

STUDENT LIFE

Rochester College offers a wealth of co-curricular activities that appeal to a variety of interests. The intimate size of the student body makes it easy for anyone to participate in leadership or social activities.

EVENTS

Student Programming

Each year, campus organizations and departments sponsor trips for faculty, staff, and students to area attractions such as museums, plays, and sporting events.

Homecoming

Hosted by Student Government each fall, the day is filled with activities for students and alumni, including an intercollegiate basketball game an intercollegiate women's basketball game, and the crowning of the Homecoming king and queen.

Celebration

A centerpiece on campus each spring, *Celebration* is led by a director and presented as a student collaboration and features student groups, including our campus social clubs. The show is a kaleidoscope of music, singing, acting, and choreography.

Academic Symposium

The annual Academic Symposium celebrates the academic achievements and capstone projects of selected senior students. Diverse arrays of subjects are presented each year, ranging from executive simulations to scholarly papers to musical recitals.

Chapel/Convocation Series

Every full-time traditional student participates in Integrated Learning through the Rochester College Chapel/Convocation series (RCC).The RCC series offers a series of opportunities for students to participate in community chapels, convocations, and service initiatives, which are aimed at building Christian faith and community, affirming Christian values, and developing a holistic understanding of wellness. For more details, see "Chapel/Convocation Series" under "Academics."

STUDENT GROUPS

Student Government

Each year the student body selects a president, vice president of student activities, vice president of community life, vice president of public relations, and vice president of finance and fundraising. In the fall, senators select a senate chairperson to oversee the senate. These officers work to develop the quality of student-body life by planning activities and responding to student concerns. Each officer receives a stipend.

Residence Life

A student staff is selected each year to lead their peers in the residence halls. These students are responsible for building community by planning social, spiritual, and educational activities, and governing the halls. Each student gets a room discount and weekly pay.

Music Ensembles

Each spring students may audition for one or more of the vocal, instrumental, or theatrical groups featured by Rochester College. Students who have an interest in singing may join the A Cappella Chorus, which performs at local, regional, and national events, or the Rochester Community Chorus, which performs frequently with the Rochester Symphony Orchestra. Students also have the opportunity to audition for Autumn, which performs contemporary Christian music for a variety of audiences. Students with instrumental skills may audition for the concert band or string ensemble.

Theatre

Students may audition for campus theatre productions or get involved backstage. The theatre department typically produces three or four plays per academic year, including a musical in the fall as part of Homecoming activities. Additionally, there are opportunities for students to learn to direct, stage manage, or design for the theatre. Students may also take a production on tour to local schools and/or perform for elementary or high school students on our campus. Finally, students may audition for Pied Pipers, an improvisational children's theatre troupe that performs at local schools, churches, camps, and other community venues.

Student Publications

Students may join the staff of *The Shield*, RC's student publication's team, to report on the pulse of Rochester College campus life. A student magazine, web site and broadcast program offer students the opportunity to use their creative talents while also helping them gain valuable media experience. Students from all majors are welcome to participate. Students can enroll in MED 1101 Print Journalism, MED 1201 Digital Journalism, or MED 1301 Broadcast Journalism, which are hands-on workshop classes devoted to publishing *The Shield*, or they can serve as volunteers. Scholarships are available to students who work as editors or producers.

Social Clubs

Students may pledge a social club that engages in social activities, competes in intramural athletics, and performs community service projects. Social clubs also perform original dance/music numbers at the annual production, *Celebration*.

Departmental Organizations and Honor Societies

Qualified students may be invited to join Alpha Chi, a national honor society; Alpha Sigma Lambda, a national honor society for continuing education students; or Psi Chi, a national honor society for psychology students.

ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

Intercollegiate

Rochester College competes in both the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA). Men's sports include JV and varsity basketball, JV and varsity baseball, golf, and soccer. Women's varsity sports include JV and varsity basketball, volleyball, JV and varsity softball, golf, and soccer.

Rochester College boasts a tradition of athletic excellence, winning national titles in men's basketball (1989, 1997, 2004, 2005), men's cross-country (1989, 1990), men's soccer (1996, 2006), women's volleyball (1998, 1999), men's golf (2009, 2010), and women's softball (2011).

