

## Weekly Newsletter

Wed. January 28, 2026



## Stanley's Snow Day

RIT enjoyed its first snow day in four years with the closure of campus this past Monday. Our always adventurous mascot Stanley was quick to get out and revel in the unexpected day off with some snow angels in the over 14 inches of snow and single digit temps! We hope you took advantage of the day as well and used the time to recharge and take in the beauty of the season.

Lots going on as usual in the Honors program - Check out the updates below for details, links, and information that will help you succeed in the program. We hope you make it out some of our events and programming for the coming week. Stay warm while you are out and about and as always reach out with any questions, concerns, or thoughts.

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# EXIT SURVEY SPRING '26



## Honors Graduation Exit Survey

### Congratulations on Your Upcoming Graduation!

Are you graduating this spring 2026? Congratulations on graduating from the Honors Program and all that you have accomplished! The program is looking forward to helping make your experience memorable and celebratory for you and your family.

The Honors Graduation ceremonies and reception will take place on Thursday, 5/07.

**Ceremony 1:** 1:00-2:00pm

COLA | COS | KGCOE | NTID | SCB

**Reception:** 2:00-3:00pm - ALL COLLEGES

**Ceremony 2:** 3:00-4:00pm

CAD | CET | CHST | GCCIS | SOIS

### Exit Survey

If you are graduating this semester, please take the time to fill out the exit survey linked below. This will help the program with information needed for the ceremony and to support your endeavors after graduation as an Honors alumni.

**Open the Exit Survey to read important details about Honors Graduation!**

[Honors Graduation Exit Survey](#)

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**Honors Council Meeting - Next Tues. 2/3**

# HONORS COUNCIL



**TUESDAY, 2/03 FROM 5:00-6:00PM**

**Attend Honors Council and have your voice heard!**

All Honors students are invited to attend council meetings to provide ideas and insights that will inform decision making of the group and help build a strong and vibrant Honors community.

At next week's meeting representatives from College's Against Cancer will be sharing information about how you can get involved in Relay for Life, committees will be discussing upcoming events and opportunities, and we will move forward with more planning of the Honors Gala that will take place on Sat. Mar. 28.

**Council Meetings take place in WAL 4640, 5-6 PM**

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

**Sign up below!**

[Register for the 2/3 Council Meeting](#)

# SEEKING DELEGATES

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## SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

### Seeking Service & Leadership Council Delegates

#### Join Honors Council This Semester!

Are you looking to get more involved in the Honors community while gaining invaluable leadership experience? Honors Council is looking for more General Delegates to join the Service & Leadership Committee (SLC).

The SLC is responsible for finding, creating, and hosting events that give back to the community and help you to fulfill your complementary learning requirements.

General Delegates can be a member of any college and should be available for Full Honors Council and SLC meetings.

