



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

Welcome New Students!

We are excited to welcome one hundred fifty six students to the Honors program this fall - each bringing their unique talents and experiences to our community!

Orientation will take place over two days - Friday is our *Program Day* on campus when students learn what it means to be an Honors student from director Dr. Lutzer, take a college / major specific campus tour, and engage in a service project making solar electric blankets for unhoused individuals in Rochester. Saturday is our *Adventure Day* at Camp Arrowhead where students will take part in an egg drop competition, work together in facilitated team challenges, try their hand at archery, play a few innings of kickball, and jump on the bounce pillow (a crowd favorite!).

Orientation will be facilitated with the help of our Lead Mentors, Mili Lombardo, Matt Stanton, and Howie Hertzberg, along with twenty four Honors Mentors and our student staff. The two days of programming are designed to establish a solid foundation of the program and to share with the incoming class the opportunities to learn and grow together in the program.

When you see new Honors students on campus take a moment to introduce yourself and welcome them to the program!

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Stanley at the podium with a collage of last year's Council events | Photo Credit: Ethan Flynn

The Honors Council is a student-oriented, student-run part of the Honors Program that exists to promote the pillars of our Program and offer additional opportunities based on the interests of Honors Students.

Honors Council meets bi-weekly and is composed of four committees: Executive (the President and chairs of the following three committees), Academic Excellence, Community & Wellness, and Service & Leadership with delegates from each college as well as the following community delegates: BIPOC, Internal Admit, International Student, and a First Year Delegate.

All students are welcome and receive half an hour of complementary learning for attending!

The first Honors Council meeting of the semester:

**8/31 from 4:00-5:00 pm
SAU 1510 (1829 Room)**

Committee meeting days and times will be communicated shortly, and will also be posted on the Honors website.

**Register for the first
Honors Council
meeting of the year!**



Honors Hour Is Back!

A collage of Honors Hour photos from last year | Photo Credit: Ethan Flynn

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

During our first Honors Hour, enjoy catching up with your Honors peers after your summer break, meet representatives from Honors Council, hear from AD Garth Freeman, and learn about the events and opportunities we have planned this semester.

8/28 from 11:30am-12:30pm
Bamboo Room (CPC 2650)

Please use the link below to pre-register, or just show up the day of the event. We hope to see you there!

**Honors Hour:
Welcome Back!**

Updates & Announcements

Apply for an Honors Option



Honors Option Applications Are Now Open!

An honors option is something that you do to go above and beyond the usual expectations in a standard course. It is a faculty-

CORNING MUSEUM OF GLASS



Honors Corning Museum of Glass Trip

Join us for an interactive day at the Corning Museum of Glass!

There are 50 spots for this day trip, which includes transportation, entry to the

Yard Games with Honors Council



Yard Games With Honors Council

Join Honors Council and your friends next week for some fun yard games!

We'll meet in the North Quad - between Gibson Hall and Margaret's House on

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chosen course in a substantive way.

Have an idea for an Option in one of your classes? Now is the time to connect with that faculty member to discuss your proposed project! Once you've formalized your plan, use the link below to submit your proposal to Honors.

The deadline for Option proposals is Sunday, Sept. 6 at 11:59 pm. No late submissions will be accepted.

Follow the link below for more information and to access the submission form.

[Honors Options Info & Form](#)

are also two options for hands-on activities, that will be assigned on a first-come first-served basis.

Sales open NEXT Wednesday August 26 at 9:00 am. Tickets to attend are \$10.

Mark your calendars and reserve your spot next week! Be sure to RSVP for the trip and your preferred activity.

**9/12 from 8:15am-5:00pm
Corning Museum of Glass**

equipment and games and will provide popsicles for everyone!

Register below for this annual back to school event, or just show up!

**8/28 from 4:00-6:00pm
North Quad**

[Register on CampusGroups](#)

Complementary Learning

Please see below our highlighted opportunity for the week. 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.-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 *Student Portal* tab of the Honors website.

The 2025-26 submission cycle ends on Aug. 31. Please be sure to submit your hours for last year's cycle by that date.

[Submit Complementary Learning](#)



Momentum is a portfolio of leadership development programs designed to introduce students to and cultivate the core competencies needed to step into key leadership roles on campus and in the Rochester community. Momentum I is RIT's centralized leadership launchpad to introduce students to meaningful competency development and to increase their sense of belonging through connections to key leadership opportunities including Orientation Leaders, Residence Advisors, and Wellness Peer Educators.

Session 1 will address the power of self-awareness and how it relates to a number of key leadership experiences in the Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement. Be prepared to do a deep dive into some of your strengths and areas of growth.

[Learn more about Momentum](#)

“Every moment is a fresh beginning.” - T.S. Eliot

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