

JAYADEV ALAPATI

NEW MEDIA PUBLISHING
FOURTH YEAR

What is your greatest fear?

Driving a formula one car at top speed. It is my greatest fear but it is something I really want to do someday.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go and why?

Nurburg, Germany. I want go to the Nurburgring and race on the track. It is the toughest, most dangerous and most demanding purpose-built racing circuit in the world.

What is something that people hate about you?

I don't think people hate me for this but I have managed to annoy a lot of people with my crazy driving. I am that guy with a blue sports car who drives like crazy on campus.

What is your most memorable moment at RIT?

The RIT vs UNH NCAA East Reagional final hockey game in Albany, NY.

What are you most passionate about?

Cars and racing them.

SHERISE ALEXIS

ADVERTISING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS
FIRST YEAR

If you had 10 seconds to impress someone, what would you do or say?

With 10 seconds to impress someone, I would start talking about how I lived in Brazil and can speak Portuguese. It always makes me sound exotic.

What is your greatest aspiration after graduation?

I want to work for an international company that will allow me to travel. I still haven't decided what I want to be when I grow up, but I definitely want to travel.

What was the most memorable class you've had?

I don't remember...

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go and why?

Europe. I've always wanted to take the train and go from country to country in Europe.

If you had to choose between burning to death or freezing to death, which would you choose?

Even though I'm from Miami, I pick freezing to death! I figure that I'll at least go numb after awhile. Besides, burning hurts! You don't see people in history being punished by being frozen to the stake!

SOMARA ATKINSON

FIRST YEAR
GAME DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT

What was your most embarrassing moment in college?

Probably when I fell asleep in programming and broke my chair. For anyone who has used the chair in the back of the game design lab since then, my bad.

What brought you to RIT?

Game Design major + wrestling team = perfect school. That, and I was told this school was very prestigious by my SAT Prep teacher, and she was always right about everything.

What is your greatest aspiration after graduation?

To start my own game development company and NOT get bought out by Electronic Arts or Activision. I'd hate to do all that work only for one of them to come along and say, "Hey, we own you now, kthxbai."

What do you think needs improvement at RIT?

You know when you go into Gracie's and ask for chicken nuggets or something and they give you like three? Seriously, why would anyone walk all that way for three chicken nuggets? I mean, really.

What is something that people love about you?

The sexy dread locks. You can't tell me you haven't looked at my hair and thought, "Man, I need to talk to him for some tips to get myself some sexy dread locks!"

BRITTANY AUSTIN

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY
SECOND YEAR

What is your greatest aspiration after graduation?

My greatest aspiration is to ultimately find a job that I enjoy going to every day. I want to either work in the corrections system or work with juvenile delinquents/runaways.

What is your greatest fear?

My greatest fear is losing my independence and having to listen to someone else for the rest of my life. I hated life as a teenager!

How do you feel about your major?

I feel that it's incredibly versatile and will help me succeed, but there are days when I feel like I can't handle another psychology course! For the most part, I do enjoy it, though.

What was the most memorable class you've had?

Film Arts with Professor Dupre. I had always wanted to learn how to analyze films, and he's been able to teach me that and much more! I will always have more appreciation for the art of film because of him.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go and why?

London! I adore those British accents, and am bit of a Harry Potter and Skins nerd, so I think I'd really love it there.

AYOMIDE BALOGUNELECTRICAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY
FIRST YEAR**If you had 10 seconds to impress someone, what would you do or say?**

I would just sit there and smile. That always does it, usually.

What is your greatest fear?

I don't have many fears; I guess my greatest fear would be disappointing myself, because I have to live with who I am at the end of the day.

What was your most embarrassing moment in college?

This happened in class a while back. I hadn't

eaten actual food since the night before, my phone fell on the floor, and I leaned over to pick it up because I was too lazy to circle around my desk. The result? I got lightheaded and tipped over but was too weak to hold myself up. I fell over along with the chair. Everyone turned around at the sound and were all like, "Are you okay?" I asked for permission and left the class. Later, I figured out why my professor had looked puzzled; not many students ask for permission to leave class in college.

How do you feel about your major?

