Diverse Interests.

One Community
RIT’s Color Run raises awareness of resources for the LGBTQIA community at RIT and in Rochester. The race supports The Out Alliance, which helps the greater Rochester LGBTQ communities to be fully respected and engaged citizens, and The Trevor Project, which provides the youngest in the LGBTQ community with crisis intervention and suicide prevention services.
From the moment you first open the door to your room, to the late-night pizza runs, to the victories shared on the field, to the teamwork that goes into launching a project. You’re going to come into contact with a unique group of people. They’re your friends, your tribe, your community. At RIT, we don’t conform—we connect. To each other, to our shared commitment to discovery, to all-inclusive diversity, and to making the world a better place.

This is your time, and this is the place where you’ll prepare for the rest of your life. Come and get it.

They stay with you. Always.
What’s better than exploring an interest? Finding others who share it.

Join students from all different majors who come together to explore their passions and hobbies. With more than 300 student clubs and organizations supporting 13,000+ on- and off-campus events, you’re going to find some fun—and make some friends along the way.

Play video games with the Electronic Gaming Society, learn to move gracefully with the Ballroom Dance club, rock out with the Jam club, cosplay at Tora-Con, build an electric car for international racing, and more.

What are you into?

New
Friends.
Awesome
United in Common Interests

eSports/Electronic Gaming Society
RIT eSports levels up by joining the Electronic Gaming Federation, competing on a national collegiate level, and moving into a modern lounge specifically tailored for competitions.

Sailing Club
Feel the rush of flying across the open water. Practice at the Rochester Yacht Club and participate in multiple regattas in the fall and spring.

Rail Jam
Chill at this thrilling competitive ski and snowboard event featuring high-flying tricks on a pre-built course on campus.

Anime Club
Spreads knowledge of anime and the Japanese culture through many events including Tora-Con, a two-day convention for fans of anime, cosplay, and nerd culture. Anime club is sugoi!

Canoe Battleship
You know it’s going to get wet and wild as teams attempt to defeat enemy vessels using water buckets, shields, and mystery items.

Equestrian Club
Have a passion for horses, horseback riding, and competitions? This team offers a long and colorful tradition of modern dressage, the highest expression of horse training.
Driven

Hot Wheelz, RIT’s all-female racing team, is in the business of creating community, challenging the competition, and building a winning race car. Every year these students do all of the engineering, welding, sourcing of components, negotiating sponsorship deals, and putting together a project management plan necessary to ready the car for competition.

Hot Wheelz is another great example of the multidisciplinary approach RIT champions. Comprising 55 students representing 18 different majors and hailing from 10 states and two countries, they work hard to mentor, empower, and open the door for the next generation of female auto industry leaders.
Better Together

Stay connected to campus and your fellow students by living where you learn. RIT offers many housing options to optimize your comfort, suit your interests, and support your lifestyle.

RIT values student success inside and outside the classroom. To do this, we have created an environment that focuses on well-being, collaboration, inclusion, and community engagement.

Learn ASL and about deaf culture at a weekly No Voice Zone event, spend some time gaming, watching movies, and chilling with friends in RITchie’s Game Room (RITchie is RIT’s mascot), or relax and come together for small group projects, meeting spaces, board games, and free popcorn and DVD rentals in The Den.

There is no place like the home you will find here.
Celebrating the Snow
Snowboarding, escape rooms, food trucks, and ice carving are all part of RIT’s annual FreezeFest, a celebration of the blustery winter season.

United by Doing

SpringFest
Great music, great food, and a great time! SpringFest is a fun-filled weekend of novelties, copious amounts of food, and concerts.

Build an Alien
Make special memories one furry friend at a time at SpringFest’s space camp through an interactive process assembling a custom-stuffed alien.

Feature Concerts
Known for bringing in exceptional musical talent, RIT consistently hosts concerts from notable bands including fun., Walk the Moon, and most recently, Cheatcodes.

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At RIT, you’re going to find a multitude of opportunities to explore the performing arts. You’ll be challenged to think creatively about artistic expression while engaging with the power of movement, sound, lighting, and stage production. Experience a riveting production by National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) Performing Arts, where deaf and hard-of-hearing performers collaborate with hearing performers to create a theater experience like no other. Listen to beautiful melodies performed by RIT’s Music Ensembles. Be captivated by the harmonies of our five a cappella groups. Or, just hang out and play one of our baby grands in a campus lounge.

As a performer or an audience member, you’ll enjoy the experience of live entertainment.
United by Art

Wadaiko
This student-run club on campus shares the art of taiko, a drumming style of Japanese origin, to raise interest in both Japanese culture and music.

