

Weekly Newsletter Wed. November 26, 2025



Many Thanks.

We want to take this moment to thank you for all you do to make the Honors Program a community that lifts up the ideals of intellectual curiosity, cultural awareness, civic duty, and importantly, kindness and camaraderie amongst your peers. Your contributions enliven the university and help build a society that recognizes that progress that can be made when we share ideas and work toward collective goals. We hope this time of year gives you moments to slow down and reflect on the things you're thankful for—especially the people in your life who provide support, guidance, friendship, and joy in an ever-changing world.

Thankfully, the semester's not over yet - so there's still more to do! Take a look at the information and opportunities below and let us know if we can do anything to support you over the next few weeks.

From everyone in the Honors office - Happy Thanksgiving!

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- Last Honors Hour: Winter Celebration - DIY Snow Globes!
- Last Honors Council Meeting of the Semester - Food Provided!
- Visionary Voices: December World Affairs Council | SOIS Symposium Volunteers Needed | Power Yoga With CWC



Winter Celebration Honors Hour!

Come to the Last Honors Hour of the Semester!

Stanley and the rest of Honors is celebrating the end of the semester with a winter celebration Honors Hour!

Stop by to decorate a snow globe and other winter-themed crafts to get into the snowy spirit. There will be special holiday treats and beverages, and as always, pizza will be provided!

Don't get too sad, Honors Hour will be back next semester. Register using the link below or just stop by between classes!

12/05 from 11:30am-12:30pm
SAU 1510 (1829 Room)

Stop by the last Honors Hour before Winter Break!

[Register for 12/05 Honors Hour \(or just show up!\)](#)



Last Honors Council Meeting of the Semester!

Celebrate the End of the Semester With Honors Council

The semester is nearly over and that means the time has come for the final Honors Council meeting for the Fall semester.

Join Honors Council for an end-of-the-semester celebration as they wrap everything up and prepare for the new year with food, friends, and good vibes.

Did you miss out on council meetings this semester? Don't worry, they will be back in the spring. Keep you eye out for dates and times!

Students will receive 1/2 an hour of complementary learning for attending.

Please register for this meeting using the link below so we can be order enough food to go around!

12/02 from 5:30-6:30pm
WAL 4600

Food will be provided with wings (and some other things) from Wingstop!

[Register for 12/02 Honors Council](#)

Updates & Announcements



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Visionary Voices

Free Expression on the Frontlines: Writers at Risk around the World

12/02 Visionary Voices: December World Affairs Council

Join your Honors peers at an evening with **Karin Deutsch Karlekar**, PhD, the director of [PEN America's Writers at Risk Programs](#) on **Tuesday, Dec. 2** from 5-9 PM.

Dr. Karlekar's work focuses on supporting writers around the world who are facing grave risks for speaking out, telling truths, and pushing back against the powerful people, systems, institutions, and governments. Writers and other cultural figures hold these entities to account in a way that few others can, and for this, they are imprisoned, exiled, harassed, and face other forms of reprisal.

Dr. Karlekar has more than two decades of experience in global free expression, press freedom, and digital rights issues. You can learn more about Dr. Karlekar [here](#).

[This event is approved for complementary learning.](#)

- 12/01: preparatory discussion Midnight Oil from 5:00-6:30pm
- 12/02: World Affairs Council event 5:00-9:00pm
Irondequoit Country Club: 4045 East Ave., Rochester NY 14618

Register for 12/02 Visionary Voices

SOIS Capstone Symposium Volunteers

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12/03 SOIS Capstone Symposium Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help out with the SOIS Capstone Symposium on 12/06.

The symposium will take place from 5:00-6:30pm with setup starting at 2:00pm. Volunteers are needed from 2:00-7:30pm, but you do not need to be available for the entire time, any help is appreciated.

Volunteer Tasks:

- Setting up easels and organizing posters.
- Setting up and restocking food throughout the event.
- Cleaning up and bringing materials back to SOIS.

If you are interested in volunteering, reach out to Melissa Bizari at mapcms@rit.edu with your availability.

This event is approved for complementary learning.

12/03 from 2:00-7:30pm
SHED Atrium

Email Melissa Bizari To Volunteer!

Finals De-Stress

& RIT Power Yoga Community & Wellness

12/04 De-Stress With CWC & RIT Power Yoga

Finals can be a stressful time of year, so de-stress and reset for the final weeks of the semester with power yoga!

RIT Power Yoga is inviting Honors students to a yoga session in collaboration with the Community & Wellness Committee. Release your energy and build strength at this event to benefit your physical and emotional wellness.

All levels are welcome and snacks will be provided to give you some fuel!

12/04 from 8:00-9:00pm
HAC A120 (Lower Dance Studio)

[Register for 12/04 Power Yoga 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](#)

Spring 2026: Tiger Tutor Team Volunteers

TIGER TUTOR TEAM



Volunteer With the Tiger Tutor Team!

The Tiger Tutor Team (T3) is a partnership between RIT and the Rochester City School District to accelerate the learning of algebra in the district.

Two opportunities involve tutoring in Algebra 1 classrooms in preparation for the Regents Exam, and providing math enrichment to accelerated 5th and 6th grade math students.

The time commitment is estimated at 2 hours per week, including travel to and from the schools and RIT. Carpool options will be available if you do not have access to a car.

If you are interested in either opportunity and want to learn more, fill out the linked survey and sign up for the information session on Thursday, 12/04 or Friday, 12/05. This is not a formal commitment to participate.

Reach out to Dr. Katie McConky with any questions about the program at ktmeie@rit.edu.

Information Sessions:
12/04 from 3:00-3:50pm
HLC 2575 (Hugh Carey)

12/05 from 11:00-11:50am
GLE 1129

12/05 from 3:00-3:50pm
GLE 1159

T3 Interest Survey & Information Session Registration

"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more"
-Melody Beattie

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