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Challenging Academics. Christian Community.



Students find a great place to CHILL

A newly appointed space on campus to meet with friends, professors, and small groups, all with access to study and support services and gourmet coffee? Sounds like a great place to spend your time as a Rochester College student!

Community Hub of Integrated Living & Learning

This year Rochester College introduced the Community Hub of Integrated Living and Learning (CHILL). The CHILL is centrally located on campus, and is adjacent to the relocated ACE Lab (where students can receive peer tutoring). As was announced in the Summer 2009 *InsideRC*, Rochester College operates with an academic model called an Integrated Learning Community. The CHILL is the central place on campus where this model is represented and coordinated. It provides an inviting space intended to promote a culture of integrated learning through student, faculty and staff interactions, study, collaborative learning and special programming. There's room for meetings, study groups, and even small classes, all in an atmosphere designed to be both comfortable and productive.

Hang out... have a cup of coffee... work on a project... prepare for an exam... schedule an appointment with a professor or a study group... or just meet a friend... come CHILL.





Andrew Topie

Rochester College is as unique as they come! Yes, we are small, but we do not apologize for that! We don't see small as a negative, but rather as a great advantage for our students. RC is able to offer smaller class sizes, which ensures that your professors will know who you are on a personal level as well as on an academic level. This is an attribute that not many colleges can demonstrate.

I grew up in Gladwin, Michigan, and after earning my associates degree decided to transfer to RC to finish college and be a part of the basketball team. I wasn't too keen on being this far away from home, but I soon fell in love with RC and what it had to offer. My time at RC allowed me to build friendships and relationships (including my wife!) that will last a lifetime. Here I found challenging academics, and a community that really cared about me. I graduated in May of 2007 with an Interdisciplinary Studies degree with focuses in Psychology and History.

Nearly three years after roaming the grounds of RC's campus I was called back to introduce students to what has become a major piece of my life, in hopes that they will make Rochester College a part of theirs. My Michigan territories include a small portion of Oakland County, along with Genesee, Lapeer, Sanilac, and Huron Counties. I am also responsible for all of Indiana and Ohio. If you have any interest in RC please get in touch—I'm more than happy to share!

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Academic Spotlight

Annual Symposium credits academic programming

The annual Rochester College Academic Symposium celebrates the rigorous scholarly research conducted by students from across disciplines. Students enrolled in capstone or senior project courses work throughout the spring semester on their own unique academic pursuits. Then the campus community comes together for a significant all-day event throughout which students present and defend their work in 30-minute presentations.

The Symposium program boasts a diversity of subject matter reflected in scholarly papers, executive simulations, public relations campaigns for real world clients, and musical and theatrical presentations.

The 7th annual Academic Symposium will be conducted on Tuesday, April 20. It will feature a keynote presentation by Dr. Josephine Johnson, a noted psychologist who specializes in working with children, adolescents, couples and families. Named the 2009 Distinguished Psychologist of the Year by the Michigan Psychological Association and a member of the Council of Representatives of the American Psychological Association, Johnson lectures on numerous topics involving psycho-spiritual issues.

"The Symposium is an exciting display of our students' abilities to think critically and to communicate effectively. Hearing students explain their ideas and research is always a worthwhile and fulfilling experience," said Lora Hutson, director of the Symposium and chair of the Department of Mass Communication.

In 2009, 69 students presented the culmination of their academic work and scholarly thought at the Symposium. In addition to the student presentations, the Symposium featured a keynote address by Dr. Anthony Leggett, the 2003 Nobel Prize winner in Physics.

The Academic Symposium originated in 2004 to celebrate RC's vibrant academic community. Throughout the years, keynote speakers have included a noted historian, business leader, prosecutor, television anchor and minister.



Lydia Johnston

When I came to Rochester College as a freshman in the fall of 2006, I had no idea about the scope of what this small yet dynamic college would offer me over the course of my undergraduate experience. As a person with a deep appreciation for rigorous academics, I have grown and developed as a student and been challenged in positive ways towards high achievement. From general education classes to upper division psychology courses, I have been intrigued and motivated by my professors and class work.

The professors and administration pour their hearts and lives into the college community as genuine participants. I've been invited into the homes of a number of my professors for dinner, conversation, and board games. The small school atmosphere promotes increased access to leadership opportunities which build both your character and resume. Rochester College is a unique environment that invites its students to actively join in its community.

I've been involved here in many ways. My freshman year I had the opportunity to go to the Bronx on a Spring Break mission trip, and in my sophomore year I spent a semester studying abroad in Vienna, Austria. Currently I am a senior Behavioral Science/Social Work major with a minor in Philosophy, finishing my degree by completing an internship in social work at a transitional housing facility for homeless women with children. I'm a Trustee Scholar and a Resident Advisor as well as a tutor in the Academic Center for Excellence. I've enjoyed my time at RC immensely—it's taught me how to think critically, rise to challenges with courage, and contribute positively to a vibrant community.

In her own words... meet student

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Alumni Excelling

Former students make RC proud in the workplace



Adam Hacias, 2007

High school math teacher and basketball coach, Rochester Hills, Michigan

Adam held a big presence on campus as a student, serving as a tutor in the ACE lab and running a mini tutoring lab in the dorms, speaking on occasion in Chapel, and playing on the men's basketball team (including the two national championship years in 2004 and 2005). He now teaches math and coaches basketball at Rochester High School, while still serving his alma mater by working with our Elevate summer camp. "Two years since graduation, I've found that my education at RC prepared me exceptionally for the demands of a

teaching career," says Adam. "Not only were the professors personally available and sincerely helpful, the college as a whole had connections in place that plugged me into opportunities for the job I eventually obtained. In the workplace, colleagues have expressed how impressed they are with the teachers RC has produced."

Samantha Parker, 2005

Early Intervention Specialist, Lubbock, Texas

During her time at Rochester College, Samantha was involved in Company and IMAGE (a traveling drama group and a mission organization, respectively), led a spring break campaign to Chicago, took a summer internship in Uganda, was in social club Epsilon Delta Psi, and served as an RA! She also happened to be a great student in the Behavioral Sciences department, and has spent her time since graduation helping others as a social worker. She currently serves as an Early Intervention Specialist, working with children birth to three years old with developmental delays and disabilities, doing home visits teaching parents and caregivers how to work with their child in different areas of development and coordinating the

child's necessary services with the family and other professionals. "I'm so thankful

for my time at RC and often tell my husband I wish we were back there!" Sam says. "I loved continuously learning from such a strong the community of believers. I had so many great opportunities that shaped who I am today both in my career and my personal life."

