

CONGRATULATIONS DELEGATES!

HONORS COUNCIL 2025-2026

Honors Council Election Results

The Honors Council elections have concluded and we are happy to announce our new President and Delegates for the 2025-2026 academic year. Congratulations to all those who have been selected to serve in their role! We look forward to working with you to build on the successes of the past and to generate new opportunities for connection and collaboration throughout the Honors community. Welcome to Honors Council!

Council President:

Ethan Connolly, Mechanical Engineering

College Delegates:

CAD - Zoe Kearns, Medical Illustration

CET - Ryan Jackson, Mechanical

Engineering Technology

CHST - Courtney Cimmerer, Physician Assistant

COLA - Ava Douglas, Criminal Justice

COS - Eva Reilly, Biochemistry

Community Delegates:

International Student Delegate - Michael Bhardwaj, Cybersecurity

Internal Admit Delegate - Jaiden Mitchell, Computer Science

BIPOC Co-Delegates - Yasmine Ibrahim, SOIS with concentrations in Neurobiology and in Fine Jewelry; Kyra Stockwell, ASL-English Interpretation

First-Year Delegate - We will run an election in the fall for this position

GCCIS - Alaina Mupparthi, Computer Science

KGCOE - CJ Haver, Mechanical Engineering

NTID - Leah Morgenthal, ASL-English Interpretation

SCB - Owen Cavo, Finance

SOIS - Lun Kong, Individualized program/
Applied Mathematics

General Delegates:

Patricia Aristy, Mechanical Engineering

Adria Clines, ASL-English Interpretation

Cassandra Stand, Biology

Tyler Weiss, Computer Science

All Honors students are invited to join the final Honors Council meeting of the semester to welcome in the new delegates and find out how you can get involved next year.

We will have catering from Panera - so come on out and enjoy some good company and food with Honors Council!

Final Council

**Meeting: 4/17 from
5-6pm WAL 3490**

Register to Attend

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It's Time...

To Submit Honors Points!

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It's time to start submitting Honors Points for activities from the Spring Semester

When submitting points this semester, you will notice that the process has changed. While the fundamental steps remain the same, the forms have a new look and include some different prompts and fields that we think will simplify the process for students, sponsoring faculty, co-op supervisors, and our program staff.

Students can access the reporting forms through the “Submit Honors Points” button on the User Tools page, or can go directly to the Honors Points page of the website where all of the new forms are collected. Once on that page, you will find that each points-earning activity has a brief description, and a link that opens a separate “reporting form.”

For example, if you are engaged in an Honors Option this spring, once you’ve given your presentation and completed all requirements, you will navigate to the Honors Options section of the

Please let us know if you have any questions or experience any issues when submitting points through this new process. Congratulations on all of your Honors achievements this spring!

All activities other than Honors courses must be submitted for review and approval by 5/09.

[User Tools Page](#)

[Honors Points Page](#)

Honors Points webpage and will access the individual form from that section.



Start Thinking About Honors Options For The Fall Semester

Do you need Honors Points?

Consider turning one of your Fall 2025 courses into an Honors Option. An Honors Option is something that you do to earn credit in a standard course by going above and beyond the usual expectations. It is a project that is supervised by the instructor and approved in advance by the Honors Office.

Once you have decided to turn a course into an Honors Option, you can submit your proposal in the "Student Resources" section on the "User Tools" tab of the Honors website.

Option proposals for fall 2025 are due on Sunday, Sept. 7 at 11:59 pm - late submissions will not be accepted. Please be sure to consider this timeframe when planning for the fall semester.

Honors Option Requirements:

- Must be applied to a 200-level course or higher with the exception for first-year students
- You must give a public presentation of your work
- You must earn a grade of at least a B-
- Points are allocated based on the credits of the course (max 3)

- Options are not allowed for a course that already offers an Honors section in the same semester
- Options must be completed in the same semester as proposed
- You can engage in an option to fulfill the *in the discipline* requirement if the course is 300 level or above

Review the RIT Honors Program Student Policy Handbook for more information about Honors Options.

[Student Policy Handbook](#)

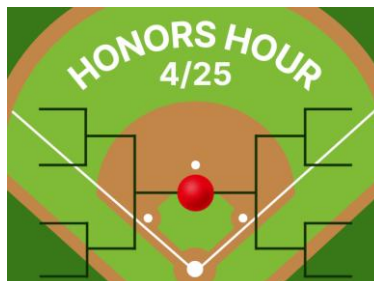
[Honors Option Application](#)

Updates & Announcements



4/19 Trip To Altitude Trampoline Park With AEC & CWC

Need to de-stress before finals? The Academic Excellence and Community & Wellness



4/25 Honors Hour

Celebrate the end of classes and join us for a super fun final Honors Hour for this semester! Tap into your competitive side for a friendly kickball tournament



End of Year Survey

The Honors Program is always looking for ways to improve and continue to support its students. As academic year comes to an end, we want to hear

Committees are partnering for an Honors trip to Altitude Trampoline Park. Tickets are \$10 per Honors student and there are only 20 spots available, so make sure to register early to jump the day away and get out those pre-finals jitters.

Transportation will not be provided for this event, but carpooling with your peers is strongly encouraged. Fill out [this waiver](#) to speed up entry and get right to jumping.

4/19 from 12:00-2:00pm
Altitude Trampoline Park:
3333 West Henrietta Rd,
Rochester, NY 14623

[Register for Altitude Trampoline Park](#)

against your Honors friends. Come with a team ready to win, or join one once you arrive. Who will come out on top? Join the fun and find out soon!

We will have pizza, ice cream and other spring-time treats!

4/25 from 11:30am-12:30pm
Club Practice Field 2
(Behind Grace Watson Hall)

[Register for Kickball Honors Hour](#)

about your experiences in the program this year. We appreciate if you are able to take the time to fill out the survey linked below before the semester ends so we can better plan for and grow in the future!

[End of Year Survey](#)

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.

Garden Volunteer Days at RIT



April is Earth Month!

In honor of Earth Month, the next few complementary learning opportunities will revolve around nature and sustainability. Check out the RIT community garden for an opportunity right on campus.

Every Friday in April, volunteers are welcome at the RIT community garden (located near the tennis courts) to help with gardening work and learn about growing flowers, vegetables, and herbs. Get ready to work and get in touch with your green thumb or maybe discover an untapped passion!

Dress accordingly for gardening work - don't be afraid of a little soil!

**Every Friday in April from
3:00-5:00pm
RIT Community Garden**

[Register for
Garden Volunteer Days](#)

"An understanding of the natural world and what's in it is a source of not only a great curiosity but great fulfillment."

-David Attenborough

