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The RIT Leadership Institute & Community Service Center

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Welcome Back!



Welcome all students, staff, and faculty to the 2011-2012 school year at RIT. The RIT Leadership Institute and Community Service Center (RLI & CSC) has much to offer for those who would like to serve the community and lead on campus.

At the RLI and CSC, you'll find professional development programs and meaningful volunteering experiences to prepare you for future success. We are here to ensure that you enrich your

college experience academically and personally. If you're interested in service projects, the CSC offers volunteer opportunities from over 270 agencies and is offering a new Social Change Service Leadership Certificate. The RLI offers workshops and certificate programs to enhance your leadership skills in areas like public speaking, decision-making, and more!

A great year lies ahead of us and we hope to see many new and returning faces in our office!

Social Change Service Leadership Certificate

New for the 2011-2012 School Year!

In order to encourage civic-minded RIT students, the RLI & CSC has developed its newest certificate, the Social Change Service Leadership Certificate. The Social Change Certificate gives students the chance to learn about community issues and needs through a paired interactive, topical workshops and a hands-on service project.

Concentrations include **Hunger** (Crisis Hunger & Community Empowerment), **Education** (Inequality in Education & External Factors to Education), and **Social Injustice** (the Healthcare System & the Justice System.) Service projects will include a trip to a local food bank, putting on an activity at a local organization that assists troubled youth, and adopting a local classroom.

The first Social Change workshop and service project on Crisis Hunger was held Sept 30 and Oct 1st, and was a huge success! The workshop explored community service programs and resources designed to help people in crisis hunger situations. The focus was on US domestic hunger situations. Students focused on the faces of hunger



Students helping prepare meals at the Central Church of Christ soup kitchen.

and discussed the issues that individuals and families face. Then on Saturday, students helped prepare take out meals for seniors and prepared and served a hot meal to individuals and families in Rochester.

If you want to learn about leadership through service to the community, this is the certificate for you! Depending on the number of concentrations completed, students can complete a Gold, Silver, or Bronze Certificate. Email svoccl@rit.edu with questions. Visit rit.edu/lead for more info and to register.

Community Issues: Empowering Individuals at Risk for Domestic Violence

The Facts: From 2001 to 2005:

- ♦ Women aged 20 to 24 were at greater risk of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) than other age groups.
- ♦ Children under age 12 were living in 38% of households with a female (IPV) victim and 21% of households with a male victim.
- ♦ Studies find a 30% – 60% overlap between child maltreatment and IPV*
- ♦ Organizations like Alternatives for Battered Women in Rochester provide support, emergency housing, and advocacy for the individuals and children who are affected by domestic violence.**

This Fall the RLI & CSC held a School Supply Drive for children at the Alternatives for Battered Women Shelter.

- ♦ Often women and children arrive at the shelters with very few possessions, and the school supplies received will support student's success in the classroom.
- ♦ Over 100 different donation items were received.
- ♦ RAs and their dorm floors participated, collecting many items as a group! Thanks to everyone who donated!

* Information from the New York Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence

** Information received from Alternatives for Battered Women website

RLI & CSC Leadership Tip of the Week:

In RIT's quest to become a global "innovation university," an RIT education must prepare students to lead and participate in diverse teams that design and implement innovative solutions to vexing problems. Here are 4 tips on leading in an innovative environment:

1. **Show your team that you think of innovation as an ongoing process. Some ideas will work and many won't.**
2. **Keep experimenting.**
3. **Listen, listen, listen. Innovation is a collaborative process.**
4. **Be open to "accidents," the unexpected connections that spark new ideas.**
5. **Be patient. Creativity can't be hurried.**

"I not only use all the brains I have, but all I can borrow." (Woodrow Wilson)

Adapted from SCORE's Top Leadership Tips, available on www.entrepreneur.com
<http://www.rit.edu/imagine/innovation.html>

Leadership Institute Fall Retreat



The Leadership Institute held its Fall Retreat at Camp Stella Maris over the weekend of September 16-17, 2011.

Students participated in leadership workshops as well as a high and low ropes course and other fun team-building activities. The RLI Student Advisory Board were great facilitators for each activity.

All activities count toward our different leadership certificates.

