



Guests dancing at the 2025 Winter Wonderland Honors Gala | Ethan Flynn @flynn.portraits

The (hopefully) last flurries hit at just the right time as students celebrated the season at the Winter Wonderland Honors Gala this past weekend on Saturday, March 1. Honors students and their guests enjoyed a night full of laughter, games, and tearing up the dance floor to some hits (thanks DJ Maya!). Congratulations to this year's Honors Gala Overlords, Sofia Santana and Xavier Mely who were crowned during the event. Thank you to everyone who attended and to Honors Council for making this event a night to remember, we could not have done it without you. We hope you all had a great time and look forward to seeing you at the Gala again next year!

Access photos from the event through the button below and enter the code "honorsgala25". A big thank you to Ethan Flynn for taking these pictures and feel free to post them as long as credit is given to Ethan Flynn and @flynn.portraits on Instagram.

[2025 Honors Gala Photos](#)

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Honors Orientation Mentor Information Session [Tomorrow](#)

Interested in learning more about what it means
to be an Honors Orientation Mentor?

Important Deadlines &
Reminders

Attend this general information session happening tomorrow night, Thursday March 6 via ZOOM, 7-8 pm. This session is open to all students interested in applying to be an Honors Orientation Mentor or Lead Mentor in the Fall '25 semester.

Learn about what it is like to take part in this experience guiding incoming Honors students through the Honors Orientation programming. Everything you need to know will be covered and how you can serve as a role model, develop your leadership skills, and have fun strengthening your bonds in the Honors community!

[Information Session ZOOM Link](#)

Mentors receive a stipend and 15 hours of complementary learning if selected.

We need a few more applications for Lead Mentors and have extended the deadline until 3/14. If you previously served as a mentor please consider applying to be a lead this fall. If you already submitted your application and want us to evaluate it for a Lead Mentor please send an email to honors@rit.edu and let us know.

Applications for Regular and Photo Mentors are due on 3/23.

Fill out an application today in the "User Tools" tab of the Honors website or by clicking the button below.

[Mentor Application Link](#)



3/07 Clovers & Chat

The Coffee & Chat for March is *Clovers & Chat* with an everything green theme! Enjoy sipping on green beverages and munching on green cookies while catching up with your Honors friends before Spring Break. Have questions to ask about your requirements? Need to check on your point submissions or complementary learning? Feel free to stop by for support from the Honors staff or just to grab a quick treat.

We hope to see at the Honors Office on Friday! You never know, you might just get lucky and find a four-leaf clover.

**3/07 from 10:30-11:30am
Honors Office**

[Register for Clovers & Chat](#)

Updates & Announcements

The Meaning of Service Reading & Discussion Group

Wed 3/05

Reading:
"Mending Wall"
-Robert Frost



3/20 The Meaning of Service Reading and Discussion Group

Join us **this afternoon** for the second "Meaning of Service" event of the semester where we will be discussing the poem "Mending Wall" by acclaimed poet Robert Frost. This poem covers many complex themes ranging from tradition, nuances of human relationships, and the nature of boundaries through a story of two men and a rural stone wall. Get a head start by reading a copy of the poem linked below.

As always, this event is approved for complementary learning and pizza will be provided!

**3/05 from 4:00-5:00pm
SAU 1510 (1829 room)**



3/11 March World Affairs Council

If you already registered for the upcoming World Affairs Council, you should have received the reading list and are now getting ready for the preparatory meeting this Saturday.

Start preparing for the discussion, "Qatar-U.S. Relations in a Changing Global and Regional Landscape" with retired U.S. Ambassador Susan L. Ziadeh, exploring how U.S.-Qatar relations, rooted in regional security and economic growth, continue to be tested in a turbulent neighborhood.

**Prep Meeting
3/08 at 10:00am**

**Discussion
2/11 from 5:00-9:00pm
Irondequoit Country Club:
4045 East Ave, Rochester,
NY 14618**



3/19 College of Engineering Honors Study Abroad Session

Check out this upcoming event for Honors students in the Kate Gleason College of Engineering. Learn about study abroad programs offered for RIT engineering students and hear actual experiences from other engineering students who have studied abroad.

Pizza will be provided so make sure to register by Tuesday, March 18!

**3/19 from 12:00-1:00pm
ENG 2560**

[Register for KGCOE Study Abroad Session](#)

The next Meaning of
Service will take place on
Thurs. Mar. 20 6:00-7:00
PM in Wal 3490

[Register for World Affairs
Council](#)

[Register for the 3/5
Meaning of Service](#)

Complementary Learning

Please see below our highlight opportunity this week. There are many other events and opportunities 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.

3/35 Wikipedia Edit-a-Thon



The theme for this semester's Wikipedia Edit-a-Thon by RIT Libraries is *Exploring the Information Age* and will take place on Tuesday, March 25. In this event, participants will create a Wikipedia account, learn to edit, pick an article, research, and start editing!

3/25 from 10:00am-2:00pm

[Learn More About the Event and How to Edit](#)

The goal of this year's event is to boost the inclusion of traditionally underrepresented communities. Take part in writing or editing articles about notable women, LGBTQIA+ communities and people, or any related topic. Get involved and make a difference contributing to representation on Wikipedia! This event is open with no registration required.

"All powers have two sides, the power to create and the power to destroy. We must recognize them both, but invest our gifts on the side of creation."

— Robin Wall Kimmerer, Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants