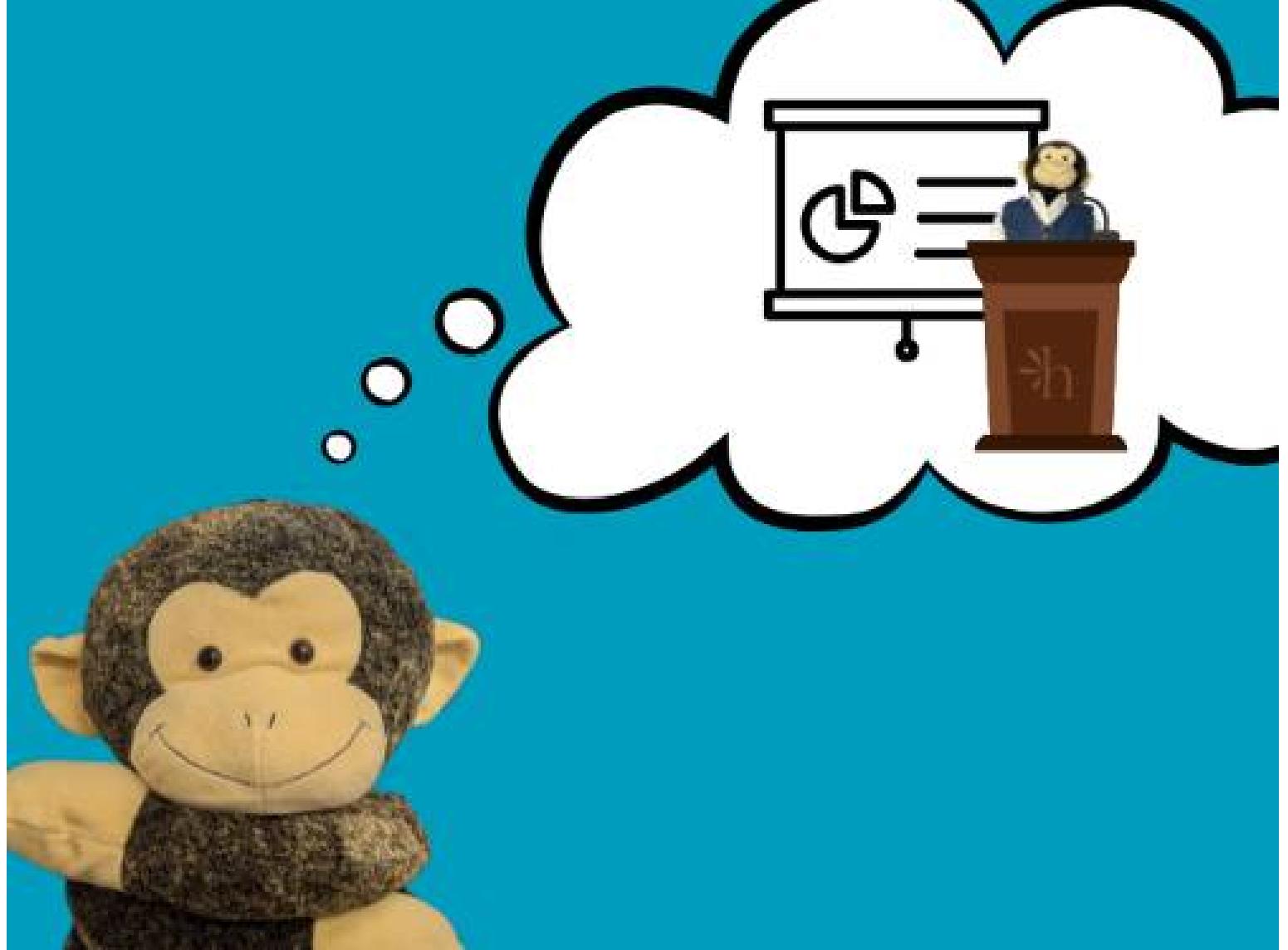
Start Submitting Honors Points From the Fall Semester

As the semester wraps up, it is time to report Honors Points earned during the Fall semester. Points should be reported for any point-earning activity except for Honors courses.

Each Honors-Points earning activity (other than Honors courses which do not need to be reported) has a separate reporting form which can be found in two places on the Honors website: "Submit Honors Points" on the "User Tools" page, or the "Honors Points" page of the Honors website.

Official Honors courses do not need to be reported, but all other activities must be reported upon completion.

[Report your Honors Points](#)



Spring Honors Options

Looking to get Honors Points for the academic year? It is never start early to start thinking about Honors Options!

Honors Options are a great way to create a honors-level course by enriching a standard course (1 credit = 1 point). If you are thinking about an option or independent study, now is the time to work with your faculty member to develop your proposal.

Check out the [Honors Options](#) page on the Honors website to see requirements, past examples, FAQs, and find the application and reporting forms.

The application is currently accepting submissions and the **deadline to submit for the spring semester is Sunday, Jan. 25 at 11:59 PM**. Late submissions will not be accepted.

[Learn More About Honors Options & Submit a Proposal](#)

Complementary Learning

Please see below our highlight opportunities this week. There are many other's listed on the [complementary learning webpage](#) that can fit almost anyone's busy schedule and diverse set of interests.

Complementary Learning is an annual requirement based on the year you entered the Honors program. The submission cycle runs from September to August each year. Please check the [Honors Handbook](#) for details about what counts for complementary learning and how to fulfill your annual requirement and remain in good standing in the program.

All complementary learning hours should be submitted contemporaneously, within 30 days of the event or activity, using the submission form linked below or located within the *User Tools* tab of the Honors website.

[Submit Complementary Learning](#)

Through 12/28: Roc Holiday Village Volunteering



Volunteer at the Roc Holiday Village!

The City of Rochester: Rochester Holiday Village is looking for passionate and excited volunteers to add some special spirit to this annual event!

Roc Holiday Village is looking for members to join the Holiday Village team and assist families in Santa's Workshop. Tasks include taking photos, passing out cookies, and helping children with craft activities. No prior experience is required!

There are multiple volunteer shifts and slots throughout the days.

Through 12/28

Roc Holiday Village:

353 Court St., Rochester, NY14607

[Learn More & Sign Up to Volunteer](#)

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-Stephen Hawking

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