RIT | Honors Program

Weekly Newsletter
October 14, 2026



A photo from Honors Gradation 2026 | Photo credit to Ethan Flynn

This week's message highlights the Honors Program pillar of *Scholarship* and offers ways to put it into practice. We know you're busy studying, working on semester-long projects, and thinking about how it will all come together in December. To help you prepare, AEC is hosting *Food for Thought*, a study session (with pizza!) to help you stay on top of your academic endeavors. If you're participating in an Honors Option, faculty-mentored research, an independent study, or a first-year seminar project, now is the time to develop and submit your abstract for the 12th Annual Honors Research & Creativity Symposium. And when you need a break from studying, we hope you'll join your Honors friends to blow off some steam at one of our favorite fall traditions: Honors Hockey Night!

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A photo from the 2025 Honors Research and Creativity Symposium | Photo credit to Ethan Flynn

The Honors Research & Creativity Symposium will be here before you know it! **On Saturday, Dec. 5 from 9:00am - 12:30 pm**, 100+ Honors students will present their work from first year seminar courses, faculty mentored research, Honors Options, and independent study courses during four rounds of 25 minute poster presentations.

Students planning to present at the Symposium must submit the *Intent to Present Form* in which you will share information about the proposed presentation including the course / research your project is associated with and a brief abstract of the project.

The deadline to submit your Intern to Present form is Sunday, Nov. 1 @ 11:59 pm.

The Honors Office can coordinate the printing of you poster, and you can use your Honors Grant to cover the cost - posters are $34.27. Use this guide that includes formatting information and tips to help create a visually dynamic and informational poster. Printed posters will be distributed at check-in at the Symposium. You'll indicate in the form below if you'd like us to coordinate printing for you.

Poster files must be sent to honors@rit.edu on or before 4:30 PM on Sunday, Nov. 15 (no late submissions will be accepted).

Intent to Present Form



Electric blanket project during fall orientation. Photo credit: Ethan Flynn

Join Honors Council for an afternoon of service!

This special Honors Council event is being held in place of the missed Council meeting due to Fall Break. There will be various service opportunities available for students to earn some extra complementary learning! Projects include card making for Veterans and rechargeable solar blankets that will be donated to the nonprofit Recovery All Ways.

The next full council meeting will take place on Mon., Oct. 26, 4-5 PM in the SUA 1829 room.

Monday, October 19
4:00pm - 5:30pm
SHED Atrium

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Honors Hockey Night

Join your fellow honors students for our annual Hockey Night! Cheer on the RIT Tigers as they take on the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Engineers.

Friday, October 23
6:30pm - 9:30pm
Gene Polisseni Center

Students that register will receive a ticket to the game as well as a $15 voucher that can be used for stadium concessions that night. Enjoy the game with your honors friends and have a fun night out! Space is limited, so register now!

Registration opens today at noon - reserve your ticket now!

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Updates & Announcements



2027-2027 Graduation Survey

In order to best support you through your final semester(s) in the program, help us prepare for graduation events, and stay connected after you graduate, we are gathering information regarding your plan and timeline for graduation.

If you are graduating this December or in May, 2027 please fill out the form below to help us create a contact list of students to help with communications as the end of each semester approaches to make sure we know your status and that you have everything you need from us.

Graduation Survey



Food for Thought: 10/21 Study Session with AEC

The Academic Excellence Committee is hosting *Food for Thought*, a study session with pizza and snacks to help you prepare for upcoming exams and project deadlines.

Sick of fighting for a study spot during this midterm season? Need to lock back in before Thanksgiving break? Come join for a study space you need! Whiteboards, calm study music, and dinner all provided! Bring your friends, your appetite, your laptops, and your books. The AEC hopes to see you there - Sign up below or just drop by!

Saturday, October 21
6:00pm - 8:00pm
Wallace A430

Sign up for the AEC Study Session



Call for 11/14 Open House Volunteers

Represent the Honors Program at the upcoming 11/14 Open House event! We will be tabling at Open Houses this fall that will engage prospective students and families and we'd love some students to share their experiences in the program.

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

We are looking to have a diversity of voices at the table, so we will consider colleges/majors/year in school, and will recruit 3 students for this session.

Saturday, November 14
1:00pm - 2:30pm
SHED

Sign Up Form

Complementary Learning

Please see below this week's highlight complementary learning opportunity - Hack.Com Hackathon

You can find other opportunities 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. 1-Aug. 31) to 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 *Student Portal* tab of the Honors website.

Submit Complementary Learning



HACK.COMS is a vibrant hackathon that highlights the talents of underrepresented students in computing. In this 24 hour long competition—we'll be hacking through the time change—students get to interact with company sponsors, mentors, while participating in tech talks, workshops, and more.

As a volunteer, you will get to facilitate an inclusive, collaborative hackathon environment for all of our attendees. You will get to take advantage of the exciting food, snacks, workshops, and the fun activities we have to offer throughout the event.

If you sign up as a volunteer for this hackathon, you are still allowed to participate and submit a project, but you must be available during your scheduled volunteer shifts.

Please note - participating in the hackathon is not approved for complementary learning - only volunteer hours will be

If you have any questions, please reach out to the HACK.COMS Volunteer Operations Director, Christopher White (crwcoms@rit.edu).

Saturday, Nov 7 - Sun. Nov. 8
Various Times
Golisano College of Computing

Volunteer Sign Up

accepted.

Stay up-to-date on all upcoming events, opportunities, and deadlines!

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