I mostly love it because it is challenging and

most people immediately conclude I'm smart once they hear my major. Technology is an aspect of our society that will continue to expand, and I look forward to being a part of that. Most of the time, the progress of technology and the results of my projects blow my mind away and really get me excited. Other times when I'm lost in the course, I'm that kid in the back going, "whaaaaat????!!".

What is something that people love about you?

I would hope that it is my sense of humor; I can take a joke, most of the time.

RAJ BHALA

MANUFACTURING AND MECHANICAL SYSTEMS INTEGRATION
SIXTH YEAR

What is something that people love about you?

My smile. I smile almost entire day. Everyone sees me smiling, and many have commented that I have a great smile.

What is something that people hate about you?

People think that I show off a lot. I am a bit rude and have a bit of arrogance. They also think that I boast a bit.

What is your greatest fear?

Snakes. I am freaking scared of them.

What is your most impressive accomplishment so far?

I am a director of several iron and steel companies in India whose annual revenue is near about 100 million U.S. dollars.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go and why?

I would go to French Polynesia. I love the islands of French Polynesia (especially Bora Bora and Tahiti) and the pure blue water they have. The rooms of the hotel are on the water and it's like you can jump into the water with your partner anytime of the day. Truly romantic.

ALI BIRD

ADVERTISING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS
FOURTH YEAR

What is something that people love about you?

My sense of humor is so offensive and dirty. I mostly make jokes that involve dead babies, disgusting sex moves, or I just walk around saying, "that's what SHE said." I can always make someone laugh, even if they're in the worst mood.

What is something that people hate about you?

That my hair is red. I'm not sure if they're jealous or think I might eat their soul, but I get a lot of crap for being a ginger.

What is your greatest fear?

My greatest fear is E.T. He is wrinkly, has no legs, has an expanding neck, HUGE eyes, and screams like an old lady being hit by a car. Also, he turns white when he's sick, and that's just freaky. I first saw the movie when I was 5 and it still haunts my dreams.

What do you think needs improvement at RIT?

I think they should offer etiquette classes for men. Although I have come across some amazing guys while here, many of them simply don't know how to communicate with women or anyone in general. I feel that the

course load is so rough that boys with no social skills barely have time to develop any. Cut the poor kids some slack!

If you had to choose between burning to death or freezing to death, which would you choose?

I would definitely choose freezing to death because you go numb before you die. Burning to death would also be too cliché for a ginger. And freezing to death may be slower, but it's less painful because you simply can't feel anything! Plus then you can take my frozen body home and put it in the corner of your living room.

CASEY BITZBERGER

NEW MEDIA PUBLISHING
THIRD YEAR

Something that people love about you?

Simply put, people love my hair. I have been growing it out for years now and received many nice compliments about it. The summer after my freshman year at RIT I was a camp counselor at an overnight boys and girls camp in the Poconos of Pennsylvania. I had a group of about 10 7-year-old little girls. Every morning they would fight over who got to hold my hand to breakfast. Those that weren't fast enough to get a hand grabbed a lock of my hair, which they could actually reach.

What is your most impressive accomplishment so far?

For some it might be getting that job offer or being accepted into college, but my greatest achievement will always be the day when I bought my first car. I was 16-years-old and had been saving since I was 12. She was a '98 Ford Explorer and she was the most beautiful thing I had seen in my entire life. I named her Bianca and loved her until the day she died. Not many people can say that at the age of 16 they bought their own car and paid the insurance for a year, but I can.

What are you passionate about?

I love to read. I love to learn. I love to dance and solve puzzles and to do yoga and to color in coloring books (yes, I still do!). Books provide me with endless information; some offer pages to color on while others can offer escape. Dance and yoga offer me a way to move my body and feel invigorated. And I am endlessly trying to figure things out; whether it's a person or a concept, puzzles are everywhere.

YASMINE BOUDHAOUIAINTERNATIONAL STUDIES
THIRD YEAR**What brought you to RIT?**

A song I heard while I was on a tour here. My mom and I came for a visit to see my cousin and we decided why not look at RIT. We were touring the dorms in the Grace Watson building and the song "Lover I Don't Have to Love" by Bright Eyes was coming from one of the rooms. Bright Eyes was my favorite band at the time and it was the first song of theirs that I had heard. RIT also happened to have my major. Things happen for a reason. I believe in fate and signs, it was a huge sign.

What is your greatest aspiration after Graduation?

Getting accepted into Peace Corps. I've heard it's pretty hard to get in though!

How do you feel about your major?

International Studies was definitely a good choice. The major's requirements could use some working out, it's a new major here. The content is what is most attractive about it. It probably won't be useful at all without a Masters degree or higher though.

If you could travel anywhere where would you go and why?

I would go to Micronesia, unless the time frame is this summer. If it is this summer then South Africa for the World Cup, if not Micronesia because I have had a weird fascination with it ever since middle school when I was in a Geography Bee.

What is your most memorable moment at RIT?

Meeting my freshmen for the first time as an Orientation Assistant!

SCOTT BUREAU

ADVERTISING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS
THIRD YEAR

What was the most memorable class you've had?

Internet Marketing with Professor Neil Hair. Between the consultancy project in which I created a professional marketing plan for a real client and his British accent and humor, I was always learning and having fun. He is one of the toughest teachers I've ever had here at RIT, but the all-nighters were definitely worth it.

What brought you to RIT?

I took the ACTs in my senior year. I was called down to the guidance office one day and told that RIT wanted me to go to their school

because I did well on the test and have hearing aids. The thing is, I hear fine and don't know any sign. My friends say I'm the worst deaf person ever. Sweet!

What is your most impressive accomplishment so far?

I'm an ADK 46er. That means that I climbed the 46 highest peaks in New York State that are over 4,000 feet above sea level. Hiking is definitely one of my favorite things to do and I can't wait to finish my Winter 46.

What is your greatest fear?

"Peoples' knees. Cover your knees up if you're gonna be walking around everywhere."
- Charlie Kelly of It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia.

But seriously, I don't like people's knees.

What is your most memorable moment at RIT?

Makin' whoopee in the Wallace Library (4th Floor). Best Thursday night study session ever!

MALIKA BUTLER

NEW MEDIA DESIGN & IMAGING
FIRST YEAR

What brought you to RIT?

I love zodiac signs. After I narrowed colleges to my final five, I choose the tiger – Ritchie.

What was your most embarrassing moment in college?

It would probably be the classic “changing in my room and having a floormate opening the door.”

What was the most memorable class you’ve had?

Drawing with Cliff Wun; inspiration, life, and art all in a single class.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go and why?

Singapore, to meet up with my favorite photographer.

What do you think needs improvement at RIT?

The lack of hygiene in the bathrooms, but I don't think that's going to change.

If you could be any animal, what would you be and why?

A sheep, because they're adorable, cute, and fluffy. All of which are things I love.

EMMA BUYNISKIILLUSTRATION
THIRD YEAR**What is something that people love about you?**

I give great hugs.

What is your greatest aspiration after graduation?

I'd like to own and run my own tattoo/piercing shop.

How do you feel about your major?

I love it. It's a lot of hard work, but definitely worth it.

What do you think needs improvement at RIT?

Last year I saw a guy in a fish suit pass one of my classrooms. I think we need more of him.

If you could be any inanimate object/animal/indigenous plant variety, what would you be and why?

I would be a giant squid. They have all the fun.

DANIEL CIRILIONEW MEDIA MARKETING
FOURTH YEAR**If you had 10 seconds to impress someone, what would you do or say?**

I would speak softly and carry a big stick. Tell them that there is surely a purpose for them on this earth.

What brought you to RIT?

The promise of top notch weather.

What is your greatest aspiration after graduation?

To teach.

What is your most memorable moment at RIT?

Most memorable moment was hurling tequila and salad back into a toilet bowl my freshman year on a dorm floor I didn't live on. The RA was female and couldn't really get me out of there.

How do you feel about your major?

My major was rotten. It was poorly planned out and made very little sense. I stayed in it only for the name. I should have switched back to a business management or marketing major.

Has anyone at RIT inspired you? How and why?

Bill Destler. He has a vision and seems to be able to realize it while working with the students and faculty as opposed to against them. Business leaders could take a page from him.

If you could be any inanimate object, what would you be and why?

Floor Lamp. I'm decorative, Taller than I am now, and provide illumination to people. "It's a good thing"

MEGAN CLEGGGRAPHIC DESIGN
FOURTH YEAR**If you had 10 seconds to impress someone, what would you do or say?**

I'd steal their soul and keep it in a jar by my bed to use as a nightlight.

If you could be any inanimate object/animal/indigenous plant variety, what would you be and why?

A six-legged robot unicorn. 'Cause, c'mon. Six-legged robot unicorn!

What is something that people love about you?

I'm pretty eccentric. I can be really quiet or I can be impossible to shut up. I curse like a sailor and have been told I have an evil laugh.

What is your most memorable moment at RIT?

All-nighter graphic-design-and-Joss-Whedon parties. Ah, I love this school.

What is your most impressive accomplishment so far?

I've managed to become kind of campus-famous for how white I am. And by that, I mean physically pale – white hair, white skin. I've gotten texts, on sunny days, from people on the top floor of buildings telling me they can see me walking down the quarter mile. And everyone seems to remember me.

ZACHARY COHNMULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES
FOURTH YEAR**If you had 10 seconds to impress someone, what would you do or say?**

I would do a backflip!

What is your greatest aspiration after graduation?

I want to go somewhere and do something good for the world. I'm tired of people using their knowledge to make or promote things that don't improve the world. Whatever I do in life, I don't want my contribution to humanity to be adding a few 0s to someone's bank account.

What are you most passionate about?

This thing I do called parkour. Running, jumping, climbing, crawling – moving creatively from one place to another. I like to vault, spin, slide, flip, play, and teach people how to do things that they thought were impossible.

What do you think needs improvement at RIT?

People need to remember that they CAN make a difference, and that they can change anything. Too often people hear something they don't like, then join a Facebook group

and figure they did their part. Students need to schedule meetings, events, demonstrations – they need to get off their computers, get outside, and engage people to make a difference.

If you had to choose between burning to death or freezing to death, which would you choose?

From what I've tasted of desire, I hold with those who favor fire. But if I had to perish twice, I think I know enough of hate to say that for destruction ice is also great.

JULIANA CULBERTNEW MEDIA PUBLISHING
SECOND YEAR**What brought you to RIT?**

I know a lot of people say the co-op program, but that really is one of the major reasons I decided to pick RIT. The professors in my major are some of the most interesting and experienced people in the industry and they all love what they do. It's hard for many people to say that. Plus, since I'm from Florida, I had never lived in the Northeast, and I figured that college would be a good chance to try. It's only four years, right?

How do you feel about your major?

I love it. Some classes are better than others, but I can't see myself studying anything else.

What was the most memorable class you've had?

My Film Arts class was marvelous. We watched movies each week and got to learn about all the different symbolism in each movie. Also, Mark Dupré is awesome.

What are you most passionate about?

Identifying typefaces. And print.

If you could be any object, what would you be and why?

I would be a sea turtle. They are some of the coolest creatures on earth and they live a long, long time. Anyone seen Finding Nemo? Isn't that explanation enough?

DAVID CZARNIAKINFORMATION SECURITY AND FORENSICS
FIRST YEAR**What is something that people hate about you?**

Damn near everything. I'm a cynical bastard who finds ways to justify how horrible human tragedies are actually good things. Some of my better rants include topics such as "I hope New Orleans gets hit with another hurricane so the stupid people who MOVED BACK die", "Well Haiti is known mostly for kidnapping and drugs so who the hell cares?" And let's not forget The porn nation incident, that way a grrreataa daaayy, and whenever people try to make me feel bad about it, I just scoff & shrug them off.

If you had 10 seconds to impress someone, what would you do or say?

"Remember the guy dressed as Raptor Jesus carrying the life-sized cross this halloween... Yeah that was me."

What was the most memorable class you've had?

My math professor walks into class with her hair a mess & no make-up. Then I notice she's wearing the same clothes as the day before so I turn to my friends & mutter "Walk of shame"

What are you most passionate about?

My hat, I wear a black soviet ushanka all the time. I've been wearing it for 6 years and I tend to get VERY protective over it.

If you could be any inanimate object/animal/indigenous plant variety, what would you be and why?

The video game "I wanna be the guy" That way I would know how to beat myself & would laugh myself to an infinite loop every time someone nerd-raged over me.

LAURA DAVIESFILM AND ANIMATION
SECOND YEAR**If you had 10 seconds to impress someone, what would you do or say?**

Ever had breakfast in Paris, lunch in London and dinner back home in the US in one day? Consider me a Time Lord.

