



Honors students learning how to ice skate with Brick City Blades | Ethan Flynn
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On Monday, March 24, RIT Honors students joined Brick City Blades for an ice skating event right on campus in the Gene Polisseni Center. Students skated, glided, slipped and slid the night away, celebrating the end of Winter with friends and good laughs.

Thank you to BCB for being fabulous skating instructors and collaborating for this event! If you know an organization that would like to collaborate with the Honors Program for an event, feel free to stop by the office or email honors@rit.edu.

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2025 Speaker



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Small Group Discussion with Astro Teller

Join RIT's 2025 Commencement Speaker and Honorary Doctorate recipient Astro Teller for a small group discussion with your Honors peers and other student leaders on campus. Teller is a world renowned entrepreneur, engineer, scientist, and "Captain of Moonshots" at X, Google's Moonshot Factory and innovation lab where teams "bring sci-fi ideas into reality to help solve some of the world's hardest problems." For projects like *Waymo*, self-driving cars; *Wing*, autonomous delivery drones; *Taara*, light-beamed internet, and *Foghorn*, clean fuel from seawater, Teller oversees the practical application of cutting-edge technologies - many of which students at RIT could contribute to in the future.

Join this event to hear directly from Teller and to ask questions about the direction of X's research and how these innovations will impact our everyday lives. Once registered you will receive a reading list to help you prepare for the dialogue, and we will schedule a brief meeting to review those materials and develop talking points and questions for the session.

5/08 from 9:15-10:15am
Location TBD

To learn more about Teller view RIT's [announcement](#), and for information about all of the projects Teller's teams are involved in, visit the [X website](#).

[Register for Small Group Discussion with Astro Teller](#)



Honors Gear Store

Honors Merchandise is Here!

Look how cool Stanley looks in his new RIT Honors Program bucket hat! You can also be decked out in Honors merch by placing an order on the linked RIT Honors Program gear site. Choose from a variety of t-shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants/joggers, and hats in an array of colors.

All orders will be delivered to the Honors Office for pickup with a 4-week lead-time after the store closes. Size charts are available on the website and encouraged as items are non-refundable.

The store closes on Sunday, 4/20 at 11:59pm and no orders will be accepted after this time.

[Honors Program Gear Site](#)

Updates & Announcements

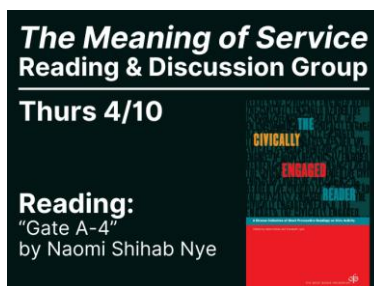


4/08 Graduation Prep With AEC

Are you on track to graduate with Honors? Find out with a virtual graduation prep workshop hosted by the Academic Excellence Committee! Join the AEC to see if you are on track in fulfilling your personal Honors requirements to graduate with Honors. The workshop will begin with an informational presentation to review Honors graduation eligibility before breaking into a Q&A session to address specific needs.

This event is targeted towards students graduating in the class of 2026 or later.

As another way to track your progress, please fill out the 2026 Graduate Completion Survey linked below so the Honors



4/10 *The Meaning of Service* Reading & Discussion Group

The last "Meaning of Service" event of the semester is next week and will be a virtual meeting over ZOOM. This meeting will cover the poem "Gate A-4" by Naoimi Shihab Ney, an American Arab writer known for sharing her vast knowledge of cultures and cultural differences in her works. "Gate A-4" highlights this knowledge, expressed through a heartwarming story revolving around themes of compassion and kindness.

As always, complementary learning is approved for this event.

**4/10 from 6:30-7:30pm
ZOOM**

[Register for 4/10 *Meaning of Service*](#)



4/13 FoodShare X SLC

The Service and Leadership Committee is hosting a collaboration event with RIT FoodShare to volunteer at the organization. RIT FoodShare is part of the CLCE and helps the RIT community by providing free food to those in need. Throughout this event, volunteers will be packing, sorting, and taking inventory at one or both of the two FoodShare locations at the Residence Halls or Global Village/Riverknoll area. Give back to the greater RIT community by engaging in this opportunity with FoodShare!

**4/13 from 1:00-3:00pm
RIT FoodShare**

[Register for RIT FoodShare X SLC](#)

Program can support you in [Read "Gate A-4"](#)
fulfilling your requirements
and help you to create an
achievement plan to
further your progress.

4/08 from 6:30-7:30pm
ZOOM

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Complementary Learning

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

4/12 Into the ROC: Pick Up the Parks at Genesee Valley Park



Earth Month Opportunity

April is Earth Month!

In honor of Earth Month, the next few complementary learning opportunities will revolve around nature and sustainability. Join the Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement through this Into the ROC Pick up the Parks event at Genesee Valley Park.

Get the park ready for spring and summer and reduce litter in the waterways by picking up any trash and debris that has accumulated over the winter months. Tasks may include picking up litter, raking debris, sweeping shelter and lodging areas, and mulching/weeding the grounds. Make sure to dress accordingly for the weather and these outdoor activities!

Transportation will be provided with a bus leaving from the Sentinel Statue promptly at 8:30am. Reach out to Victoria Cirillo (vrcrli@rit.edu) with any questions.

**4/12 from 8:30am-
12:30pm
Genesee Valley Park:
1000 E River Rd,
Rochester, NY 14623**

**[Register for Into the ROC:
Pick Up the Parks](#)**

"Poetry calls us to pause. There is so much we overlook, while the abundance around us continues to shimmer, on its own"

-Naomi Shihab Nye