

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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What campus activities have you been involved in? I joined Gamma Omega during my sophomore year. Being a part of that social club has brought some unforgettable memories and friendships. I've also enjoyed playing intramural sports, being a camp counselor at Elevate, Shack-a-thon, playing in our worship music nights, singing in the Rochester A Cappella Chorus, performing in Celebration and taking part in the GEO study abroad program to Vienna. Rochester makes it easy to get involved, so needless to say, I've kept myself busy!

Oh! All of that sounds fun! Where have you traveled with RC's GEO program?

I have been to England, Austria, Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Hungary, Croatia, France, the Czech Republic, Italy and Switzerland.

Europe is certainly one of the most beautiful and inspirational places in the world, and I would strongly recommend GEO trips to everyone. Adding to my adventures in Europe, over Spring Break I will be going to Istanbul, Turkey, along with other RC students and faculty. We'll be learning about the country's culture and the religious and historical significance it offers.

Wow, you must have been tired by the time you got back to the states! How have these experiences, and your time at RC had an impact on your life? At RC, you will find countless people and opportunities that will positively influence many aspects of your life, including academics and personal and spiritual growth. I know that RC's undergraduate program and professors have had a huge impact on my personal development. My time at RC has also helped me form very meaningful relationships, learn about myself and other cultures, and truly appreciate the diversity of the world.

So what would you say are the top three qualities one should consider when looking into colleges and universities?

(1) Dynamics—meaning how the campus interacts with each other and how you fit into the community. RC's intimate campus has a positive impact because of the people you meet, the depth of your education and the personal growth you experience. (2) Location and campus living conditions—RC has really nice dorms that are within walking distance of downtown Rochester, Lifetime Fitness (where all on-campus students get a membership), and pretty much anything else a college student might need. (3) Degree options—or tools to help you figure out what you want to do career-wise. When I first started at RC, I had no idea what degree I wanted to pursue, let alone a career. RC exposed me to a lot of options as I completed my general education courses and ultimately helped me hone in on my career interests and dreams and turn those into a degree plan.



# INSIDE

Rochester College



# ROCHESTER COLLEGE

# Grounds for Enjoyment

■ On campus   
 ■ City of Rochester   
 ■ Metro-Detroit   
 ■ Elsewhere in the mitten

Start here



Enjoy a cup of joe at Kibo Corner, and make a difference in the life of someone 3,000 miles away in East Africa

**WINTER FUN!**  
Go ice skating or play ice hockey on Lake Norcentra

**GO WARRIORS!**  
Show your school spirit at a RC athletic event

**A DAY AT THE PARK**  
Picnic, frisbee, chilling...all perfect for Riverside Park

**WORSHIP WITH FRIENDS**  
under the stars, around a bonfire...in the stairwells of the residence halls...in Chapel... etc., etc. etc.

See an award-winning play at Meadow Brook Theatre

**YATES CIDER MILL** All we can say (in between bites) is this place is a fall season must. Fresh apple cider and warm donuts—beyond delish

**CHEERS TO HEALTH & WELLNESS**  
Grocery shop the green way at the downtown farmer's market, then find your center at Updog Yoga

**ROCHESTER KNOWS HOW TO LIGHT UP!**  
Make your way downtown to see Main Street aglow in over 1.5 million lights during the Big, Bright Light Show

Go to **EMAGINE THEATRE** for a true movie experience

**HANG OUT** at Dessert Oasis or Bean & Leaf Cafe

**COOL!** Check out the velodrome at Bloomer Park

OK, so it technically isn't a part of campus, but you can easily pop over to

Lifetime Fitness, the health megaplex that's located next door



**HIT THE TRAILS!**  
Jump on the Clinton River trail and you're immediately connected to unlimited routes for biking, running, hiking and outdoor adventure

**SHOP TIL YOU DROP** and then some with all of Rochester's shops & malls

**THEY DON'T CALL IT THE MUSIC SCENE IN ROCHESTER**  
The music scene in Rochester is so vibrant you can find everything from indie to classic rock and more

Scope out the thriving film industry of metro Detroit

**STONE CREEK METRO PARK**

**THE HEIDELBERG PROJECT**  
Google it.

Named one of "America's Top 100 Places to Live," Rochester Hills (and the metro-Detroit area) offer some serious grounds for enjoyment. We take pride in being situated in the ideal college town. Spend some time here, and you'll see why.

Rochester offers the closeness of a small community, but don't misunderstand — the suburban setting is anything but boring. When you feel the need to get off campus, your biggest problem will be deciding what to do.

Within a 5-mile radius, you are well taken care of with the mix of scenic locations, a vibrant downtown district and every kind of hangout or hotspot in between. A little further out, the metropolitan Detroit area is at your fingertips, and wow, is there a lot of adventure to be had here! Throughout the whole state, behold the beauty of pure Michigan during the four distinct seasons.

With all of the fun to be had, it's a good thing we offer time-management seminars in the ACE lab!

# Tigers

**GO TO A GAME** Between the Tigers, Red Wings, Lions and Pistons, we have you covered on the pro sports front

**START YOUR ENGINES!** Visit the Henry Ford Museum, or

North American International Auto Show, or

Woodward Dream Cruise if you're into cars

**LEAVE THE COUNTRY** for the day...

If you're a foodie, there's something new to be discovered at every meal. Check out the area's **DIVERSE RESTAURANT SELECTIONS**

Canada is just a bridge (and passport) away!

Enjoy some Bavarian hospitality & Christmas fun

in Frankenmuth, MI. Then pop over to Birch Run for some

**HIT THE SLOPES** at Pine Knob or Mount Holly

outlet mall action

**VISIT A MUSEUM** like the DIA, MOCAD,

Motown Museum and many more

**ENJOY PURE MICHIGAN**

Longest freshwater coastline  
Sand dunes  
More than 100 lighthouses  
150 waterfalls

800+ golf courses  
99 State Parks  
Mackinac Island  
Iron & Copper Mines

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**IT MOTOWN FOR NOTHING!** Metro Detroit is full-spectrum. You'll find reggae, funk, soul, and hip-hop artists to underground bands every genre in between

# Have you heard? We're different!

## OK, MAYBE YOU KNOW THAT ALREADY. BUT DID YOU KNOW...

At Rochester College, we believe learning happens most effectively when it's offered in creative formats, within a community of peers, and when it focuses on all of life. While others have called this approach interesting, invaluable and innovative, the technical term is Integrated Learning.

But enough about what it's called. You want to know what Integrated Learning looks like, don't you? Well, picture this: Your English class (for example, Comp A, British Writers or Diversity in American Literature) delves into analyzing literary movements, examining literature and writing critical essays during a typical class period. The next time your class meets, more of your peers join you as your course "links" with a course of another discipline, such as Spiritual Formation. Together, you explore congruent topics, such as a literary genre that presents itself in both areas of study.

The same evening, you head to the CHILL for the Slam Poetry event where you have the opportunity to express yourself creatively and intellectually. Afterwards, you engage in discussion and debate with faculty, fellow students and the guest speaker, a published poet. This is a holistic way of educating oneself. This is Integrated Learning.

## THE CHILL

The Community Hub of Integrated Learning (CHILL) is where our community comes together. Students can meet up, hang out and study. They'll find the perfect nook to curl up with a good book, but there are also spaces ideal for study sessions with friends. Weekly Happy Hour get-togethers are hosted by campus organizations. At these events, students enjoy awesome freebies like iced mochas, root beer floats and homemade cookies (YUM!). Faculty, staff and students rally in the CHILL to engage in intellectual discussion, such as our recent "In Defense of Banned Books" event. As you can see, there's a reason this place is a hub at RC.



## ACE LAB

Just steps away (literally, the two rooms are separated by a few stairs), is the Academic Center for Excellence (ACE). Unfortunately the tagline, "ACE, the helpful place" was already taken (by some nationwide chain of hardware stores) because that phrase is the perfect way to describe this part of campus. ACE is one of the most helpful resources available to RC students. The staff of professionals and students alike seek to develop independent and successful learners by helping students across every discipline. They do so by providing study resources, specialized academic seminars, computers and free tutoring.

