RIT | Honors Program

**Weekly Newsletter**
October 7, 2026




Honors students at ImagineRIT 2026 | Photo credit to Ethan Flynn

Building on the pillar of *citizenship*, this week's message is full of ways to contribute to initiatives and events that build community and have a positive impact on the collective experience at RIT. You can volunteer for one of the Sustainability Month events, attend a Together RIT session, or get involved with Maker Faire: Rochester. In the spring semester you can present at Imagine RIT or take part in Relay for Life. Through these activities and many others like them, you'll meet new people, expand your network, and add your voice to the issues that matter locally and in the broader world. When you share your time and talents with others, there's a sense of reciprocity—learning from one another while broadening and enriching your ongoing development. Check out what's happening on campus this month and see if you can find an activity that works for you!

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October is Sustainability month!

RIT strives to infuse innovation and creativity into every element of campus, and sustainability is central to that success. With academic program offerings that include product and packaging design, clean technology and policy, business, and environmental management, RIT is uniquely positioned to be a transformative force in the creation of a sustainable economy.

The efforts of the Sustainability program extend far beyond the classroom, empowering student-led sustainability programs, community engaged scholarship, and regional collaborations.

Events will take place throughout October celebrating sustainability efforts and educating the community about actions that can address environmental challenges that effect us all. Click the button below for a list of activities, many of which are approved for complementary learning!

Sustainability Month Events

If you love the experiences you gain through one of these events and want to get more involved, visit the Sustainable Campus website for more opportunities, including information about student led sustainability clubs such as Beekeepers Club, Habitat for Humanity, or the RIT Global Health Association.

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RIT launched a new tradition fall of 2022, gathering the community to engage in intentional and honest dialogue about challenging issues. It offered students, faculty, staff, and alumni the opportunity to share their work, passions, ideas, critiques, initiatives, performances, and artistic projects with the RIT community through sessions held in-person. This event is open to all eligible members of the RIT community, regardless of protected category.

Programs cover understanding communication barriers and identities, building solidarity across divides, and promoting equity, justice, and inclusive practices.

Honors Sr. Staff Assistant, Michelle Dover and Assistant Director, Garth Freeman are leading the discussion, ***Finding Our Humanity in a Politically Charged World*** from 12:00-1:15 pm. The group will be reading the poem, Gate A-4 by Naomi Shihab Nye, which explores how "otherness" informs our political beliefs, identities, and actions. You can sign up for this and all the sessions by clicking the "Register to Attend" button. This discussion is approved for complementary learning.

**Together RIT 2026: A Day of Dialogue**
**Theme:** Taboo Topics: Politics, Religion, and Spirituality
**October 23, 2026**
**10:00-4:30pm** (various sessions throughout the day)

Session schedule

Register to attend!

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# Updates & Announcements



## The Honors Apparel Store is Open!



## 10/09 Honors Hour: Donuts & Cider at



## Honors Alumni & Student Networking

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Back by popular demand, the Honors Apparel Store is now open! Show your Honors pride with a hoodie, hat, fleece blanket, a pair of socks, and more - there's something for everyone!

The store opens today and will remain open through Sat. Oct. 31. Follow the link below to place your order - all items will be shipped to the Honors office in late November.

Honors Apparel & Gear Store

During this Honors Hour event, not only will there be pizza, but also some fall themed treats! Grab a donut or apple fritter, have some apple cider, and take a moment to destress from the craziness of midterms!

Honors Hour is held every-other week with different themes and activities, and it is a great way to see your friends in the program or meet new ones, and pizza is always provided!

**Friday, October 9**
**11:30am - 12:30pm**
**Global Village Firepit**

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Join the RIT Honors Program for a morning of connection and community. This informal gathering is the perfect spot for Honors alumni to reconnect with the program and for current students to build their professional networks. Enjoy coffee and pastries while sharing stories and celebrating our collective Honors journey. All Honors Program students, past and present, are welcome!

**Saturday, October 17**
**10:00am - 12:00pm**
**MOSAIC Center**

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# Complementary Learning

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




Maker Faire Rochester is a family-friendly annual showcase of invention, creativity, and resourcefulness that brings together local engineers, artists, scientists, crafters, and tech enthusiasts to share their hobbies, experiments, and hands-on projects happening at the Gordon Field House. Expect direct interaction with creators, live demonstrations, and hands-on educational workshops celebrating the "maker" mindset rather than just finished product.

Volunteers will receive free admission to Saturday's event. If you have any questions regarding volunteering, email Jess Tetro at tetrojess@gmail.com

**Friday, November 20: STEAM Fest**
**9:00am - 2:30pm**
**RIT Gordon Field House**

**Saturday, November 21: Maker Faire**
**9:00am - 5:00pm**
**RIT Gordon Field House**

Learn more about Volunteering here!

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

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