



# GOOD LUCK ON *Finals!*

## Good luck on finals from the Honors Program!

The Honors Program wishes you good luck on your finals as the week kicks off and the semester wraps up! Whether it is getting through those last few projects, papers, or exams, make sure to dedicate this time to finishing out the semester strong. Your contributions to the scholarly and cultural life of the university are an important part of the RIT and Honors communities and we thank you for your continued high-level engagement.

As always, the Honors Program is here to support the academic success and achievement of all students, so feel free to stop by the Honors Office if you have any questions or just need a quiet place to study and recharge. We are cheering for you!

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### **Honors Points Opportunity: Vertically Integrated Projects**

#### **VIPs for Honors Points**

The Vertically Integrated Projects (VIP) program engages undergraduate and graduate students in ambitious, long-term, large-scale, multidisciplinary project teams, led by faculty. Participating students apply knowledge and skills specific to their field of study to address real-world challenges in real time.

The VIP experience is well aligned with the Honors pillars of leadership, scholarship, and citizenship and we encourage you to consider this opportunity as a path to earning Honors Points. Points are processed under the *research* category and students receive points equal to the number of course credits they are taking for the project. Just

Visit the VIP website for detailed descriptions and links to apply to projects that will be active in the fall 2025 semester. If you have any questions about earning points for a VIP please reach out to the Honors Office.

[Learn more about  
VIPs](#)

like with other research experiences submitted for points, students are required to give a public presentation and author a paper that shares details about their contributions to the project and the deliverables achieved by the group.

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### Complementary Learning Reminders

We have enjoyed seeing all of the amazing complementary learning experiences that you have engaged in throughout the year, giving back to your communities, taking part in leadership opportunities, and taking part in the exchange of ideas and ideals on and off campus.

As the end of the semester approaches, a reminder that Honors Students are required to engage in at least 20 hours of complementary learning each year.

**The complementary learning cycle runs from 9/01-8/31**, so make sure to log any hours that you completed throughout this academic year and continue to log hours completed over the summer to meet your requirement.

Submit your complementary learning by navigating to the "Submit Comp Learning to Honors" button of the "User Tools" section of the Honors website, or click the button below to access the webform directly.

**Submit all complementary for the 2024-2025 academic year by 8/31 before the new cycle begins!**

[Submit Complementary Learning](#)

## Updates & Announcements



### End of Year Survey

If you have yet to do so, please fill out the Honors Program end of year survey!

We always looking for ways to improve and continue to support students throughout their Honors experience. As the academic year comes to an end, we want to hear 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](#)



### Honors Merchandise Pickup

If you ordered Honors merchandise from the Honors gear site, it will be ready for pickup soon!

**Items will be available for pickup at the Honors Office starting on 5/06 during normal office hours (M-F 8:00am-4:00pm).**

You are encouraged to pick up your items before the end of the semester, but orders will be held throughout the summer if you would like to pick them up at the start of the fall semester.



### Keep Submitting Honors Points From the Spring Semester

As the semester winds down, don't forget to keep submitting any Honors Points earned throughout the spring semester.

The process for submitting Honors Points has changed. where the steps remain the same, but the forms have a new look. Access the reporting forms through the "Submit Honors Points" button on the User Tools page, or directly on the Honors Points page of the website.

Let us know if you have any question/issues when

submitting points through this new process.

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

[User Tools Page](#)

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## **Complementary Learning**

Please see below our highlight opportunities 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.

## **Opportunities Across America**

# Complementary Learning Across America



As the summer approaches, we want to provide you with ideas on how to engage in complementary learning over the break. These national organizations have a presence in most areas throughout the United States, so look for a chapter in your local area and start volunteering!

## Hands-On Opportunities:

The [American Red Cross](#) is dedicated to providing disaster relief and emergency assistance to those in need. The most-needed positions include blood donor ambassadors, blood transportation specialists, disaster action team members, and shelter volunteers. There are also virtual volunteer opportunities available.

[Big Brothers Big Sisters of America](#) has a mission to create meaningful mentoring relationships for youths across America. Adults can sign up to be a mentor and be matched to serve as a positive role model.

[Feeding America](#) hopes to eliminate food insecurity so that no one has to go hungry. Volunteers can sign up to provide meals to the community by sorting, packing, and distributing food.

## Virtual Opportunities:

[By The People](#) through the Library of Congress is a program where anyone can volunteer to help transcribe, review, and help others search for historical documents.

[Learning Ally](#) is a nonprofit organization where volunteers can narrate audiobooks to provide high-quality audiobooks, helping students overcome barriers in education.

[Missing Maps](#) aids vulnerable communities as volunteers can learn how to map unmapped areas, helping to increase accessibility by teams and first responders.

[Habitat for Humanity](#) seeks to eliminate housing insecurity by providing access to safe and affordable housing. Find a local chapter to volunteer at build events in short- and long-term projects.

Check out your local library for volunteer opportunities. Activities may include assisting guests, organizing events, or shelving books.

[Translators Without Borders](#) allows those who are fluent in another language to volunteer for crisis relief, health, and education organizations by translating text messages.

"Believe you can and you're halfway there"

*-Theodore Roosevelt*