



L-R: Ava Douglas, 3rd year Honors student - Criminal Justice major; Deborah Archer, ACLU President; Gabriella Smith, 3rd year Museum Studies Major; Afnaan Qureshi, 4th year Honors student - B.S. Philosophy and Political Science double major

On Wednesday, January 29, students from the Honors Program and the College of Liberal Arts met with ACLU president Deborah Archer for a small group discussion before Archer's King's Legacy keynote speech.

Students had the opportunity to ask questions and engage in a dialogue with Archer about the personal, educational, and professional journey that led her to this position of prominence in the fight for and defense of civil liberties. The discussion led to a spirited conversation about the current state of civil and human rights in America, with Archer setting a realistic tone acknowledging the urgency of the moment, while voicing a belief in the efforts of the ACLU and others to use the legal system to challenge instances of overreach and abuse of power.

Special thanks to the College of Liberal Arts and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion for making this event possible. Opportunities like this will be shared through the weekly newsletter, so make sure to open and review the message each week to catch upcoming events in the Honors Community!

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Continuation Review Spring '25



Spring 2025 Continuation Review

Continuation review is now complete!

We have completed the Spring '25 *continuation review* process evaluating all Honors students' progress towards the completion of their requirements. Emails were sent on Monday, Feb. 10 to any student who's status and/or standing were changed based on any of the following criteria: GPA, points earned, and the number of complementary learning hours completed.

To maintain active status and good standing in the program you must:

- Earn at least 1 Honors point per academic year (for the 2021 cohort and later)
- Engage in at least 20 hours of complementary learning each cycle: September 1-August 31
- Maintain the GPA standard for your year at RIT

Only students whose status or standing has changed received an email. If you received a message and you have questions or concerns please email honors@rit.edu.

This is a good time, regardless of whether or not you received an email this week, to open Honors account and check your status and standing in the program.

Click the button to see your cohort's handbook for specific program requirements and details.

Program Requirements

and Handbooks

Please always feel free to contact the office to set up a time to talk about your plan for completing the program. It is always best to reach out *before* there's an issue or concern. We are here to support you and guide you through your Honors experience and want to see each of you succeed!

Honors Hour

Friday 2/14



2/14 - Honors Hour with Roc Dog Therapy Dogs

Need some time to destress?

Spend your Valentine's Day with a furry friend! We are partnering with Roc Dog, a local nonprofit Therapy Dog organization to bring

2/14 from 11:30am-12:30pm
HAC 1320

their dogs to the Honors Community. Enjoy time socializing with your Honors peers while benefitting from the relaxing effects of these cuddly creatures. As always, pizza will be provided!

[Register on](#)

[Campusgroups](#)

Updates & Announcements



3/1 Winter Wonderland Honors Gala

Tickets are still available for purchase for the 2025 Honors Gala! Each year the Honors Program hosts an Honors Gala, where students from all colleges can mingle with small bites and fun music. This year, celebrate the season with our Winter Wonderland theme! Honors students are able and encouraged to bring non-Honors guests, but the Honors Student themselves must register the tickets for their non-Honors guests. Light refreshments of veggies, fruit, cheese, crackers, cookies, and beverages will be provided.

Register to join the fun by purchasing tickets for \$10 per guest on Campusgroups. [Tickets will be available for purchase until February 22 at 11:55pm.](#)



2/19 Honors Council Networking Event

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" 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!



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

There will be a general information session on Thursday, 3/02 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

3/1 from 7:00-10:00pm
University Gallery (James E.
Booth Hall)

Register and purchase

Honors Gala tickets

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

Register for

the Honors Council

Networking Event

8:30am-5:30pm
8/24: Orientation Wrap-up
9:00-11:00am

Fill out an application!

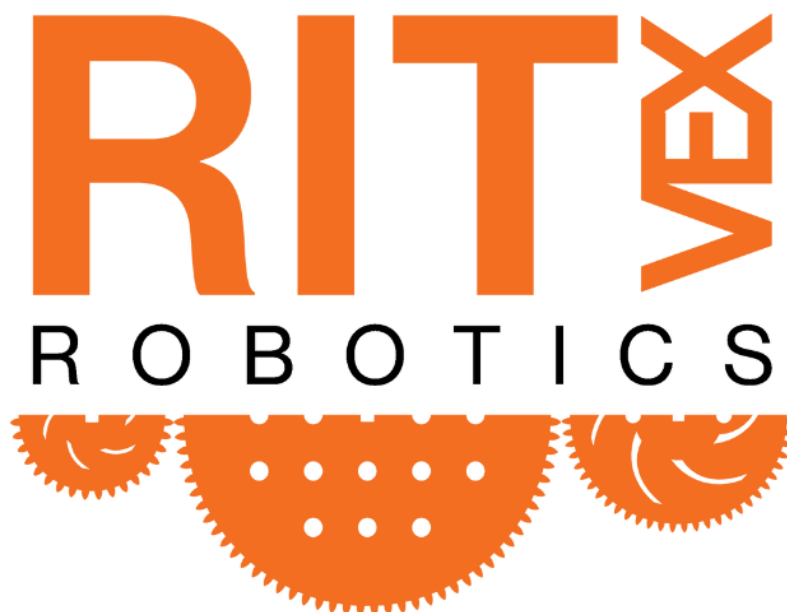
Complementary Learning

Please see below a few 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 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.

2/15 RIT VEX U Robotics Volunteers



The RIT VEX U Robotics team is hosting their annual robotics competition this weekend and is seeking volunteers for Saturday and Sunday. There is high need for volunteers to judge either day of the

With questions, contact Zoe Rizzo at zjr1377@g.rit.edu

competition which includes interviewing teams about their robots and determining awards. This is an all-day volunteers positions and lunch will be provided to volunteers on both days.

2/15 and 2/16 - all day

VEX U Robotics Volunteer

Form

Judges for the VEX U competition on Saturday, 2/15 must be at least 21 years old and judges for the VRC competition on Sunday, 2/16 must be at least 18 years old.

2/23 Try-a-Tri Volunteers



RIT Running and Multisport Club is still looking for volunteers to help run their annual Try-a-Tri. Shifts 3 and 4 are full, but there are still spots available in shifts 1 and 2! Try-a-Tri is a beginner friendly triathlon where participants do a 15 minute swim, 15 minute bike ride, and 15 minute run, all inside Gordon Field House. Volunteers will help count laps in the pool and track, document wattage on bikes, and run check in. This year's Try-a-Tri will be raising money for Camp Good Days, a local summer camp for children fighting cancer. Shift details are listed in the volunteer form.

With questions, contact Nick Duggan at nkd2850@rit.edu.

2/23 - shift times vary
RIT Gordon Fieldhouse

Try-a-Tri Volunteer Form

"10 percent of life is what happens to you, 90 percent is how you respond."
- Jalen Hurts