

**Weekly Newsletter**  
Wed. September 17, 2025



Honors students at Niagara Falls | Ethan Flynn

## A Buffalo & Niagara Adventure

What a day! Nearly 90 honors students traveled to Niagara Falls and Buffalo for our fall honors trip to tour the falls and take in some art and culture in our neighboring city to the west. Students viewed the American and Canadian falls from the Maid of the Mist, had lunch at the Rainforest Cafe, and then continued on to Buffalo where the group split, with some visiting the Buffalo AKG Art Museum, and others taking part in an immersive escape room experience at 5 Wits at the Galleria mall.

This trip is part of a series of events organized each year to develop a sense of belonging and community through shared experiences and collective learning. Being an Honors student at RIT involves high-level academics supported and informed by activities outside of the classroom and off campus. These excursions and events give each of you the opportunity to connect with your peers in unique and impactful ways that deepen your understanding of one another and the world in which we live. Check out what's coming up in the calendar below to stay engaged and build our collective experience!

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## World Affairs Council Is Back!

### October World Affairs Council

Once a month, Honors students have the opportunity to attend the World Affairs Council of Rochester. Each meeting is hosted by an expert guest speaker dedicated to educating, engaging, and inspiring attendees in international affairs and global issues.

The speaker for October is Linda Robinson, a senior fellow for women and foreign policy at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). Robinson has written about women and gender in politics, leadership, and international implications as a NYT best-selling author and extensive foreign affairs experience. The topic, "The Global Status of Women's Political Leadership" will focus on the discussion of barriers and progress toward political representation and leadership for women.

### Important Dates & Times

- 9/29: preparatory reading material will be emailed to all registrants
- 10/04: preparatory brunch discussion at Panera from 10:00-11:00am
- 10/07: World Affairs Council event

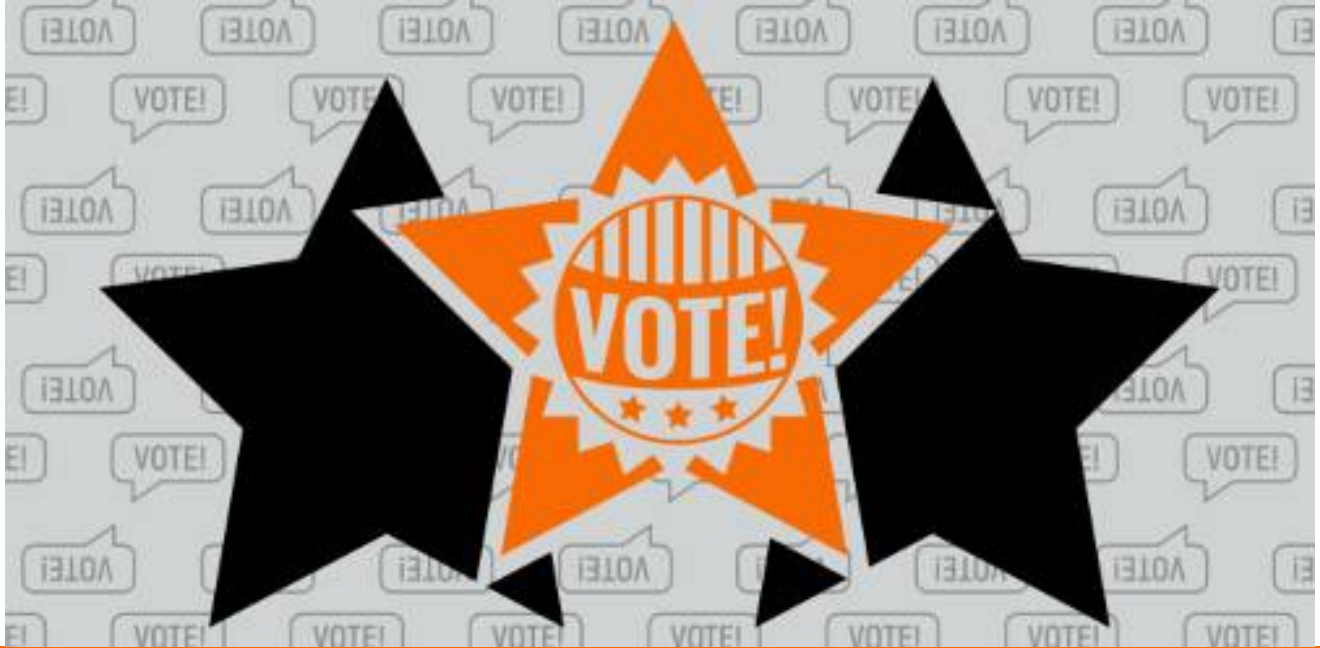
10/07 from 5:00-9:00pm

Irondequoit Country Club:

4045 East Ave., Rochester NY 14618

**Attending World Affairs Council is approved for complementary learning!**

Register for  
World Affairs Council



# Honors Council First-Year Delegate Nominations

## Nominations for the Honors Council First-Year Delegate Are Open!

Are you a first-year Honors Student looking to become more involved with the Honors Program or know someone who is? Submit a nomination for the Honors Council First-Year Delegate!

