



Group photo from Honors Orientation at Camp Arrowhead | Photo credit: Ethan Flynn

Greetings from the Honors office! We hope your first days on campus are going well and that you are settling into your routines and establishing habits that will support your ongoing growth and development.

As this week flows into the next, and you get busy with your academics and extra-curriculars, we hope you can find time to be mindful about setting your schedules and developing patterns of activity that help you thrive and grow as a student and person in the world. How much sleep do you need (and how much can you realistically get)? When are you most productive? What social interactions provide you with a sense of community and belonging? Where do you go if you have questions or need support?

Asking yourself these types of questions will help you better understand your personal needs and will give you a framework for your ongoing success in the program - and in life!

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Screenshot of the RIT Honors Website

As you set your habits and routines for the year we want to remind you of the resources and information you can find on the [Honors website](#). Your main point of access for all things Honors is the ***Student Portal*** - it's where you'll go to find:

- **Your Honors Record** - This is where you can check your standing in the program and see how many Honors points and complementary learning hours you've completed to date.
- **The Honors Handbook(s)** - This is your definitive source for program guidelines, requirements, and processes. Please be sure to select the correct handbook for your entry year at RIT.
- **Honors Points** - Here you'll find descriptions of all the ways you can earn Honors Points along with reporting forms for each activity.
- **Complementary Learning** - Here we provide an up-to-date list of activities that are pre-approved for complementary learning. You can also access the complementary learning submission form on this page.
- **Honors Options** - This resource has all the information you need to propose a successful option: the requirements, timeline, examples of previously optioned courses, and the proposal submission form.
- **Upcoming Events** - This page includes a calendar view of our events and a list of events with information and signup forms.
- **Honors Grants** - This webpage includes information about what your \$500 grant can be used for, the pre-approval form, and final submission form.
- **Honors Mentors** - This page has information about what it means to be a mentor for Honors Orientation. In the spring semester this will include an application link to apply to become a mentor for orientation 2027.

Outside of the Student Portal you'll find the ***Team*** tab which includes contact information for the Honors Advocates, the Honors office staff, and Honors Council. And we have some helpful tips in the ***FAQ page*** as well.

Please take a moment to review these repositories of information and resources that will aid in your success!



Students and IA Mentors from 2025 Internal Admission | Photo Credit: Ethan Flynn

Were you an internal admission student to the Honors Program? We are looking for internal admit students from each college to serve as mentors to support and guide the incoming students through this process during internal admission orientation.

Mentors will help to set up for orientation and be assigned a table of incoming students from their college. During the programming, mentors will lead their group through interactive activities and be there to answer questions throughout the day.

This is a great leadership opportunity and participants will receive complementary learning for their involvement!

Mentor Involvement

Involvement includes a training and information session on **Wed. Oct. 14, 6:30-7:30 pm via zoom**, and the full orientation on **Sat. Oct. 24, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm**.

[Internal Admit Mentor Application](#)

Applications are due Sunday, Sept. 20

Updates & Announcements



Office Chats This Friday!

Stop by the Honors Office this Friday for Office Chats! Hang out with other Honors



Honors Hour +

Our next Honors Hour will include 90 minutes of information *and* recreation.



Honors Council Fall Elections

There are available seats on Honors Council!

[Subscribe](#) to our email list.

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

From 11:00-11:50 Joel Gallegos Greenwich will present information about the summer 2027 Faculty Led Study Abroad trip: ***Social Movements and Activism of Brazil***. This course will meet weekly in the spring '27 semester, then students will travel to Rio de Janeiro for 9 days of immersive learning.

We will support Honors students with \$1,500 in financial support to take part in this experience.

We'll wrap up the remainder of our time with casual conversation and games. And there will of course be pizza! Please register below or just stop by (at any point in the 90 minutes).

9/11 from 11:00 am-12:30 pm
in Wallace room 3605

Register on Campus
Groups

Council is made up of college delegates and several community group delegates. We've got some vacancies that we would like to fill in the next few weeks.

You can nominate yourself or one of your peers for each delegate position below. Please note - you must be from the college or community you are seeking to represent in the role.

College Delegate Position:
COS Delegate

Community Delegate Positions:
First Year Delegate
Internal Admit Delegate
Deaf & Hard of Hearing Delegate
International Student Delegate

COS Delegate

Community
Delegate
Nomination Form

Complementary Learning

Friendly reminder that the 2025-26 submission cycle ended on Aug. 31. We will conduct a full review of each student in Honors looking at complementary learning completion for the 2025-26 cycle starting this week. If you are below the required number of hours for your year in the program you will be placed into *conditional standing* and you'll have the remainder of the fall semester to make up your deficit.

Out highlight opportunity this week is volunteering during RIT's **Brick City Homecoming Weekend**. 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](#)



Volunteer During Brick City Weekend!

Brick City Homecoming & Family Weekend is Rochester Institute of Technology's annual autumn celebration that brings together students, families, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends for a packed weekend of campus activities.

There are a variety of volunteer opportunities during Brick City Weekend! Roles include floaters, people movers, information booths, ushers, and more. This activity is confirmed for complementary learning.

Oct 16-18, 2026
Brick City Weekend

[Sign up here!](#)

[Subscribe](#) to our email list.

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

Be sure to follow us on [Instagram](#), and make sure to join the [Honors Discord](#).

"It always seems impossible until it's done." — Nelson Mandela

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