



The RIT Leadership Institute
& Community Service Center



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RIT Connectology Leadership Advancement Conference 2012

Join us on **Saturday March 31, 2012** as the RIT Leadership Institute hosts the annual RIT Connectology Leadership Conference. The Connectology Leadership Conference draws nearly 400 attendees annually and helps participants sharpen their career and leadership skills and explore ways he or she might make a difference through service and volunteerism.

This one-day conference offers 24 individual workshops focused on 6 topic areas, and hosts two nationally recognized keynote speakers. Topic areas include: Personal Success Skills, Organizational Leadership, Leadership in the Community, Peer Leadership, Life in the Real World for Upperclassmen, and a Bonus Track.

This year's keynote speaker, Pete Mockaitis, has touched thousands of student

leaders with his insights on leadership and accountability. He shows students how to meet their leadership challenges with a sense of humor, organization and the empowerment to make a huge impact on their campus. This year's Connectology Conference theme is '**Dream Big**' as we encourage participants to reflect on questions such as: "What are your big dreams?" "As a leader, how can you help shape your dreams into reality?" and, "As a global citizen, how might service and volunteerism play a role in achieving your dreams?"

The conference will leave students with many tips on how to succeed as a leader in their career and personal life. Registration will be available on the RIT Leadership Institute & Community Service Center website at www.rit.edu/lead

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Spring Leadership Adventure Retreat

Do you like meeting new people and learning new things all the while having fun? Sign up today and build your leadership skills in a fun and interactive setting at the Leadership Institute Overnight Retreat over the weekend of Friday March 16th to Saturday March 17th.

The Spring Retreat will be

held at Camp Onanda in Canandaigua, NY with all transportation provided. All activities count towards our four different leadership certificates. The activity topics range from Leadership Roles and Styles, Cultural Communication, to Values and Ethical Decision Making.

This year, students will

participate in leadership and civic awareness activities such as the Simulated Society, facilitated by Skip Helfrich of Human Energies.

Interested? We will have 50 open spaces, so make sure to check your email when signups open in February! Questions? Please stop by our office or email us at leadga@rit.edu.

Women's Career Leadership Certificate

RIT student volunteers at the Sojourner House, a shelter for women, organize and sort donated toiletry items.



The Women's Career Leadership Certificate Program is an excellent opportunity for all female students to develop the confidence they need to succeed as a leader. If you are interested in interacting and learning from female role models, leaders, and mentors and participating in a variety of leadership events to strengthen your leadership skills, then this certificate program is for you.

The program also provides community service opportunities that focus on deepening your

understanding of women's issues. There is a monthly Women's Service project that gives students the chance to go off campus and see the ways various agencies in Rochester are supporting women. Past projects have included throwing holiday parties for children at a women's shelter and clean-up projects at the Sojourner House.

Visit www.rit.edu/leadership to register for this certificate and to view upcoming events!

January events: "Wellness Issues for Women Leaders", "Leading with Honor, Coping with Failure"

February events: "Developing Your Brand", "Women Entrepreneurs"

The Women's Career Leadership Certificate is a partnership program between the RIT Center for Women & Gender, RIT Office of Cooperative Education and Career Services, and RIT Leadership Institute & Community Service Center.

4th Annual Freezefest Chili Cook-Off and Bake-Off!

Calling all **chili cooks** and **bakers!** Submit your chili recipe or enter a dessert for the bake-off on February 4th from 6 pm– 8 pm in the SAU Cafeteria—Davis Room!

Prizes will be awarded for the top four chili recipes and for the best baked items! All proceeds will go to the Seth and Ali Memorial Fund, which benefits RIT students in crisis.

Information and submission instructions can be found at <https://clipboard.rit.edu/take.cfm?sid=D955F902>.

Chili submissions must be received by January 16, 2012 and Dessert submissions by January 23, 2012!

The 7 Good Heart

Health Factors:

- Get Active
- Control Cholesterol
- Eat Better
- Manage Blood Pressure
- Lose Weight
- Reduce Blood Sugar
- Stop Smoking

~American Heart Association

Community Spotlight: Wear Red Day

Did You Know?

Heart Disease is the Number 1 killer of women, causing 1 in 3 deaths each year?* The American Heart Association works to fund research so that more women can be saved!

On the 1st Friday in February, thousands of people "Go Red" to raise awareness and funds to fight heart disease in women. There are many ways to show support on February 3, 2012, **National Wear Red Day.**

- Wear **Red** to raise awareness

- Donate to the cause and receive a free **Go Red** lapel pin to wear.
- Volunteer to collect donations.