Intramural

Intramural teams compete in volleyball, basketball, flag football, whiffle ball, dodge ball, racquetball, and many other team and individual competitions.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Campus Ministry exists to call for and empower the Rochester College community to a more faithful practice and reflection of Jesus Christ.

Campus Ministry seeks to engage the Rochester College community by:

- Organizing and overseeing regularly scheduled Chapel services throughout the semester (for more details, see "Chapel/Convocation Series" under "Academics")
- Fostering and growing community interaction among believing students, staff, and faculty
- Supporting and coordinating meaningful, practical, and encouraging programming on and off campus
- Creating involvement in service, missions, and leadership opportunities for residential, commuter, and online students

Campus Ministry seeks to creatively and organically integrate spirituality into the daily life experience of the entire Rochester College community. This integration is not only natural but is also a necessary outgrowth of our convictions regarding the nature of Christian spirituality.

- Campus Ministry believes that Christian spirituality is fundamentally *real*. Spirituality is not simply something awaiting us in the world to come; rather, it is something that happens here in the real world, which is designed in its totality to glorify God.
- Campus Ministry believes that Christian spirituality *produces action*. If one sees God's call for the world to glorify him, one will be moved to act in such a way that gives witness to the kingdom's reality in the world—to join God in his redemption of the world he loves.
- Campus Ministry believes that Christian spirituality is *universal* and *inclusive*. True spirituality is not to be reserved for some exclusive minority of "super-spiritual" persons; rather, all people are called to walk along with Jesus. God's love and gospel are for all.

- Campus Ministry believes that Christian spirituality is *communal*. It is in community that the individual finds meaning and understanding of self, and true spirituality cannot negate that. After all, God calls a community of people, not simply a collection of persons. The Rochester College community is, in this sense, the most important factor to spiritual life on this campus. In this light, integration of spiritual life and the community is an essential part of ministry on this campus.

The richness of the Christian faith is not best expressed as an intellectual knowledge of certain concepts and precepts; rather, faith should inform, transform, and empower daily living. It should be the practice of a daily walk of a life that values Christ-likeness, service, integrity, and community.

Campus Ministry is committed to a spirituality that embraces the wholeness of individuals and communities and the world around them. Understanding the difference between a church and a college, Campus Ministry will seek to help each student grasp that part of being a well-rounded, well-educated, and well-equipped person is to have asked and wrestled with the questions of spirituality and faith. We seek to transform our students and our community by incorporating the challenging, dynamic, vivifying person of Jesus into every aspect of our lives.

The Spiritual Life theme for the 2011-12 year is "The God of Life."

"I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly."
John 10:10

COMMUNICATION METHODS

Rochester College may communicate with students via several methods, including (but not limited to) U.S. Mail, phone, fax, or e-mail. It is important to inform the college whenever a change is made to the student's contact information. An official RC e-mail address is issued to each student at the time he or she is admitted to RC. This official RC e-mail address takes the form of a person's first initial and last name, followed by "@rc.edu" (e.g., jcollege@rc.edu).

Students are responsible for activating their RC e-mail account; this may be accomplished on the student portal at my.rc.edu. Students must check e-mail regularly in order to read important messages and notifications. Certain communications may be time-sensitive. Failure to read official RC communications sent to the student's official RC e-mail address does not absolve the student from knowing and complying with the content of those communications.

Use of e-mail for official communications with students will comply with other applicable RC policies and business practices.

SNOW DAYS AND CLASS CANCELLATIONS

The following are Rochester College's procedures for announcing a closure of the college and cancellation of classes in the event of severe weather.

The administration will adhere to common practices and local warnings in the case of severe weather. We encourage all students traveling to campus to use caution and allot extra travel time if necessary. The following procedures will be implemented in the case of a severe weather event that results in a campus closure:

1. It will be determined which classes the cancellation applies to; traditional day-time classes only, CEL evening classes only, or both. Decisions about traditional day-time classes are typically made before 7:00 a.m. and decisions about CEL evening classes are typically made after 3:00 p.m. of the afternoon of the weather event.

Note: A weather cancellation on one campus does not automatically mean that all RC site classes are canceled. Classes at the Macomb and Mott University Centers and Specs Howard School will be canceled only if the host site/institution closes.

