

Weekly Newsletter Wed. February 25, 2026



Students at Fall 2025 Honors Orientation | Ethan Flynn

Leadership & Mentorship Opportunities

One of the best ways to build community within the Honors Program is by stepping into a leadership or mentor role. By expanding your involvement you'll gain marketable skills and a wealth of real-world experiences that will stand out on your resume, help you shine in interviews, and will prepare you for success in the workforce. Whether you're contributing to this year's Relay for Life, sitting on a spring Open House panel, or serving as a fall Orientation Mentor, there is a place for you to lead and inspire in the Honors Program! Check out the opportunities below—and as always, reach out if you have questions or ideas to share!

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Fall 2026 Honors Mentor Applications Are Open!

Apply To Be an Honors Orientation Mentor!

We're looking for mentors to help welcome incoming students to the RIT Honors Program! Acting as a resource for new students, you'll help plan orientation activities, be a role model, and lead a group of new students with your team. Your first-hand experience and insights will help ensure a full understanding of the program. Mentors also receive a stipend and 15 hours of complementary learning.

Honors Mentors will be paired in twos and support up to 15 mentees in their group.

Lead Mentors will work closely with the office to help with planning, scheduling, and facilitation; and oversee, support, and guide Honors Mentors.

Key Dates & Requirements

- Good standing within Honors
- 3/3: Mentor Information Session, 5:30 - 6:30pm
- 3/30 Deadline to Apply
- 8/20: Mentor Training, 9:00am-4:00pm
- 8/21: On-Campus Programming, 8:00am-3:30pm
- 8/22: Camp Arrowhead Day, 8:30am-5:00pm
- 8/23: Mentor Brunch, 10:00am-12:00pm

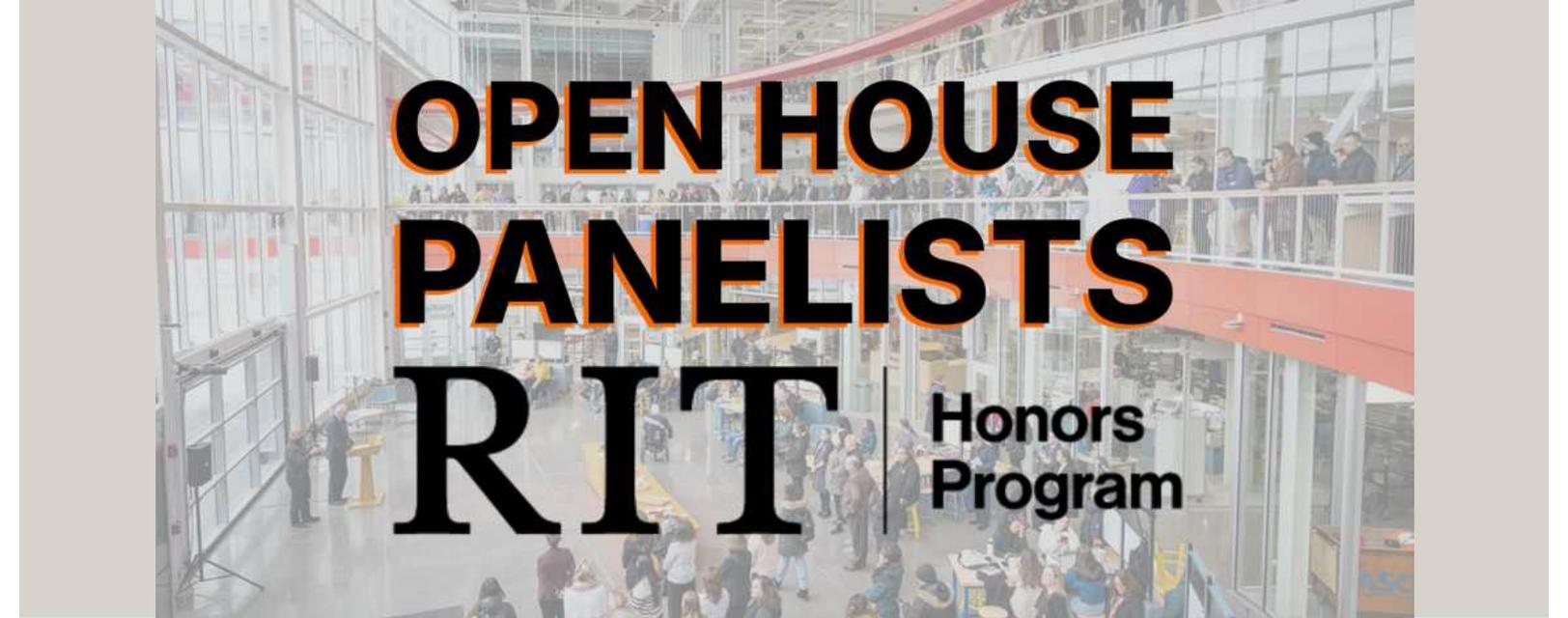
ZOOM Information Session

If you are interested in becoming a mentor, you are highly encouraged to attend the Zoom information session on [Tuesday, 3/03 from 5:30-6:30pm.](#)

[Info Session Zoom Link](#)

Applications are due 3/30 at 11:59pm

[Apply to Be an Honors Orientation Mentor!](#)



OPEN HOUSE PANELISTS RIT | Honors Program

Call for Spring Open House Panelists

Represent Honors at Open House Events

We are seeking Honors students to represent their College and the Honors Program at three upcoming Spring Open House events.

