RIT students are innovators who will make a positive impact in their communities. Transformative community experiences serve as a cornerstone of effective leadership development and enable students to explore and advance their own purposeful trajectory.

Through programs offered by the Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement, students enhance their leadership skills and explore civic identities while engaging in thoughtful interactions that examine new perspectives.
Build and maintain meaningful connections between the RIT campus and the surrounding community.

a. Create and sustain key community partnerships that advance the work of the CLCE and the greater-Rochester community.

b. Develop and maintain systems and programs through which students can learn about and engage the Rochester community.

c. Develop processes to evaluate, recognize, and publicize the scope and impact of students' leadership involvement and community engagement.

Equip students with the knowledge, awareness, and skills they need to positively impact communities and organizations to which they belong or affiliate.

a. Cultivate opportunities for students to engage with RIT alumni and leaders who are actively involved in the community.

b. Create and refine a portfolio of in-person, on-line, and hands-on leadership education and development programs that promote skill development.

c. Build capacity to provide customized, on-demand leadership training and development to student groups and organizations.

Cultivate students’ awareness of and engagement with complex local, national, and global issues.

a. Build and maintain a portfolio of non-partisan, democratic engagement programs that support students’ learning about and involvement with issues advocacy and electoral politics.

b. Create and maintain a portfolio of service opportunities for students that reflect an asset-based approach to community development.

c. Connect students with external programs and fellowships that focus on developing leadership skills through direct service, capacity building, issues advocacy, and/or engagement with public policy.

Eliminate food insecurity on RIT’s campus.

a. Meet the immediate and basic food and clothing needs of members of the RIT community.

b. Inspire a culture of care and sharing among members of the RIT and greater-Rochester communities by shedding light on issues of food insecurity at RIT.

c. Advance internal (FoodShare) and external (RIT) policies, practices, and procedures that serve to mitigate food insecurity on campus.