The Leadership Institute & Community Service Center will be raising funds and giving out pins in the SAU lobby on February 3 from 11 am to 3 pm. Make sure to come by and donate or email svoccl@rit.edu if you would like to volunteer to help collect donations.

*Information from the American Heart Association, www.heart.org

Social Change Service Leadership Certificate Focuses in on Education

“The main hope of a nation lies in the proper education of its youth.” ~Erasmus

Much debate has surrounded the state of the U.S. education system and the idea that today’s youth may not be learning what’s necessary to succeed in today’s society. *Is our education system really “broken”? What challenges do students and teachers face and what can we do about them?* These ideas and more will be examined in two Social Change Certificate workshops held in Winter Quarter.

The first workshop on January 13th will explore **External Factors** that impact kids and their education, such as poverty issues, family dynamics, or social-emotional issues, and we will hear from a panel of school psychologists about these challenges. As a follow-up, students will be volunteering in the Rochester area with The Community Place afterschool program and Center for Youth, an organization that supports runaway youth.

The second workshop, held on January 27th, will discuss the

Inequalities in the Education System that exist between suburban, rural, and urban school districts. A panel of education professionals will explore these topics and how these inequities effect students’ abilities to meet state and national standards. Then, RIT students will volunteer with students from a Rochester City High School, sharing their college experiences and introducing them to college life.

Interested? Go to rit.edu/lead to learn more and to register for the Social Change Certificate and workshop sessions.

Alternative Spring Break 2012

Students to travel to Wichita Falls, Texas during Spring Break to participate in weeklong community service



While many students may be traveling back home or for fun during their Spring Break, a group of 15 students from RIT have been chosen to volunteer during Spring Break, traveling to Wichita Falls Texas to participate in a weeklong Habitat for Humanity home build. Through this program students are given the opportunity to learn construction skills, team building, and interpersonal skills while helping those in need.

Students will construct homes Monday through Thursday,

working both their muscles and their brains. They will learn about poverty, inadequate housing issues, community building, and more—all while earning class credit back at RIT. The homes they will construct provide affordable housing and allow low-income families to break the cycle of poverty.

Past Alternative Spring Break trips have included Habitat home builds in Miami, FL, Charleston, SC, and Pittsboro, NC.

During the trip students are able to explore a different commu-

nity and this year will learn more about Texas culture and “The Lone Star” State. And it won’t be all work—activities like horseback riding and hiking are also possibilities.

To find out more about the Alternative Spring Break program, go to rit.edu/lead. The Alternative Spring Break program is a partnership between the RIT Leadership Institute & Community Service Center and the RIT Habitat for Humanity Club.



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2012 Leadership Award Scholarships Applications Due January 30th!

Attention Student Leaders!

Do you have a leadership role in a club or organization on campus? Do you demonstrate significant effort toward the improvement and quality of campus life at RIT? The Leadership Award Scholarships are awarded annually to students who demonstrate good citizenship, high personal standards, and leadership and involvement on campus or in the community. Students are encouraged to apply now! Awards will be credited for the 2012-2013 Academic Year

2012 RIT Leadership Award Scholarships

Davis Scholarship Leadership Awards
Kathleen M. Keyes Award
Eric Senna Award
Joe Ferraro Memorial Scholarship
Isaac L. Jordan, Sr. Fund
Walls-Olson Memorial Scholarship
Cheryl Bulls, Lanette Moore & Susan Willoughby Memorial Scholarship

Apply Online at:

http://campuslife.rit.edu/leadership/rli_scholarships.php

Application Deadline: **Monday January 30, 2012**

Ceremony and Awards Open to the Public
Wednesday Afternoon April 18, 2011

Make sure to check us out on Facebook for upcoming
Volunteer and Leadership opportunities at RIT and in the Rochester area!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

Winter Leadership Retreat	January 13-14
Read World Breakfast Series for Upperclassmen	January 12, 19, 26
Leadership Scholarship Applications Due	January 30
Etiquette Dinner	February 1
Go Red Day	February 3
Paychex Leadership Conference	February 4th
Red Cross Student Blood Drives	February 10, 23, 24
February Women's Service Event	February 10
Alternative Spring Break Trip	March 3—March 10
Connectology Leadership Advancement Conference	March 31

For leadership certificate workshop dates, please visit the calendar at rit.edu/lead!