



A scene from Honors Orientation 2025 | Photo Credit: Ethan Flynn

Honors Reminders, Updates, and Opportunities:

Greetings Honors Student,

We hope you had a wonderful summer and gearing up for a great start to the fall semester! We've got some reminders, updates, and opportunities that will help you start the year off strong and set you up for success in the program. Please review the information below and reach out to honors@rit.edu if you have questions or thoughts - we are here to support you!

-Garth Freeman
Assistant Director

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It's Time to Submit Your Summer Complementary Learning!

Honors students participating in Alternative Break, Spring 2026 | Photo Credit: Ethan Flynn

The Complementary Learning Cycle Ends on Aug. 31

The cycle to submit complementary learning for the 2025-2026 cycle ends on **Monday, Aug. 31**. Please be sure to submit any hours you have engaged in to get to the required number for your year in the program (for most people, that number is 20 hours).

We will conduct the *Continuation Review* process - looking only at complementary learning - in September. If you have not submitted hours to meet the annual goal you will be placed into conditional standing and will have the remainder of the fall semester to make up your deficit. If after our Dec./Jan. continuation review you have not reached the number required for 2025-26 you will be withdrawn from the program.

Please keep in mind when you are in conditional standing you cannot access your \$500 Honors Grant.

[Submit Complementary Learning](#)



Honors Option Applications are Open!

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An honors option is something that you do to go above and beyond the usual expectations in a standard course. It is a faculty-mentored, semester-length project that extends the chosen course in a substantive way, whether in depth or in breadth. It is approved in advance by the course professor and the Honors Program office.

If you are considering an Option this fall please visit the [Honors Option webpage](#) that includes all of the information and resources you'll need to prepare and submit a successful proposal.

If after reviewing the information collected on the website you decide to submit, now is the time to reach out to the professor to discuss the work of the proposed option and develop your meeting schedule for the fall. When you submit your proposal to Honors an email will be sent to your professor asking them to verify their support.

PLEASE NOTE: Beginning this semester, when submitting your Honors Option for points, you will be required to upload a written report outlining the objectives and activities of the project and what learning outcomes were achieved through the experience.

The deadline to submit is Sunday, Sept. 6 @ 11:59 PM

Updates & Announcements

Vertically Integrated Projects:

PEACELAND

Earn Points with a VIP

Peaceland is one of the many interdisciplinary VIPs you can take while you are at RIT. These credit-bearing experiences are led by a faculty member and bring together students from across the university to collaborate on projects with real-world impact and applications. Get more information about VIPs for points by visiting the [Honors Points webpage](#).

You can learn more about the *Peaceland* VIP and all other active projects by clicking the link below.

Learn More About
VIPs

Honors Corning Museum of Glass Trip

Join us for this Honors Excursion

Join us for an interactive day at the Corning Museum of Glass! The museum has something for everyone, with interactive exhibits and experiences in art, technology, engineering, design, and more.

Up to 50 honors students will travel by charter bus - departing at 8:30 am from campus and returning by 5:00 pm - and entry to the museum and lunch will be provided.

We have arranged for students to take part in a hands-on activity at the museum. There are 18 spots for students to try glassblowing, and 32 spots for students to decorate glass using the sandblasting technique. Activities will be assigned on a first-come / first-served basis and completed pieces will be mailed to you after our visit.

Tickets to attend are \$10 and will go on sale next Wed., Aug. 19.



Save the Date!

Join members of Honors Council and your friends from the program for some yard games on **Friday, Aug. 28 from 4-6 PM.**

We'll meet in the North Quad - between Gibson Hall and Margaret's House on campus. We'll have all the equipment and games and will provide popsicles for everyone!

Keep an eye out for a sign up form - or just show up - for this annual back to school event!

Complementary Learning

Please see below our highlight opportunities this week. You can find other opportunities on the [complementary learning webpage](#) that can fit almost anyone's busy schedule and diverse set of

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Students are expected to engage in at least 20 hours of complementary each cycle (Sept.-Aug.) 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 *User Tools* tab of the Honors website.

[Submit Complementary Learning](#)

Volunteer with Goodbye, Goodbuy



Goodbye, Goodbuy is RIT's annual collection and sale of items donated by students as they depart campus each spring. This year's sale will take place August 17-20 and will include thousands of items - all saved from entering the landfill! You can learn more by visiting the [Goodbye, Goodbuy website](#).

There are dozens of volunteer time slots you can sign up for throughout the days of the sale. This is a fantastic way to finish up any needed complementary learning hours for the previous cycle, or give yourself a head start on this year's complementary learning requirements (when submitting your hours let us know which year you'd like us to apply the hours to).

[Sign up to Volunteer with
Goodbye, Goodbuy](#)

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