As the First-Year Delegate, you have the opportunity to represent the newest class of the Honors community in council meetings and help promote the Honors Program and plan Honors Council events in the leadership role.

### Timeline

- Nominations Open: 9/17-9/24
- Elections: 9/24-10/01
- Results Announced: 10/08

[First-Year Delegate Nomination Form](#)

**Nominations are open from  
9/17-9/24 on CampusGroups!**

### Full Council Meeting - Next Week!



The next general Honors Council meeting is coming up next week!

In addition to normal Council proceedings, attendees will be making cards to donate at RIT's annual Veterans Day breakfast at the meeting.

If students attend the full hour (council meeting + card making) they will receive 1 hour of complementary learning.

9/23 from 5:30-6:30pm  
WAL 4600

Register for 9/23  
Honors Council

## Updates & Announcements



### Leadership Lunch Interest Survey

The Honors Program has the opportunity to have a Leadership Lunch with New York State Senator Jeremy Cooney!

**This event will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 14 from 11am-12:30pm. 10/14 is the last day of fall break, so we are gauging interest to see if students will be interested and available.** Please fill out the survey below to share your thoughts.

Jeremy Cooney is the State Senator for NY district 56 which includes RIT's Henrietta campus. Cooney is the first Asian American elected to state office from upstate New York, and the first state senator in decades to graduate from Rochester City School District. He is the chair of the Transportation and Cannabis committees in the senate. Learn more about Senator Cooney [here](#).

Leadership Lunch  
Interest Survey



### Call for Honors Open House Volunteers

We are seeking Honors students to represent the Honors Program at three upcoming Fall Open House events. Volunteering will include tabling at events this fall to engage prospective students and families by sharing their experiences.

We are looking to have three students per session at the table with a diversity of voices with students of different colleges, majors, and year in school.

Volunteers will receive an Honors polo and earn complementary learning hours for their time.

**Open House Dates - All from 1:00-2:30pm in the SHED**

- #1: Monday, 10/13 (during Fall Break)
- #2: Saturday, 10/25
- #3: Saturday, 11/08



Open House  
Application

## Call For Internal Admission Mentors



### Internal Admission Honors Mentors Needed!

We are looking for internal admit students from each college to serve as mentors to guide incoming students during internal admission orientation this fall!

There is a training/info session 10/20 from 6:30-7:30pm via ZOOM, and mentors must be available for the full orientation on 11/01 from 8:30am-12:30pm.

This is a great leadership opportunity and participants will receive complementary learning for their involvement!

Apply today - applications are due Sunday, 10/05 at 11:59pm.

Internal Admit  
Mentor Application

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.

Students are expected to engage in at least 20 hours of complementary each cycle (Sept.-Aug.) to remain in good standing in the program.

Complementary learning hours should be submitted contemporaneously, within 30 days of the event or activity. Please use the submission form linked below or located within the *User Tools* tab of the Honors website to submit your hours.

[Submit Complementary Learning](#)

## RIT Big Shot: Highmark Stadium



### Make history with RIT Big Shot No. 37!

RIT Big Shot is an annual event focused on the community coming together to create art through the nighttime photography of landmarks. This year, the Big Shot is commemorating the farewell of Highmark Stadium, the current home of the Buffalo Bills.

Volunteers are needed to help out with the shoot and illuminate the stadium. Attendees should wear dark clothing, bring a flashlight or camera flash, and arrive between 6:30-7:30pm to explore the stadium.

RIT students will be provided with free bus transportation (departing at 4:30pm), available by [reservation on CampusGroups](#).

10/11 from 6:30-11:00pm  
Highmark Stadium

# Complementary Learning Reminder

## Don't forget about leadership roles!

The Honors Program wants to remind you that leadership roles and other recurring activities can be submitted for complementary learning. This may include active participation serving on an Executive Board or holding an officer position for an organization.

If the activity is recurring, it is recommended to submit the hours in larger chunks through the complementary learning portal on the Honors website upon its completion.

"At the end of the day, we can endure much more than we think we can."  
-Frida Kahlo

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