Dr. Lutzer's will provide formal remarks at each session after which panelists will introduce themselves, share what being in the Honors program means to them, and field questions from students and their families about their experiences program.

Open House Dates

- Saturday, 3/28 | SHED 3300 | 2:45-3:45pm
- Wednesday, 4/01 | ZOOM | 6:30-7:30pm
- Saturday, 4/11 | SHED 3300 | 2:45-3:45pm

Volunteers will receive an Honors polo and earn 1 hour of complementary learning!

[Open House Panelist Application](#)



Relay For Life of RIT

Support Relay For Life & ACS

Relay For Life of RIT is an annual event that raises money and awareness for cancer research and support through the American Cancer Society. Over the past three years, Relay For Life of RIT has raised \$210,000 for the American Cancer Society, helping towards their mission that everyone deserves a chance to prevent, detect, treat, and survive cancer.

The event takes place for 12 hours and we encourage students to participate for even a portion of the time. As Honors students, make sure to register and join the "Gibsonites" Honors team so we can raise the most money towards the \$100,000 goal.

Relay For Life of RIT is also seeking volunteers to help prepare for the event as it is thanks to the volunteers for actually making it happen. Volunteer tasks may include setting up and tearing down for the event, staffing tables (raffles, T-shirts, food, luminarias), and registration for attendees. Volunteer slots are hourly throughout the programming.

4/11-4/12 from 6:00pm-6:00am
RIT Gordon Field House

Earn complementary learning for volunteering throughout the event or actively participating in event programming.

[Register for the "Gibsonites" Honors Team](#)

Updates & Announcements



2/27 Stanley's Birthday Party Honors Hour

Join us [this Friday](#) for a special Honors Hour as we celebrate our very own Stanley's Birthday! Stanley is throwing a birthday party for all of his Honors friends (that's you!).

Stop by for some fun birthday games and activities and cake! As always, there will be pizza too.

2/27 from 11:30am-12:30pm
SAU 1510 (1829 Room)

[Register for Stanley's Birthday Party \(or just stop by!\)](#)

RMSC TAKEOVER WITH CWC



2/28 Planetarium Takeover With CWC

It's the last call for the trip to the Rochester Museum & Science Center planetarium with the Community & Wellness Committee [this weekend!](#)

Take a trip to outer space and learn about astronomy through the show "The Sky Tonight," an immersive tour of our incredible solar system.

Tickets will be covered by the Honors Program and **registration will close at 11:59 pm TODAY - 3/25** - so secure those tickets if you are interested!

Meet at the RIT Sentinel at 6:00pm to carpool for a 6:45pm show.

2/28 from 6:00-8:30pm

Strasburgh Planetarium: 657 East Ave., Rochester, NY 14607

[Register for the Planetarium Takeover With CWC](#)

De-Stress With AEC



iSmash Rage Room

3/02 iSmash Rage Room With AEC

Join the Honors community for a cathartic and high-energy trip to the iSmash Rage Room! In this event hosted by the Academic Excellence Committee, we'll be heading out to blow off some mid-terms steam and have fun together.

Let out your mid-semester frustration in a safe, supervised environment. No experience necessary—just come ready to rage (responsibly)!

Meet at the RIT Sentinel at 5:30pm to carpool. Spots are limited, so make sure to register using the link below! Once registered, you will be directed to complete a waiver that is required to attend the event.

3/02 from 5:30-7:30pm

iSmash Rochester: 1225 Jefferson Rd Suite 24, Rochester, NY 14623

[Register for the iSmash Rage Room With AEC](#)

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](#)

2/27, 2/28, 3/01: WiCHacks Volunteering

The image shows the WiCHacks logo in white text on a purple gradient background. The 'i' in 'Wi' is stylized with a circuit-like shape.

Volunteer at WiCHacks!

WiCHacks is an annual 24-hour hackathon organized and hosted by Women in Computing (WiC) at RIT. This event aims to enhance opportunities in the tech industry for women and minorities, but is open to all regardless of gender or sex.

Throughout the hackathon, participants will create an app, website, game, or other software to compete for awards in different categories.

WiCHacks is looking for volunteers from RIT to help throughout the event on Friday, 2/27; Saturday, 2/28; and Sunday, 3/01. Volunteers must attend a mandatory training session on 2/27 at 7:30pm in SHED 4350.

The application form has closed, but if you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to the following contacts:

Shriya Shah (sss7896@rit.edu) or Katherine Granger (krg2049@rit.edu) and CC Arianna Schwartz (ans3629@rit.edu) and Meghan Briskey (meb4560@rit.edu).

[Learn More!](#)

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-Wilma Rudolph

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