

Weekly Newsletter
Wed. March 4, 2026



Spring break is right around the corner!

The days are getting longer (don't forget - clocks "spring forward" this Sunday), temps are warming, and spring is in the air! Whether you are heading home for some quality time with the family, getting away for a proper holiday, taking part in an Alternative Break, or sticking around campus for a stay-cation, we hope you'll use the upcoming spring break to rest and refuel for the second half of the semester.

Check out our programming and opportunities for this week and beyond - participate on an open house panel, apply to be a fall Orientation Mentor, connect with a local nonprofit for meaningful service, and don't forget to get your tickets for the *Honors Night Out* Gala!

As always, reach out if you have questions or need support. Have a wonderful break!

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3/20 Honors Hour: RocDog Therapy Dogs

Welcome Back With RocDog!

Enjoy a warm welcome back from Spring Break with a fan favorite Honors Hour featuring RocDog Therapy dogs!

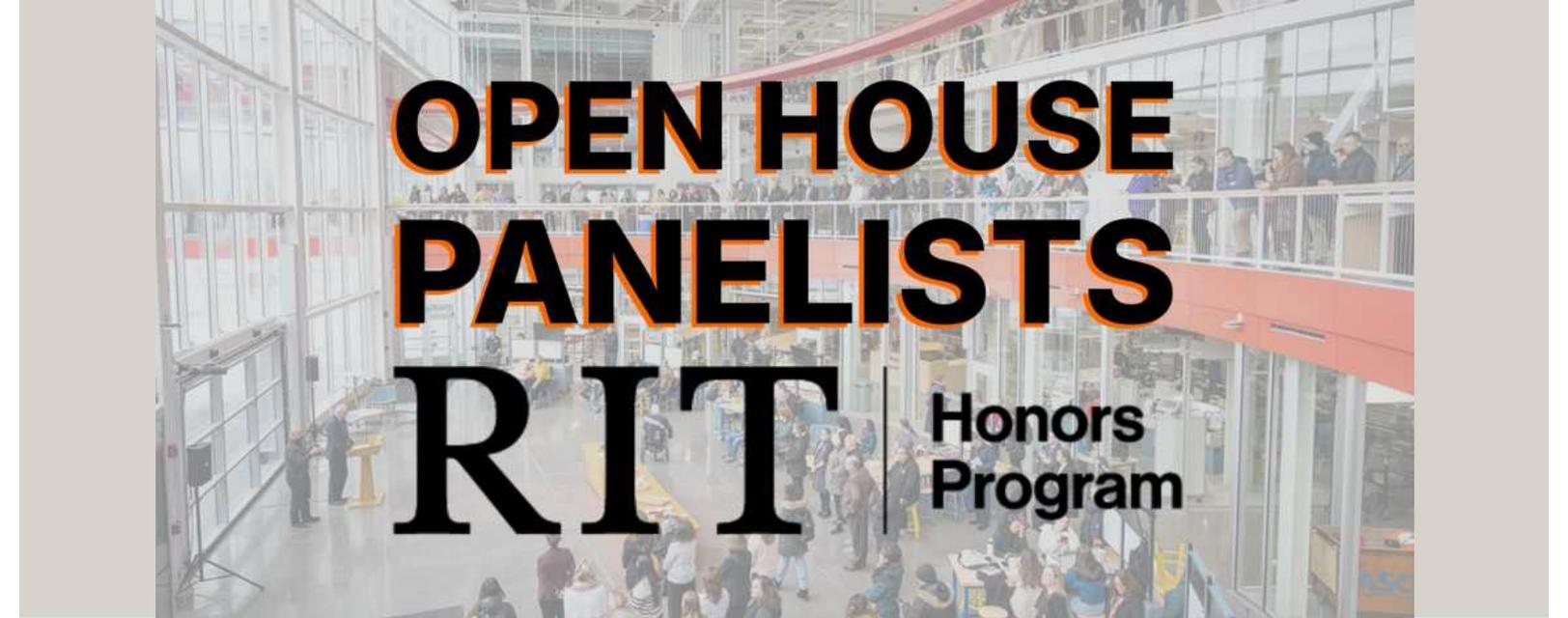
RIT Honors is partnering again with RocDog Therapy dogs to bring their dogs back to you on-campus. Catch up with your Honors friends after a week apart and de-stress after a busy week back at classes.

Register using the link below, or just stop by during your day!

3/20 from 11:30am-12:30pm
SAU 1510 (1829 Room)

As always, pizza will be provided!

[Register for RocDog Therapy Dog Honors Hour](#)



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 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.

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](#)

Updates & Announcements



Office Chats 3/06



3/06 Office Chats: Escape to the Tropics!

Escape to the tropics with a fun and timely themed Office Chats event!

Enjoy breakfast pastries from Panera and tropical fruit and juices to get you in that vacation mindset. Stop by before your travels and catch up with the Honors staff and your friends before Spring Break!

3/06 from 10:00-11:00am

Honors Office

[Register for 3/03 Office Chats \(or just stop by!\)](#)



Apply To Be an Honors Orientation Mentor

We're looking for mentors to help welcome incoming students to the RIT Honors Program this Fall! 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.

Mentors will receive a stipend and 15 hours of complementary learning.

Check the Honors website for a full list of key dates and requirements, and stay tuned for a second information session before the application deadline.

Applications are due Monday, 3/30 at 11:59pm.

[Learn More!](#)

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Last Call for Honors Gala Tickets!

The due date to purchase your tickets for Honors Gala is quickly approaching on **Sunday, 3/15 at 11:55pm!**

Don't miss Honors Night Out, this year's gala held off-campus at the RIT Tait Preserve. Come dressed to impress for an evening of dinner, live music from the RIT band Courtyard, BINGO, games, and prizes!

Tickets are \$10 per person and \$5 for a "plus one". Check the Honors website for more details.

3/28 from 5:00-8:30pm

Bus Departs from RIT at 4:30pm

RIT Tait Preserve

[Purchase Honors Night Out Gala Tickets](#)

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](#)

Flower City Pickers



Volunteer With Flower City Pickers

Flower City Pickers is an organization that aims to fight food insecurity by redistributing food from the Rochester Public Market. Flower City Pickers collects donations that would be otherwise bound for the landfill, and redistributes it to those in need, supporting the local community.

Flower City Pickers operates out of the Rochester Public Market, and seeks volunteers to help each Saturday. Volunteers like you will help with collecting, sorting, and distributing food for donation. This is also the perfect opportunity to enjoy the warming weather and explore what the market has to offer!

Learn more on the Flower City Pickers website and sign up to volunteer through the SignUp portal.

Every Saturday from 1:30-3:30pm

Rochester Public Market:

280 North Union Street, Rochester, New York, 14609

[Sign Up to Volunteer](#)

[Learn More!](#)

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-Ralph Waldo Emerson

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