

Weekly Newsletter
Wed. January 21, 2026

SCHOLARSHIP LEADERSHIP CITIZENSHIP

Championing our Core Values

The values of *Scholarship, Leadership, and Citizenship* are intended to provide an ethical and practical framework for your engagement with the Honors Program, the University, and the broader world. As you build your own distinct portfolio of honors experiences, we hope these principles inform your decision making and contribute to your growth as both a student and a citizen of the world. Guided by these ideals, we see endless opportunities for you to make a difference - by thinking creatively to innovate and advance knowledge, by leading others through reasoned and principled action, and by embracing the challenging and rewarding role of an engaged and informed member of society.

The opportunities below reflect these core values and offer pathways for your continued growth. We invite you to explore them and consider how you might lift up and live out these ideals.

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Visionary Voices

How US Economic Policies are Playing Out Across the World

Visionary Voices: US Economic Policies

February World Affairs Council

Join Mark Zupan, an acclaimed economist and economics professor at top business schools across the US for a discussion at the February World Affairs Council. Zupan has won various teaching awards and is the author of over 20 academic articles and three books specializing in industrial organization, regulation, and political economy. The topic, "How US Economic Policies are Playing Out Across the World" will dive deeper into these topics and the ever-changing economic landscape in today's sphere.

Important Dates & Times

- 3/02: preparatory reading material will be emailed to all registrants
- 2/07: preparatory brunch discussion at Panera from 10:00-11:00am
- 2/10: World Affairs Council event

2/10 from 5:00-9:00pm

Irondequoit Country Club: 4045 East Ave., Rochester NY 14618

Students carpool to the preparatory meeting and the speaker event.

Attending World Affairs Council is approved complementary learning!

[Register for February World Affairs Council](#)



*Save The Date
March 28*

Save The Date: *Honors Night Out Gala* - March 28

Honors Gala Is Going Off-Campus!

The annual Honors Gala is back and better than ever. Mark your calendars and save the date for this event from 5-9 pm on [Saturday, 3/28](#).

This year, the gala will be held off-campus at the RIT Tait Preserve. The Tait Preserve is home to the Leenhouts Lodge, a gorgeous and rustic barn-style lodge located on a grassy shoreline immersed in nature.

Celebrate the year with your Honors friends during a night of fun planned by Honors Council. Enjoy dinner, live music, BINGO, and dancing.

Tickets will be \$10 per person and \$5 for a "plus one" (+1's can be non-honors). We will provide dinner and transportation to the venue.

Keep an eye on the Wednesday message for more information and ticket information. We hope to see you there!

Updates & Announcements



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](#)

UPCOMING DEADLINE: Honors Options



Honors Option Proposals Are Due Sunday!

This is the last chance to submit an Honors option proposal for the spring semester.

If you are planning to pursue an Honors option this spring, 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.

[Option proposals are due this Sunday, 1/25 at 11:59pm.](#)

[Honors Options Resources & Application](#)

Visionary Voices

***Expressions
of King's Legacy***
Dr. Eddie Glaude, Jr.



1/29 Exclusive Visionary Voices Discussion

Join the Honors Program for a small group discussion with Expressions of King's Legacy keynote speaker Dr. Eddie Glaude Jr. – scholar, political commentator, and NYT bestselling author.

Engage in an exclusive setting, discussing the importance of James Baldwin's contributions to the civil rights movement right before the main keynote address.

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

Small Group Discussion:

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

Gordon Field House (2nd Floor Reception Room)

Keynote Address:

1/29 from 12:00-2:00pm

Gordon Field House

[Register for the Small Group Discussion](#)

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 Voter Engagement Opportunities



Participate In RIT Voter Engagement!

RIT has many opportunities to become involved in voter engagement that are approved for complementary learning.

Become a part of the Voter Advocacy Network (VAN) to support and inform the RIT community in the election process while building leadership and advocacy skills.

Attend the upcoming VAN training hosted by the Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement to have clearance to serve as a volunteer for tabling opportunities throughout the semester. [Both the training and tabling are approved for complementary learning.](#)

VAN Training

2/20 from 4:00-6:00pm

SAU 2520

Tabling opportunities are at various times throughout the semester. Check CampusGroups for exact dates and times.

[Learn More & Register for VAN Training](#)

"Don't be intimidated by what you don't know. That can be your greatest strength and ensure you do things differently from everyone else."

-Sarah Blakely

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