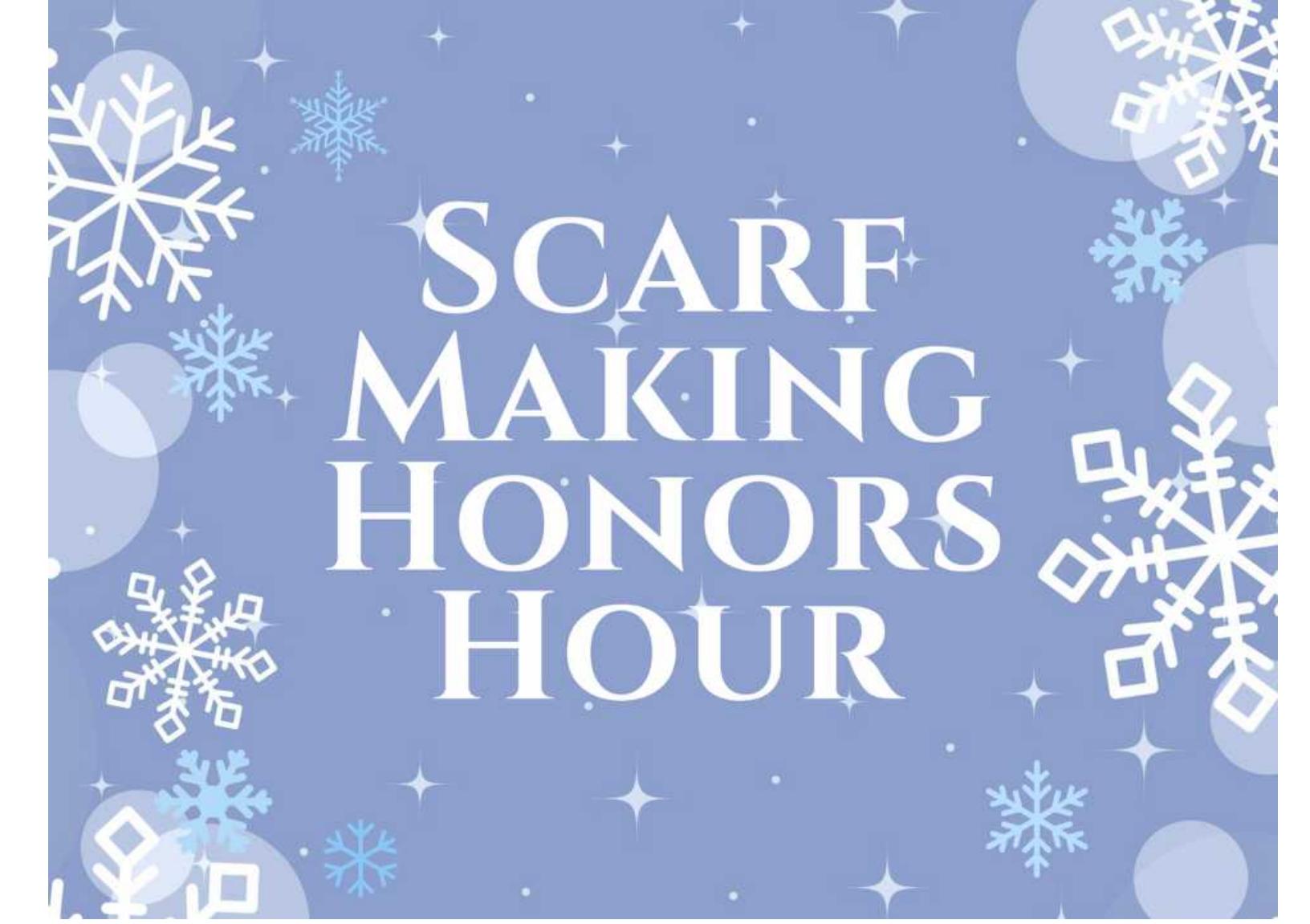
Full Council meets every-other Tuesday from 5:00-6:00pm in WAL 4640 (Next meeting is on 2/3)

The SLC meets on Mondays from 7:00-8:00pm in EAS 3367.

**If you are interested in joining, email Garth Freeman using the link, or plan to attend the 2/3 council meeting to learn more.**

[Email Garth!](#)

### Updates & Announcements



# SCARF MAKING HONORS HOUR

## 1/30 Scarf Making Honors Hour

Join us this Friday for a no-sew scarf and hat making Honors Hour! This hands-on activity is open to all Honors students and requires no prior experience. Materials will be provided, along with pizza, drinks, and snacks.

Register on CampusGroups or just stop by between classes!

**1/30 from 11:30am-12:30pm**

Bower Maker Showcase (behind the info desk in the SHED)

[Register for 1/30 Honors Hour](#)



# Office Chats 2/06



## 2/06 Office Chats: Winter Warm Up

Office Chats are back for the spring semester! Come drop by the Honors Office to hang out with the Office staff and other Honors students.

Office Chats are once a month, but you are welcome to drop by any time! This month we will have hot cocoa to keep you warm and toasty and breakfast pastries from Panera.

2/06 from 10:00-11:00am

Honors Office

[Register for 2/06 Office Chats \(or just stop by!\)](#)



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# Visionary Voices

## *How US Economic Policies are Playing Out Across the World*

### 2/10 Visionary Voice: US Economic Policies

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. 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.

2/02: Preparatory reading material emailed to all registrants.

2/07: Brunch discussion at Panera from 10:00-11:00am.

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

Irondequoit Country Club: 4045 East Ave., Rochester NY14618

[Register for 2/10 Visionary Voices](#)

### 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](#)

## English Language Center International Conversation Partner Program



### Spring 2026 English Language Center ICP!

Help an international student practice their English by participating in the International Conversation Partner Program (ICP). This is a completely voluntary opportunity, but you must be committed to meet with your partner in a one-on-one or small group setting for at least 1 hour per week. By participating, you will also get invited to exclusive ELC events and learn about new cultures!

Fill out the linked form to be matched with a partner and email Konain Niaz ([knelc@rit.edu](mailto:knelc@rit.edu)) with any questions.

[Learn More & Apply for the ICP](#)

"Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look what they can do when they stick together."  
-Vesta M. Kelly

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