National Technical Institute for the Deaf and College of Liberal Arts
Expressing themselves through both sign language and spoken word, the students’ performance creates a visually stunning and fascinating theatrical experience for all audiences.

A Cappella
RIT features seven a cappella groups, ranging from traditional octets to a barbershop quartet, whose members all share the same passion—a love for music.

RIT Orchestra
Including more than 75 members from the Rochester community, the group curates performing repertoire from circa 1600 to the present day, including world and modern premiere concerts.

Cabaret at RIT
Life is beautiful at the cabaret. A unique blend of hard-of-hearing and hearing performers creates a one-of-a-kind experience for theater-goers at the debut of the Tony-award winning classic.
Augmented reality and live performance merge to create a novel theater experience with the Theatre Arts Program’s production of AI-Pollo, a futuristic re-imagining of a mythical Greek king.

As with so many RIT projects, it was a multidisciplinary undertaking. Students from the colleges of Liberal Arts and Computing and Information Sciences worked together, exploring the potential applications of augmented reality for live theater, while student teams created text captioning for deaf and hard-of-hearing patrons to use during the performances and holographic images for use in a future production of AI-Pollo to enhance the story-telling.

A pioneering vision of what a performance can be, done as only RIT can do it.
Wellness

A Focus on

At RIT, your mental and physical growth is just as important as your academic development. A multitude of on-campus resources promotes healthy lifestyles, encourages positive social interactions, manages stress, and more.

The student created Nap App helps you locate the quietest place on campus to catch some Z’s. The Better Me program connects you to fitness and wellness professionals to keep you physically active. A full staff of counselors helps you express and manage your emotions, and offers treatment for depression, anxiety, or other mental health issues. And our dining facilities offer a range of healthy choices, including gluten-free, vegetarian, vegan, and more.

Meditate, rest, reflect, work out, and keep track of your diet to stay physically and emotionally healthy.
United in Well-Being

Bow-Wow Wellness
If there is a better way to reduce stress during finals than petting some furry friends, we haven’t found it. Students love it (and so do the dogs).

Red Barn Rock Climb
Every year, 25,000 visitors visit the on-campus bouldering gym with rope-less rock climbing and a 35-foot top-roping wall.

Chocolate on Ice
Donate some nonperishable food items to benefit RIT’s on-campus FoodShare and spend the evening skating and indulging in all things chocolate.
To effect real change means engaging directly with the issues and the people involved in the problems facing communities around the world. Attend one of our biannual Community Service Fairs. Participate in Alternative Spring Break and spend a week in the U.S. or abroad helping to rehabilitate communities or rebuild housing. Or engage in one of our on-campus service projects. RIT’s service efforts are supported by leadership training and development to help build your resume, and to ensure your altruism informs your professional pursuits going forward.

Get involved, volunteer your time and talents, and make a difference.
Alternative Spring Break
Students engage in service in collaboration with communities around the world, spending spring break learning about critical challenges facing communities, interacting with local leaders, and working with community agencies.

Mud Tug
Crowds flock to this exciting competition. Held annually to raise funds for philanthropic causes. If you’re not covered in mud, you’re not doing it right!

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Giving Tuesday
Fellow students, faculty, and staff join forces to package thousands of meals for the Greater Rochester community and RIT’s Food Share.

Toys for Tots
Students eagerly searching for the perfect gifts during the holidays are also spending their time assisting this charitable organization, donating and delivering toys to Rochester families in need.

American Red Cross
Blood Drives
The need is constant. The gratification is instant. RIT consistently hosts these events throughout the year to support communities and patients in need.
Communities don’t just happen. They’re built. This spring, 200 students shrugged off the winter weather to build the frames for two, 1,600-square-foot houses—all in one day. The result of a partnership between RIT and Flower City Habitat for Humanity, the homes will be constructed in Rochester and will house two different families.

One family was on site to witness the progress of their future home. Immigrants from Somalia, the nine-member family is currently split among different locations because they don’t have a home large enough to accommodate everyone. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of RIT students, this family will have a place to call home. That’s work that makes a difference.
The smell of fresh cut grass. The sound of blades cutting crystal clear ice. The gleam of a court. The ambience of a sold-out facility in a sea of orange cannot be matched.

Live collegiate athletics holds an entertainment value that is second to none.

