

## February Update

Dear colleagues,

In this update, I have highlighted some activities that are part of the spring calendar. Speaking of spring, the days are getting longer, which means it is not too early to think about spring and commencement. Please take a moment to add some of these events to your calendar. And I look forward to seeing you at one of these events.

### **Provost's Town Hall Meeting Recap**

Thank you to everyone who attended the Spring Provost Town Hall on February 12. It was wonderful to see so many of you in person, along with a large online audience. Our subject matter experts provided updates on Student Success, the Graduate School, and Artificial Intelligence. If you were unable to attend, you can watch the [Video Replay of the Provost's Town Hall \(Spring Semester\)](#) on the [Office of the Provost Communications](#) website. I look forward to seeing you again at the fall town hall.

### **Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) Reaccreditation Update**

RIT is approaching the finish line on the MSCHE reaccreditation process. The External Evaluation Team will be on campus from March 29 to April 1, 2026 and has asked to meet with about 250 community members during their visit. The team will

present preliminary findings on Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 10 a.m. in Ingle Auditorium. All community members are welcome to attend.

### **Provost Speaker Series**

Please save the date for our next [Provost Speaker Series](#) featuring Matthew Wright, Ph.D., from RIT's ESL Global Cybersecurity Institute. You don't have to be an expert in the field to join and learn. Join us on Friday, March 6, 2026 from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. on Zoom. Dr. Wright will present “*Towards an All-in-One Media Forensics Tool*,” highlighting research that aims to help journalists detect AI-generated deepfakes.

[Register here.](#)

### **Ask the DSO Director Anything**

Keri Barone, DSO Faculty Fellow, and Kate Torres, Director of the Disability Services Office, continue to host open Q&A sessions for faculty on DSO-related topics. These sessions include quick updates on key issues followed by time for your questions.

Please join the next session on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 2:30 p.m. on Zoom.

[Join the DSO event here.](#)

### **University-Wide Career Fair | Spring 2026**

The Spring Career Fair will take place on Wednesday, February 25, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. As a reminder, please provide flexibility to students who wish to attend. Experiential learning, often through semester long co-ops, plays a vital role in preparing students for their careers. Thank you for supporting our students as they navigate their co-op and employment searches.

### **Commencement Regalia for Faculty**

Commencement is quickly approaching, and we look forward to celebrating our graduating students. Faculty participation in the processional and on stage is a meaningful part of the ceremony. If you plan to participate in RIT Commencement 2026 and need rental regalia, please place your rental order as soon as possible by visiting the [regalia ordering page](#). Please complete this by March 27, 2026. Together, we will make this milestone event memorable for our students and their families.

## **2026 Summer Institute for Teaching and Learning**

The [2026 Summer Institute for Teaching and Learning](#) will take place May 13-16, 2026 in the Wallace Library and SHED. Hosted by the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL), the institute celebrates innovative and effective teaching practices at RIT. The team is seeking proposals for presentations, workshops and discussions that align with one of the following tracks: Student and Faculty Success, Teaching Efficiencies, Teaching with Technology, and/or Engaging Learning Experiences.

Individual and collaborative proposals are welcome. [Submit your proposal](#) by Sunday, March 15, 2026. For questions, please contact [ctl@rit.edu](mailto:ctl@rit.edu).

Thank you for the continued care, compassion, and support you extend to students and other members of our community. Your efforts truly embody the RIT spirit and help ensure their success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Prabu".

Prabu David  
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs