Schedule-at-a-Glance

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6:00pm to 9:00pm: Special Event: Bioethics at the Cinema (HILL THEATRE)

8:00am to 9:00am: Student Success Day Registration

ATRIUM

Register for Student Success Day and pick up a granola bar, meet new students, look at the program schedule and plan your Student Success Day. Don't forget to stop at the Goal Wall and share your goal for the academic year!

9:00am to 9:50am: Program Session One

Communication Program Open House (Presented by the Communications Department) PLAZA HALL 400 OFFICES Want to STAND OUT as a great communicator? Want to add that extra "resume item" that can help distinguish you in the employee pool or on a scholarship application? Maybe you just want to hang out and reconnect with your fun COMM instructors? Then stop by Plaza Hall 4th Floor to learn more about how 3 classes in Communication can be embedded in your plan of study for a Workplace Communication Certificate and how to gain a Communication Major. Who can't improve their communication skills? Join us!

Consent (Presented by Victoria VanDeCreek and Lauren Fryer) SH 105

A lesson discussing what consent is and is not. The ultimate goal is for participants to leave understanding a working definition of consent, understand how consent applies to their world and have resources for themselves or to share with others.

Financial Aid Jeopardy (Presented by Natasha Boe) SH 108

An interactive session to help you learn about financial aid, money!

From MLA to APA (Presented by Jason Meier) EA 121

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Meet the Dean (Presented by: Dr. Matt Bissonette, Dr. Teresa Brown, Dr. Brenda Frame, and Jacob Griggs) SH 210 Get to know the Academic Deans through speed networking. Students will have the opportunity to meet and learn about other students and the Deans through a series of brief conversations.

Mind Your Mental Health (Presented by Sheri Pearson) CF 202

Participate in an open dialogue about Mental Health, wellness and building resilience

Phlebotomy: A Gateway Career (Presented by Danny Grabau and Jenifer Storlie) EA 241 Learn what phlebotomy is and how you can make it your career or to use it to advance your career.

9:00am to 9:50am: Program Session One (continued)

Speed Friending! (Chao Mwatela) SH 102

"A deep sense of love and belonging is an irreducible need of all people. We are biologically, cognitively, physically, and spiritually wired to love, to be loved, and to belong." -Brene Brown

Want to make new connections on campus? Want to meet new friends to go to campus events with? Come and meet other RCTC students in a fun, low-pressure environment! The goal of this event is to foster a sense of belonging on campus and to promote inclusivity! Come to collaborate, make friends, and to inspire one another.

Student Success @ Goddard Library (Presented by Jen Bruce) GODDARD LIBRARY

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Design Your Life (Presented by: Mike Dean) SH 110

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Laughter Yoga (Presented by Anita Otterness) EA 103

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Life Communication (Presented by Jerry Casper) HILL THEATRE

Learn and practice effective communication skills by engaging in improvisational and role-playing exercises. This is an interactive workshop.

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President Boyd's Listen and Learn (Presented by: Dr. Jeffery Boyd) SH210

Have a suggestion on how we can serve you better and help you succeed at RCTC? Join RCTC's President (Dr. Jeffery Boyd) at Listen and Learn. This session is your opportunity to meet RCTC's President in an informal setting, and for him to listen and learn from you, the students, about issues important to today's learners.

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Sex, Drugs, and Final Exams: The Misconception of College (Presented by Neil Dennison) SH 107

This presentation will look at the harmful themes our media has created around college culture and how it impacts students. It will specifically focus on campus sexual assaults, resources for students, and prevention.

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TRIO Student Orientation (Presented by Jason Bonde) CF 202

TRIO students, this session is for you! Please join this panel discussion with current and former TRIO SSS participants as they share with you valuable tips and experiences to assist you on your educational journey at RCTC and beyond. This session is open to ALL RCTC students to learn more about TRIO programs and how we may be able to assist you!

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Atomic Habits (Presented by David Walter) SH 104

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Building a Safe Campus Community (Presented by Lt. Aaron Penning) HILL THEATRE

This session is offered by the Rochester Police Department to share information related to situational awareness and safety for students attending a College. This training will discuss safety response strategies in the event of an active shooter situation and will cover topics specific to a college setting. The training presents information provided by the Department of Homeland Security related to safe response strategies in the event of an active shooter following the recommendations of OSHA Guidelines.

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Environmental Science at RCTC and Beyond (Presented by Jennifer Rubin and Cory Rubin) SH107

Information about the Environmental Science AS degree program and the Biology AS transfer program will be provided, in addition to career and academic opportunities, specific course requirements, and job outlook of various careers.

Happy Hour: The Psychology of Happiness (Presented by Jennifer Dahle and Deb Vang) CF 202

Increased happiness can lead to greater resilience toward stress. There are specific activities you can do to increase your own happiness!

How to Use D2L Brightspace (Presented by: Tom Kerr) SH 210

Want to learn more about D2L Brightspace? Come to this presentation for answers to all of your questions! We'll meet in a computer lab so you can get some hands-on experience.

Increasing Equity through Compassionate Listening (Presented by: Mike Mutschelknaus) SH 103

Equity means freedom from bias or favoritism. It's a simple, yet powerful, concept. One way to increase your own equity is through compassionate listening. How do you listen to stories of suffering? How do you listen to people who come from backgrounds or cultures very different than your own? How do you listen to people whose values contrast sharply with your values? These are situations you face every day. This session will provide you with the tools, and practice, you need for such situations.

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LGBTQA Q/A Session (Presented by Shelli Arneson, Adrian Federspiel, & Lori Halverson-Wente) EA 119

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Featured Campus and Community Resources Include:

- Catholic Charities Onward & Upward Program
- Community Dental Care
- Community Food Response
- Families First of MN
- Jeremiah Program Rochester
- Legal Assistance of Olmsted County
- Olmsted County Victim Services
- Planned Parenthood
- RCTC Compassionate Campus
- RCTC Disability Support Services

- RCTC Financial Aid
- RCTC Intramural Sports
- RCTC Multicultural Services
- RCTC Student Rights and Responsibilities
- RCTC Student Health Services
- RCTC Student Life
- RCTC The Learning Center
- RCTC TRIO Program
- United Way of Olmsted County
- Workforce Development, Inc.

4:30pm to 5:30pm: Evening Session Registration and Campus Community Resource Fair ATRIUM

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5:30pm to 6:30pm: Program Session Four

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Ten Keys for College Success (Presented by Kim Stanton and Steve Lewis) SH 109

Statistics indicate that many students never make it to their second year of college. This presentation gives 10 basic recommendations to help students significantly improve their odds of success at RCTC as well as in their careers.

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Crafting for Self-Care (Presented by Alicia Zeone) HS 128

Explore different creative outlets and craft activities that you can incorporate into your life as self-care. Participants will have the opportunity to complete a project to take home with them.

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Oh, The Places You'll GOAL (Presented by Rebecca Peine) HS 131

Learn about how to set SMART Goals to support your personal and academic success at RCTC. Participants will learn how to set goals and will have the opportunity to create a success plan for fall semester.

6:00pm to 9:00pm: Bioethics at the Cinema

HILL THEATRE

Participate in a screening and discussion of the film *Three Identical Strangers* with the Mayo Clinic Biomedical Ethics Research Program. The film explores how identical triplets become separated at birth and adopted by three different families. Years later, their amazing reunion becomes a global sensation, but it also unearths a secret that has radical repercussions.



SEPTEMBER 16th to 19th

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