

WELCOME BACK!

We hope you're having a great first few days on campus! We are so excited the new semester is underway and can't wait to hear about your summer adventures!

As you settle in, we encourage you to take a moment to think about how you'll engage with Honors this year - both in terms of your requirements, as well as with the people that make up our community. There are a wide array of things to do and ways to connect, and being intentional in your pursuits and establishing good habits now will support your ongoing success throughout the year. If there's anything we can do to help you achieve your goals please reach out - we are here to support and guide you.

Hope to see you out and about over the next few weeks!

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Student listening to a presentation at the 2025 Honors Symposium | Photo Credit: Ethan Flynn

It's time to think about submitting for an honors option!

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, term-length project that extends the 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 Option
Information &
Submission Form**



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 first Honors Council

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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!

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!

Updates & Announcements



Honors Corning Museum of Glass Trip

Join us for an interactive day at the Corning Museum of Glass! **Sales open this morning at 9:00 am, so act fast!**

There are 50 spots for this day trip, which includes transportation, entry to the museum, and lunch. There are also two options for hands-on activities that you can select on a first-come first-served basis.

Be sure to RSVP for the trip and your preferred activity.

9/12 from 8:15am-5:00pm
Corning Museum of Glass
Tickets are \$10

Register on
CampusGroups



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 campus. We'll have all the 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



Office Chats Are Back!

Stop by the Honors Office next Friday for Office Chats! Hang out with other Honors students, talk with the Honors Office staff, ask any questions you may have, or share an idea for a future event or way we can support you.

Office Chats happen during the first Friday of every month! We will have some yummy pastries and drinks, so whether you want to stay a little longer or are just passing by on your way to class, the Honors Office is open - Register below or just stop by!

9/4 from 10:00-11:00pm
Honors Office

Register on
CampusGroups

Complementary Learning

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

Our highlighted opportunity for the week is the **CLCE's Community Service Fair**. Though attending the event itself is not approved for complementary learning, you can find future opportunities and events at the fair that will help you earn hours over the course of your time at RIT.

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](#)

[Pursuing the greater good]

**We prepare RIT students to exercise leadership as
members of a rapidly changing global community.**

CLCE Community Service Fair

The Community Service Fair brings together the RIT and Greater Rochester communities to provide an opportunity for students, faculty, and staff to meet representatives from various local community-based organizations and learn how they can make an impact in their time at RIT. Over 40 community-based organizations will be in attendance and are looking to connect with students interested in volunteering. Find Your Greater Good with the Community Service Fair!

Attending the Community Service Fair does not count as Complementary Learning, but this is a great way to find volunteer opportunities that will count throughout your time in the program!

Friday, Sep 11, 2026

11:00am – 1:00pm

Fireside Lounge and 1829 Room

[Find more information here!](#)

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