2. A weather emergency text message will be the first cancellation notification released to users who have signed up for this service. (To sign up please go to <https://www.e2campus.net/my/rc/>. RC login information is required).
3. Local media will be notified (Fox Channel 2; WWJ 950 Radio; WXYZ Channel 7; and WDIV Channel 4).
4. Announcements will be posted on the student portal (my.rc.edu - student login is not required); the homepage of RC's website (rc.edu); and RC's weather and class cancellation hotline (248.218.2003).

SOCIAL REGULATIONS

Rochester College is committed to building a campus culture that harmonizes with Christian values. Students are personally responsible for campus and community conduct. Rochester College encourages good character; therefore, immodest or inappropriate attire, dishonesty, profanity, sexual promiscuity, gambling, property abuse, on-campus or underage use or possession of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or tobacco is not permitted. The Student Handbook, available at student orientation, from the Student Development Office, or on the student portal at my.rc.edu describes additional policies. Violation of college regulations or civil law may lead to dismissal. Enrollment at Rochester College serves as the student's agreement to abide by the college's standards of conduct. Students may not agree with all college standards but are nonetheless expected to demonstrate responsibility as well as character through honorable adherence to the policies. All students are expected to observe common courtesy and cooperation with others in the Rochester College student body.

RESIDENCE HALLS

Rochester College provides room and board for its single traditional-age students (generally 18 – 25) who are enrolled and taking at least nine credit hours from a

traditional undergraduate program. Residential space is limited and policies promote a close-knit campus culture that features social and spiritual aspects that are structured toward the targeted residential population. Housing for married or older adult learners (26+) may be available on a student-by-student basis but is not guaranteed. Boarding students in traditional halls and in Palmer rooms without a kitchenette must obtain cafeteria meal services. Each resident is financially responsible for room damages. Off-campus housing is allowed for students who are at least 21 years old and of junior status, or for married students, or for students who live with relatives over the age of 25. Institutional Aid may not be available to students who live off-campus. Exceptions may be considered at the end of the academic year in which the student turns 23 years old or when residence halls are at capacity.

PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELING CLINIC

The role of the Psychology and Counseling Clinic on campus is to help meet the psychological and developmental needs of young adults who face major life transitions and adjustments while they are in college. Psychological services can provide coping mechanisms to help students succeed both academically and personally. Professional psychological counseling services provided to Rochester College students through the clinic include individual psychotherapy, marital and family psychotherapy, and psychological assessments to assist in identifying the individual challenges of students. The current professional staff includes three Clinical Psychologists and a Psychotherapist who are licensed by the State of Michigan in their professions.

The Psychology and Counseling Clinic is located in the White House on the east end of campus. The Rochester College Department of Behavioral Sciences oversees the clinic. Appointments can be made by calling Dr. Gordon MacKinnon, Director of the Psychology and Counseling Clinic at 248.218.2122.

HEALTH INSURANCE AND SERVICES

All residential students and full-time commuter students are required to provide proof of health insurance coverage and sign an exemption form declining the College's policy because of such coverage. Students with no coverage or failure to provide proof of coverage must purchase a non-refundable policy. The health insurance waiver deadline is September 2, 2011 for fall 2011 and January 13, 2012 for spring 2012. Brochures outlining coverage details are available in the Student Development Office. Specific coverage questions should be addressed to the insurance provider, Niagara National, directly at 877-794-6908. See the Student Development Office for more details.

Nearby Henry Ford and Mercy Care Medical Centers prescribe medication and offer treatment for minor ailments (a complete list of health services is available in the student handbook). Emergency care is available at nearby Crittenton Hospital. Students may choose a local physician at their own discretion, and are obligated to pay for services and medication.

CAREER SERVICES

The Career Services Office is here to assist students at every stage of college life in relating personal interest, skills, and values to academic pursuits and career

goals. They are then given the tools to begin a career planning process that will take them through graduation and into either job search assistance or graduate school. Another resource for freshmen is guidance in selecting a major and learning about its career options. For students further along in college who may be trying to make their goals a reality, Career Services can help refine job search skills and put students in touch with the employment community, as well as assist students in locating part-time and full-time employment by maintaining a job database available on the college web site.

Located in the Campus Center, the Career Services Office maintains a career and job search library, administers career assessments, and provides individual career counseling as well as resume and interview assistance.