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RIT 2024-2025 Outstanding Undergraduate Scholars

The time has come to celebrate the 2024-2025 RIT Outstanding Undergraduate Scholars! This award celebrates the top 1% of undergraduate students who achieve academic excellence while also giving back to the community through civic or volunteer work, by conducting research, or being engaged in a co-op or work in their field of study.

Out of the 144 award recipients for this year's cohort, an impressive 46 are members of the Honors Program, representing a total of 32% of all students recognized, from nearly every college. The Honors Program is proud to support our Outstanding Undergraduate Scholars, and all Honors students as they progress through their journey, academic and otherwise at RIT.

Award recipients will be honored at a ceremony and reception on Thursday, March 27 and will receive a bronze medallion.

Check the [Office of the Provost's website](#) to see the full list of this year's Honors Students Scholars (designated with an *) and be sure to congratulate them on their achievement!

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Women Who Inspire: Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer Small Group Discussion



Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer

Indigenous woman, mother, scientist, and advocate
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"Women Who Inspire" Small Group Discussion with Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer

Engage in the Women Who Inspire programming at RIT

Indigenous woman, mother, scientist, and advocate for sustainability from the lens of indigenous wisdom, Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer will be sharing her knowledge and inspiring journey through a keynote address on Monday, March 3. An enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, she is the author of acclaimed books such

Important dates and locations

Preparatory Meeting

3/1 from 10:30-11:30

Off-campus location

Keynote Address

3/3 from 11:00am-12:00pm

Ingle Auditorium

as *Braiding Sweetgrass* and *Gathering Moss*. [Click here](#) to learn more about her work.

Small Group Discussion

Five Honors Students have been invited to attend a small group lunch and discussion with Kimmerer after her keynote address. Students who sign up will receive a copy of *Braiding Sweetgrass*, are required to read the first chapter and one other chapter, and will attend a preparatory meeting on Saturday, March 1 where lunch will be provided.

Small Group Discussion

3/3 from 12:00-1:00pm

TBD location

[Register for the small group](#)

[discussion](#)

[Register for the keynote address](#)

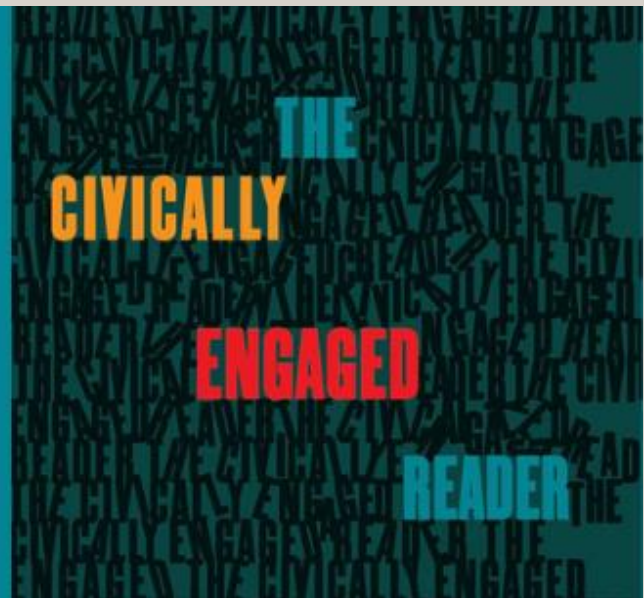
Students will earn 4 hours of complementary learning for taking part in all aspects of this opportunity.

The Meaning of Service

Reading & Discussion Group



HUMANITIES
NEW YORK



A Diverse Collection of Short Provocative Readings on Civic Activity

Edited by Adam Davis and Elizabeth Lynn

THE GREAT BOOKS FOUNDATION

**Upcoming *Meaning of Service* Reading
and Discussion Group - Toni Cade Bambara's
"The Lesson"**

With support from Humanities NY, Honors Program Assistant Director Garth Freeman will be leading a series of reading and discussion sessions to engage students in dialogue around what it means to serve. This text-based discussion forum will use selections of poems and excerpts from larger works taken from *The Civically Engaged Reader* to generate dialogues about our roles and responsibilities as citizens and members of our communities and activate ideas about how we can address social challenges and work towards positive change in our personal and professional lives.