More than 675 student-athletes compete on 24 different varsity athletic teams. RIT Athletics offers athletes a chance to compete, thrive, and succeed in the field of competition. And, with an overall student-athlete GPA of 3.35, our student-athletes continually excel on the field and in the classroom.
United in Competition

Men’s Teams
Baseball
Basketball
Crew
Cross Country
Ice Hockey (Division I)
Lacrosse
Soccer
Swimming and Diving
Tennis
Track
Wrestling

Women’s Teams
Basketball
Crew
Cross Country
Ice Hockey (Division I)
Lacrosse
Soccer
Softball
Swimming and Diving
Tennis
Track
Volleyball

Women’s and Men’s Basketball
Consistently putting together record-setting seasons, the RIT women’s basketball team made its third straight appearance in the NCAA Tournament in 2018.

Lacrosse Champions
Our No. 1 (18-1) men’s lacrosse team won its eighth straight Liberty League Championship. Go Tigers!

Women’s and Men’s Hockey
Join your fellow students for intense, jaw-dropping, and hard-hitting action at the modern arena located on campus, Gene Polisseni Center.

Women’s and Men’s Track and Field
Our team consistently breaks records and enjoys tremendous success in the Liberty League collegiate conference.

Women’s and Men’s Soccer
The teams enjoy tremendous success year after year. Most recently the women’s team advanced to the NCAA Division III Tournament for the third time in program history.
It Became the Next

It’s interactive, it’s hands-on, it’s performance—it’s Imagine RIT.

You get to unleash your creativity on one of the biggest stages. Imagine RIT: Creativity + Innovation Festival is a campus-wide event showcasing the innovative spirit of RIT’s students, faculty, and staff. More than 30,000 visitors experience the breadth and depth of RIT through captivating exhibits, cutting-edge research projects, and live music and entertainment. Hosted annually in the spring, Imagine RIT offers a glimpse into the future with more than 400 exhibits that expand our visitors’ notions of what’s possible in science, engineering, research, and the arts.
Inspiring Musical Experience
Chime lets attendees of Imagine RIT record themselves singing, beatboxing, or capturing a cool sound to create a community soundtrack in a colorful visual experience.

An Ongoing Study
Visitors at Imagine RIT assess the Allen Creek Watersheds nutrient health, a project started in 2006 to see human effects on our natural wonders.

Gamified Rehabilitation
Using the concept of adding game-like elements to increase engagement, students harness the power of neuroscience and technology to improve patients’ physical recovery.

Virtual Bugs
A spectator looks on to a system of advanced multi-camera imaging techniques creating detailed 3D computer models of insects for use in VR simulations at Seneca Park Zoo.

3D Printing
Come see the newest and emerging technologies in 3D printing including lightweight structures, polymers, metals, carbon fiber, and flexible electronics, and make your own unique souvenir!
Every campus has that special something that makes it unique.

At RIT, it’s a distinctive quirk. An eccentricity that ignites the passions of our students, who are combining the mainstream with the exceptional and trading conformity for idiosyncrasy. We’re a campus that welcomes students from all walks of life, with divergent sets of interests, who have come together to create a community of wonder, creativity, and imagination. The uncommon is celebrated here.

Take a look at everything that makes us RIT.
Corner Crew
Rowdy cheers, endless enthusiasm, and unwavering loyalty are hallmarks of RIT’s most loyal hockey fans. Get ready to bring the noise!

Learn Beer
Have you ever wanted to learn about the brewing process, flavor characteristics, taste, and food pairings for your favorite beers? RIT offers a unique course exploring all aspects of beer production.

RIT Bee Keepers Club
Focusing on the positive environmental impact of the honey bee population, it strives to leave a lasting impression on the little honey producers through education, service, and proper treatment.

No Voice Zone
Every week, students speak without talking as they learn sign language and information about Deaf culture from other students at NTID.

United in the Unconventional
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RIT is not a place that thinks small. Described as “painting with light,” Big Shot is a collaborative project in which student and community volunteers provide the primary light source while RIT photographers shoot an extended exposure to capture a dramatic nighttime image. It’s a signature event for RIT’s College of Art and Design. Beginning in 1987, Big Shot has traveled to several national landmarks—including the Intrepid Sea, Air, and Space Museum, Churchill Downs, and The Alamo—and twice crossed the Atlantic Ocean.
Explore, learn, engage, and plan a visit to absorb it all in person.

We can’t possibly share every single aspect of our outstanding campus community in just one book. There’s so much more to see, do, and participate in.

Plan a visit to immerse yourself in RIT’s rich, engaging, inclusive community of captivating people. Take a tour, schedule a personal interview, or register for a group information session.

Students and their families can spend a day on the RIT campus during one of our Fall Open Houses. Meet our faculty, tour the campus and residence halls, visit with academic departments, grab a bite at one of our many eateries, and learn about financial aid.

Head online to rit.edu/VisitRIT for more.