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Top Events

Philanthropic

Relay for Life

Relay for Life is a overnight, team-based walk-a-thon that raises money for the American Cancer Society.

330

\$65,949

participants donated

Service

Goodbye, Goodbuy!

Every year, RIT students throw out over 100 tons of goods during move-out, which are collected during the end of spring semester. The following fall, incoming students purchase the same items at this yearly sale, preventing usable items from sitting in landfills.

330 volunteers

1,863 service hours

\$56,225 economic impact

Last year's Relay for Life at RIT raised \$107,300 for the American Cancer Society.



Read the full story



Watch the video

Top RIT Groups

Service Hours

4,577

Pi Kappa Phi

1,759

Phi Kappa Psi

1,520

RIT Habitat for Humanity

1,251

Alpha Sigma Alpha

1,097

Tau Kappa Epsilon



Philanthropic Giving

\$65,949

Colleges Against Cancer

\$13,800

Phi Kappa Psi

\$6,871

Phi Sigma Kappa

\$5,678

Lambda Sigma Upsilon

\$5,091

Delta Phi Epsilon

RIT's community members contributed more than \$300,000 to the United Way Campaign – Mission 2020 – this year through individual donations, campus auctions, and events.

More than half of the event funds were generated by student-run events, such as Phi Kappa Psi's annual Mud Tug event, which raised over \$10,000 this year.

Read the full story

Top Nonprofit Organizations

Philanthropic Impact

\$65,949 American Cancer Society

\$10,000 Hillside Family of Agencies

\$5,743
St. Jude's Children's
Research Hospital

\$4,618

<u>Veterans Outreach</u>
Center

\$4,001 <u>Cystic Fibrosis</u> Foundation

\$128,745Total Donations



RIT Student Volunteers

4,342 | The Ability Experience

28 Habitat for Humanity

55 Special Olympics

St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital

American Red Cross

20,580

Total Hours of Services

Post Grad Service Highlights

This year, the Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement became the principal investigator on a grant proposal to the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). CNCS selected eight colleges and universities for their new AmeriCorps VISTA partnership to encourage college students to participate in national service opportunities.

The \$20,000 grant has allowed the Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement to scale up its post-graduate service offerings in support of this initiative, hire an AmeriCorps VISTA campus recruiter, and begin the longer process of educating the campus community about post-graduate service opportunities including AmeriCorps and PeaceCorps.



Learn more about the RIT Vista Grant



As a Rochester, New York native, Morgan Barron thought she knew about everything the city had to offer. But two weeks after graduating from Monroe Community College with her associate's degree, she was thrust into a new world of opportunities courtesy of AmeriCorps.

Barron, a now-undergraduate student at Rochester Institute of Technology, was recently recognized by the City of Rochester and Mayor Lovely Warren as an exceptional woman. Her relationship with the municipality began in 2016 when she was hired as an intern with the Communications Bureau.

A year later, she returned as an AmeriCorps VISTA supporting the Mayor's Offices of Innovation and Strategic Initiatives and the Mayor's Office of Constituent Services.

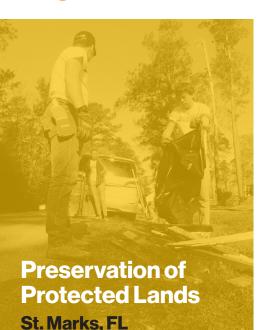
"The main goal was to focus on how to decrease poverty levels in Rochester but you had to start with admitting that there was a poverty issue, and from there figure out different initiatives that would help," Barron explained. "We truly worked to meet the needs of the people of Rochester.
To me, honestly, that was the greatest thing I could've done because I grew up here in Rochester but I never realized how much happened here on a regular basis."

Alternative Break

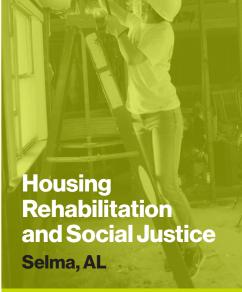
Forty students traveled to four different locations this past March to volunteer and learn alongside community agencies. This year, Alternative Break students completed over 1,800 hours of service equaling a \$54,000 economic impact in the communities they served.



Read more about Alternative Break



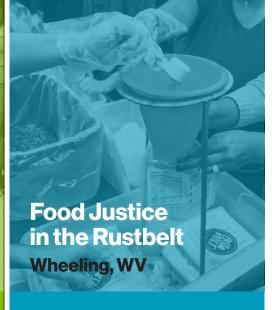
Students worked to maintain trails at the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge and The American Hiking Society while learning about federal policy around our protected lands.



Students worked alongside the Blackbelt and Central Alabama Housing Authority in support of their goal to construct 25 houses per year while learning about this historic city's past and future.



Alongside Common Ground
Relief, students got their hands
dirty on the Louisiana coast
(which comprises 40% of our
nation's wetlands) while gaining
the knowledge, passion, and
commitment to sustain robust
wetlands in the Gulf Coast and
beyond.



Ohio Valley in their mission to fashion a new economic landscape that offers increased prosperity, improved health, and a better environment.



Alternative Break piloted a new internal collaboration with the Division of Diversity and Inclusion's Women of Color, Honor, and Ambition (WOCHA).

Through this partnership – and for the first time in FY20 – Women of Color, Honor, and Ambition participated in the Alternative Break Program at no direct cost to the students. Additionally, a member of the WOCHA advisory team (Pamela Christopher, Interim Director of NTID Diversity and Inclusion) served as a trip advisor in New Orleans, LA.



Read more about Alternative Break's collaboration with Women of Color, Honor, and Ambition



Hunger Project

For the third year, the Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement partnered with Feeding Children Everywhere to celebrate Giving Tuesday's Hunger Project. The collaboration brought 200 RIT Tigers together to package over 20,000 meals for RIT Foodshare and Rochester's FoodLink. To date, this partnership has resulted in the creation of over 91,000 meals for the Rochester community. Additionally, for the first time, the Hunger Project served as a handson experience for first-year students in four RIT 365 course sections. The partnership with Year One Programs, will continue next year.



COVID Response

Ryan Brown

When the pandemic hit in mid-March, Ryan Brown, a third-year mechanical engineering student, found creative ways to utilize his talents to help St. Luke's, a local hospital network in the Lehigh Valley. After receiving a call from Filament Innovations, where he works as a Senior R&D Technician, Ryan quickly began his work on designing masks specifically for high-flow 3D printers.

Within 48 hours of being home, Ryan in collaboration with Mike Gorski, CEO of Filament Innovations (FI) and Megan Augustene, representative of St. Luke's, had developed a working model that could be printed in about an hours' time.

Over time, the group received feedback on how to improve the masks, resulting in the creation of multiple sizes and multiple depths to fit different face sizes.

"In the end, with all of the masks that we were able to provide for St. Lukes, their level of concern for protecting their incredible medical staff was greatly reduced knowing they had enough masks on hand. It was an incredible group effort on many fronts, and it was truly amazing to be able to be a part of the team of people using our unique skill sets to combat this virus."

Report Your Service Hours

The Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement tracks and reports on community service hours and philanthropic giving for a variety of purposes:

- To measure RIT's impact on the local community;
- To provide departments, students organizations, and individual students with an opportunity to quantify their volunteering and philanthropic accomplishments; and,
- To report overall involvement trends to students, administrators, alumni, and the public.

If you would like to set up a reporting process for your department, student organization, or club please contact Kathryn Cilano at kehrli@rit.edu.



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