Next Session:

Join us for the first event of the semester on Monday 2/24, 12-1pm where we will be discussing "The Lesson" by Toni Cade Bambara. This piece investigates themes of racial injustice and inequality and how to give back to one's community. Read a copy of this powerful short story [here](#) and come prepared to discuss less than one week away.

This activity is approved for 1 hour of Complementary Learning

Upcoming Dates

- 2/24 from 12:00-1:00pm in SAU 1510 (1829 room)
- 3/5 from 4:00-5:00pm in SAU 1510 (1829 room)
- 3/20 from 6:00-7:00pm in WAL 3490
- 4/10 from 6:30-7:30pm via ZOOM

PIZZA WILL BE PROVIDED!

Students attending will receive a copy of The Civically Engaged Reader.

Register for *Meaning of*

Service on 2/24

Updates & Announcements

Honors Council Events



Honors Council Networking Event Tonight

Will you end the night by "swiping right" and connecting via LinkedIn? Get ready for a night of growing your network and socializing with members of the Honors community! The CWC and AEC are collaborating to bring you a "speed dating"



Winter Wonderland Honors Gala

There is still time to buy tickets for the annual Honors Gala! Hurry to buy them because tickets are only available to purchase on Campusgroups until 2/22 at 11:50pm. Remember that non-Honors guests can attend as long as an Honors

Orientation Updates



Call for Fall 2025 Honors Orientation Mentors

We're looking for mentors to help welcome incoming students to the RIT Honors Program! Acting as a resource for new students, you'll help plan orientation activities, be a role model, and lead a group of new students with your team.

event that'll spark conversations and connections. For the first half of the event, pair up with another attendee and take turns asking and answering prompts designed to help you dive into meaningful dialogues. Don't get too comfortable as the pairings will be switched up after each round.

During the second half, enjoy your choice of mocktails (from a pre-established menu) made by members of the CWC and AEC, and freely engage with your fellow Honors peers. We hope to see you there!

2/19 from 5:00-6:30pm
SAU 1510 (1829 room)

Register for
the Honors Council
Networking Event

Student registers the ticket. We hope to see you there to dance the night away in a Winter Wonderland!

3/1 from 7:00-10:00pm
University Gallery

Purchase Gala Tickets

Honors Council Meeting

Join Honors Council Meeting this Thursday (tomorrow). Become more involved in the Honors Community and help the Council coordinate Honors Program activities.

Attending Council meetings counts for 1/2 an hour of complementary learning.

2/20 from 5:00-6:00pm
WAL 3490

Register for
Honors Council

Mentors also receive a stipend and 15 hours of complementary learning.

There will be a general information session on Thursday, 3/6 (NEW DATE) via ZOOM.

Application due dates:

3/02: Lead Mentor

3/23: Regular and Photo Mentor

Key dates:

8/21: Mentor Training 9:00am-5:00pm

8/22: Orientation Kickoff 8:00am-5:00pm

8/23: Camp Arrowhead

8:30am-5:30pm

8/24: Orientation Wrap-up 9:00-11:00am

3/6 Information Session

ZOOM link

Fill out an application!

Complementary Learning

Please see below our highlight opportunity this week. There are many other events and activities listed 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 are submitted contemporaneously, within 30 days of the event or activity, through the submission [form](#) located within the *User Tools* tab of the Honors website.

3/1 Into the ROC: Game Day at St. John's Home



Join Into the ROC through the CLCE with this excellent opportunity to volunteer in the community and brighten someone's day. Attend this game day and enjoy the competition, engage in conversation, and share laughs with the senior residents at St. John's home.

For more than a century, St. John's has been helping older adults live satisfying, rewarding lives regardless of their age. The senior living facility offers a spectrum of services from independent and enhanced assisted living to rehabilitation and skilled nursing care, all centered on customization and choice for each resident.

Transportation will be provided with a bus leaving from the Sentinel Statue promptly at 12:30pm.

3/1 from 12:30-3:45pm
150 Highland Avenue,
Rochester, NY 14620

Register for game day

at St. John's Home

"Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up.
Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it."

-Michael Jordan