The Winter Retreat—which will focus on service leadership—will be held the weekend of January 13-14, 2012!



Message from the RLI & CSC Student Advisory Board

The RLI & CSC Student Advisory Board (SAB) has started off great for this academic year! The student advisory board allows students the opportunity to build leadership skills and gain knowledge through planning and implementing leadership events. We want to welcome 17 new leaders to the board. With them they have brought to the SAB exciting new ideas and great enthusiasm.

On September 10, 2011 we had our S.A.B. Retreat which allowed the new members and the veterans of the board the opportunity to get to know one another and discuss what expectations we have as a board overall, but also our goals for the quarter and the year. The Student Advisory Board has also incorporated two committee chairs, leadership and service.

The SAB has planned and assisted with a variety of leadership and community service events so far this year.



Students had a quick breakfast before separating to clean up areas of campus at the Tidy Tiger Cleanup.

“Good Leaders are Made not Born”

These events include facilitating activities at the Fall Retreat on September 16th – 17th; at the RLI & CSC Kick off on September 21st; activities and workshops at the Major Student Organizations Inspiration Quest; and workshops at the upcoming I-Lead conference for clubs. They also organized a the Tidy Tiger Campus Cleanup on October 8, which gathered almost 70 individuals from at least 5 organizations to clean up the RIT campus.

With all the hard work and time that the Student Advisory Board puts in with events put on by the RLI & CSC office, we know this will be a great year!

Leadership Institute’s Global Leadership Certificate Program

The RIT Leadership Institute helps students gain a competitive edge by developing leadership skills through unique leadership certificates, which include Personal Success Skills, Organizational Leadership, Women’s Career Leadership, and Transfer Student Leadership, Social Change Leadership, and Global Leadership.

Global Leadership will kick off on Friday, October 28, 2011, providing approximately 50 students experiential education opportunities to practice and apply their leadership skills. The certificate focuses on mentoring, global awareness and leadership.

The global leadership certificate is our most time-intensive certi-

cate. Global leadership provides enriching dialogues around the social constructs of race and ethnicity. Students are paired across ethnicities, and this pairing provides an opportunity to learn and study with another student from a cultural background and experience that is different from your own.

The Mentoring component matches an upper-class student to become a mentor to a fellow student. Students meet together weekly to discuss assigned issues in global leadership. A professional mentor—normally an RIT faculty or staff member—will work with both students throughout the intensive program.



Students will also participate in a service project which is global in focus. Volunteer service projects will include a Haiti Relief fundraiser, immigration programs with Catholic Family Charities, and more!

This certificate program can help set the foundations for future success in the global workplace.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

Breast Cancer Awareness Month	October
Six Sigma Training Retreat	October 21 & 22
Alternative Spring Break Info Meeting	October 20 & 24
Make a Difference Day Weekend	October 22-24
Global Leadership Kickoff	October 28
Club Conference	October 29
Thanksgiving Basket Drive	From October 31– Nov 8
Salvation Army Kettle Drive begins	November 28
Women's Volunteer Service Project	December 9
Winter Kick-off Event	December 9
Toys for Tots Toy Drive	TBD in December
Women's Certificate Lunch	December 13

The RIT Leadership Institute and Community Service Center



VISION

Students will become successful leaders in their careers and communities. RIT graduates will be known for their leadership ability and civic involvement, in addition to their academic competence.

MISSION

The RIT Leadership Institute & Community Service Center assists students in developing critical leadership skills for personal and career success and encourages them to become civic minded, contributing members of society, by partnering with key faculty, staff and administrative units, alumnae, trustees,

as well as community leaders and organizations.

GOALS

Our goals are to help students:

- ◆ Develop a skill set critical to success in their career and personal lives which include: being self aware and self confident; making ethical decisions; building effective relationships; using effective interpersonal and cross cultural communications; being Emotionally Competent; creating and managing change; setting, planning and achieving goals; and leading others.
- ◆ Understand theoretical principles and

emerging trends in leadership.

- ◆ Understand the importance of using their skills to contribute to society and be able to successfully engage in community service and leadership experiences.
- ◆ Develop relationships and network with other RIT students, faculty, staff and community leaders, as a result of integrated and collaborative efforts of the RIT Leadership Institute and Community Service Center with other academic and administrative units.