

**Weekly Newsletter**  
Wed. January 14, 2026



## Welcome Back!

We are officially back! We hope the first few days of the semester are going smoothly and that you're settling back into your routines and campus life. Below, you'll find important updates, deadlines, and upcoming Honors events. We hope to see you out and about—maybe at Honors Hour this Friday! As always, please reach out with any questions, concerns, or ideas. Have a great start to the spring semester!

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# UPCOMING DEADLINE:

## Honors Options



## Submit Spring Honors Option Proposals

### Spring 2026 Honors Option Proposals Are Due Soon!

Are you planning to pursue an Honors option this spring? Read all of this information to successfully submit your proposal.

An **honors option** is something that you do to go above and beyond the usual expectations in a standard course. It is a faculty-mentored, term-length project that extends the chosen course in a substantive way, whether in depth or in breadth. It is approved in advance by the course professor and the Honors Program office.

Check out all of the information and an application on the webpage by clicking the button. Please be sure to meet the deadline - [no extensions will be granted](#).

Questions? Please reach out to the Honors office at [honors@rit.edu](mailto:honors@rit.edu).

**Honors Option proposals are due on Sunday 1/25 at 11:59pm.**

[Honors Options Resources & Application](#)

# Visionary Voices

## Small Group Discussion

*Expressions of King's Legacy*

Keynote Dr. Eddie Glaude, Jr.



## Visionary Voices: Expressions of King's Legacy

### Engage In Exclusive Expressions of King's Legacy Programming!

Expressions of King's Legacy programming has been dedicated to celebrating the life and impact of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for 44 years at RIT. This year, the keynote speaker is scholar, political commentator, and New York Times bestselling author of *Begin Again: James Baldwin's America and Its Urgent Lessons for our Own*, Dr. Eddie Glaude Jr.

Join Glaude for the keynote address on **Thursday, 1/29** from 12:00-2:00pm in the Gordon Field House and learn more and sign up at [this link](#).

### Visionary Voices Group Discussion

The Honors Program has been invited to participate in a small group discussion before the address.

This exclusive setting will allow students to engage in dialogue with Glaude Jr. discussing the importance of James Baldwin's contributions to the civil rights movement and how his writings, social criticism, and cultural analysis are relevant and instructive in today's highly politicized world.

1/29 from 11:00-11:45am

Gordon Field House - Reception Room (2nd floor)

**Both the small group discussion and keynote address are approved for complementary learning.**

[Register for the Visionary Voices Small Group Discussion](#)

## Updates & Announcements



## 1/16 Welcome Back Honors Hour

It's time for the first Honors Hour of the semester!

Ring in the new year and start of the semester with a welcome back Honors Hour. Catch up with your Honors friends after a break apart while working on puzzles and playing board games.

Honors Hours will take place nearly every-other Friday from 11:30am-12:30pm and as always, pizza will be provided! Check the Honors website for upcoming dates and themes.

1/16 from 11:30am-12:30pm  
SAU 1510 (1829 Room)

[Register for 1/16 Honors Hour](#)

# HONORS COUNCIL.



## ALTERNATING TUESDAYS | 5-6PM

### Honors Council Is Back!

Honors Council is back for the spring semester. Full Council meetings will take place every-other Tuesday from 5:00-6:00pm in Wallace 4640.

Find when each committee meeting time is this semester on the "Upcoming Events" page of the Honors website.

Join Honors Council for the full Full Council meeting of the semester next Tuesday - All are welcome! Get involved in the Honors community and **earn 1/2 an hour of complementary learning** for attending each meeting.

1/20 from 5:00-6:00pm  
WAL 4650

[Register for 1/20 Honors Council](#)



## 1/22 Vision Boards With CWC

Start the new year off right by making a vision board with the Community & Wellness Committee. Get crafty and create a collage of your goals and plans for the upcoming year.

Set yourself up for success in 2026 and manifest a great year, you won't want to miss it!

1/22 from 7:00-8:30pm

WAL - 3610

[Register for 1/22 Vision Boards With CWC](#)

## 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](#)

## 1/21: Momentum I Spring Cohort Interest Meeting

# **momentum I:** **Spring** **Meeting**



### **Join Momentum II!**

Momentum is a leadership development program hosted by the Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement at RIT. Engage in this experiential opportunity to gain skills valuable for addressing challenges in the community and your future career.

Part of a three-part program, Momentum I is recommended to all students interested in campus leadership. All students who complete the program will be honored at a celebration dinner.

Momentum I is a five-week program that meets weekly for ~1.5 hours and dinner will be provided at each session.

If you are interested in participating in this opportunity, click the button to learn more and register for the upcoming information session.

The info session is not approved for complementary learning, but all subsequent meetings of the momentum program are approved.

**1/21 from 5:00-6:00pm**  
**SAU 1510 (1829 Room)**

[Learn More & Register](#)

"Approach the New Year with resolve to find the opportunities hidden in each new day"

*-Michael Josephson*

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