

# Weekly Newsletter Wed. April 23, 2025



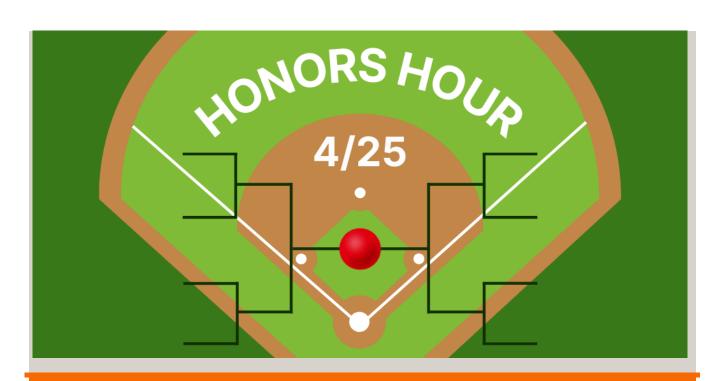
Honors students volunteering at RIT FoodShare

On Sunday, April 13, a group of eight Honors students volunteered for two hours at the RIT FoodShare location by Riverknoll at an event hosted by the **Service and Leadership Committee** of Honors Council. RIT FoodShare has been in operation since 2015 to serve the RIT community by reducing food waste and providing those in need with access to food that is both safe and nutritious. This event was a success as students worked hard to unpack and sort many food donations including a whopping 193 pounds of pasta and large amounts of rice and canned foods. In total, the team went through over 100 items from 20 categories! Stay on the lookout for opportunities through Honors to give back to the community while earning complementary learning hours.

### In this message

Last Honors Hour: Kickball Tournament

- **Small Group Discussion With Astro Teller**
- **Reminders and Announcements**
- **Complementary Learning**



#### 4/25 Honors Hour Kickball Tournament

#### It's the last Honors Hour of the semester!

Celebrate the end of classes and join us for a super fun final Honors Hour for this semester! Tap into your competitive side for a friendly kickball tournament against your Honors friends. Come with a team ready to win, or join one once you arrive. Who will come out on top? Join the fun and find out soon!

We will have pizza, ice cream and other spring-time treats!

4/25 from 11:30am-12:30pm Club Practice Field 2 (Between the baseball field and Greek **Lawn** 

Attendees will receive an RIT Honors Program long sleeve Register for Kickball Honors T-shirt!

**Hour** 



## **Commencement Speaker Small Group Discussion**

# There are still open spots for the Honors small group discussion with Astro Teller!

It's your last chance to sign up for this incredible opportunity! Join renowned entrepreneur, engineer, and scientist Astro Teller, RIT's 2025

Commencement Speaker and Honorary Doctorate recipient for an exclusive small group discussion with your Honors peers. Teller, "Captain of Moonshots" at *X*, Google's Moonshot Factory and innovation supports and directs labs where teams "bring sci-fi ideas into reality to help solve some of the world's hardest problems."

Hear directly from Teller and ask questions about the direction of X's research and how these innovations will impact our everyday lives. Once registered you will receive a reading list with a preparatory meeting to follow.

5/08 from 9:15-10:15am Munson Music Room (SHED)

To learn more about Teller view RIT's <u>announcement</u>, and for information about all of the projects Teller's teams are involved in, visit the *X website*.

Register for Small Group
Discussion With Astro
Teller







# 4/24 De-Stress With KGCOE & CET Honors

Need a break before finals?
De-stress with an event
hosted by the KGCOE and
CET Honors programs.
Hang out with fellow
Honors students building
Legos and playing board
games. Breakfast food
from Artesanos will be
provided for those who
attend this event, so take
advantage of this
opportunity before the last
weeks start to pick up!

This event is only open to Honors students in KGCOE and CET and an RSVP is not required.

4/24 from 9:30-10:45am WAL 1660 (RADSCC Classroom)



# Start Submitting Honors Points From the Spring Semester

The process for submitting Honors Points for activities from the Spring Semester has changed. The steps remain the same, but the forms have a new look with some different prompts and fields to simplify the process.

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 where all of the new forms are collected. Once there, each points-earning activity has a brief description, and a link that opens a separate "reporting form."

Let us know if you have any question/issues when submitting points through this new process.

All activities other than
Honors courses must be



## **End of Year Survey**

The Honors Program is always looking for ways to improve and continue to support its students. As 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!

**Year End Survey** 

# submitted for review and approval by 5/09.

#### **Submit Honors Points**

## **Complementary Learning**

Please see below our highlight opportunities this week. There are many other's listed on the <u>complementary learning webpage</u> 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 <u>form</u> located within the *User Tools* tab of the Honors website.

### Goodbye, Goodbuy Volunteering



#### **April is Earth Month!**

In honor of Earth Month, the next few complementary learning opportunities will revolve around nature and sustainability. Check out the RIT community garden for an opportunity right on campus.

RIT Sustainability is thrilled to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Goodbye, Goodbuy! program! Since its beginning, this initiative has saved over 100 tons of goods from landfills. Each spring, collect donated items are collected during move-out, which are then offered at thrift store prices at the annual sale for incoming students the following fall. This sustainable cycle reduces waste, ensuring usable items find new homes instead of ending up in landfills.

Volunteering for Goodbye, Goodbuy! is an opportunity to improve leadership skills, meet new people, and know that you're contributing to something amazing! The program is looking for volunteers from Thursday, May 1 through Sunday, May 11 at various shift times to set up collection sites, collect items from residence halls, and sort donations.

Volunteers enjoy perks such as exclusive access to the pre-sale in August and two free clothing items with each shift!

5/01-5/11 at various times
TBD Location

Register for
Goodbye, Goodbuy!
Volunteering

#### 4/26 Volunteer at Imagine RIT



Imagine RIT is still looking for volunteers to run the annual Creativity and Innovation Festival that takes place all across campus!

Anyone over the age of 18 can sign up to be a volunteer and most volunteer positions require at least a 3-hour time commitment. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available ranging from standing at the welcome center tents, acting as greeters/floaters, and working events at specific colleges. Click the button to see the full list of volunteer opportunities available.

Volunteers can pick up a required T-shirt, poster, tote bag, and festival program on Monday, April 21 any time from 10:00am-4:30pm in the SAU. On the same day there will be half-hour training sessions at 12:00pm, 2:00pm, and 3:30pm that are not mandatory, but strongly encouraged. Volunteers will also receive a meal voucher for RIT Dining upon check-in on the day of the event.

4/26 All Day Various Locations Across Campus

<u>Learn More and Sign Up to</u> Volunteer

"To leave the world better than you found it, sometimes you have to pick up other people's trash."

-Bill Nye