What is your greatest aspiration after graduation?

To establish my own animation studio and compete with the big leagues for my shot at a collection of little golden men and globes.

What is your most impressive accomplishment so far?

Writing, producing, directing and starring in a theater production made in 7 weeks with little to no resources and no background skill for Tora-Con. And no, it wasn't for college credit, we weren't high nor did we get paid. We just wanted to do this based on a whim I got early in my freshman year of RIT.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go and why?

Every corner of the world, every color in the spectrum and every cloud in the sky. There's so much magic in this world that I want to see, so many hues I want to taste and cultures I want to learn.

What are you most passionate about?

Life and all of its quirky intricacies, even the bad and the ugly.

KATHRYN DEFEOILLUSTRATION
FOURTH YEAR

If you had 10 seconds to impress someone, what would you do or say?

"I have the Nintendo Seal of Approval stamped on my ass." Then, I would show them.

What is something that people love about you?

The fact that I have the Nintendo Seal of Approval stamped on my ass.

What is something that people hate about you?

(See previous answer.)

What brought you to RIT?

The plentiful herds of neckbeards. They have given my crossbow some much-needed practice.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go and why?

Bowser's Castle from the original Super Mario Bros. It's warm as Hell in there and that theme song still blows my mind.

MICHAEL DELLES
COMPUTER ENGINEERING
FOURTH YEAR

What is your most memorable moment at RIT?

My most memorable moment at RIT is easily when I was caught climbing halfway up the Sentinel by public safety and then having a pleasant conversation with them while waiting for the other officer to arrive. Coolest public safety guy ever.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go and why?

Hmmm, this has me caught between Vienna, Austria and Cazenovia, NY. While, Vienna is hands down the best and most fun city I have ever been in, Cazenovia has this girl that has

stolen my heart. I love her very much and hope to see her soon, and yes, I'm just like a maple in the springtime.... Sappy.

What do you think needs improvement at RIT?

We don't need apartments. Yes, they're great but we have more apartments than any campus our size that I've seen. We need a set of upper classmen dorms set up away from the freshmen. The only restriction is that you have to be at least a 2nd year to get in them, and if you're over 21 you can have a limited amount of alcohol in your room. Now get on it!

How do you feel about your major?

I love my major. It gives me a complete view of the computer from top to bottom. It is also full of the craziest and most entertaining people I know. We just need to find a way to get rid of our bad publicity.

What is something that people love about you?

I have no idea. I am an arrogant, self, absorbed jerk who tends to be loud mouthed and speaks before he thinks. If anyone can figure out why so many people love me please let me know.

ELIZABETH DEL VALLEINTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND MARKETING
FOURTH YEAR**How do you feel about your major?**

It is my biggest passion and I simply love it! The faculty, the courses and all the support at the College of Business have been invaluable. The International Business program has allowed me to pursue interdisciplinary interests by combining my fascination with international issues with courses in marketing and management.

What was the most memorable class you've had?

Marketing in a Global Environment with John Ward ... I think that class truly allowed me to discover my passion for international

business/marketing. It has been the most complete class I've taken, since it combines everything from basics of the business world with new trends of the global business environment. Loved the writing projects :)

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go and why?

Everywhere in South East Asia! The greatest discovery of my senior year was a great love and respect for Asian cultures....

Has anyone at RIT inspired you? How and why?

Ms. Essie Sierra-Torres (director of the McNair

Scholars Program and a true mentor) and Dr. Deborah Colton (Marketing Professor) Why? Words cant describe how and why ... but when I'll get my Ph.D. will be because of both of them ... Essie: Thank you! You have no idea how much you've change my life and how much you've shaped my career interests.

If you could be any inanimate object/animal/indigenous plant variety, what would you be and why?

A tiger ... I am a territorial person, fearless and loyal.

JOSH DIETRICH

APPLIED NETWORKING & SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATION
FOURTH YEAR

What is something that people love about you?

Giving amazing massages.

What is your greatest aspiration after graduation?

Getting a job to pay off my college education.

What is your most memorable moment at RIT?

Making E-House's elevator arrow point up, even though they're on the top floor of NRH.

What was your most embarrassing moment in college?

I asked the girl I rear-ended with my car on a date.

What was the most memorable class you've had?

Rich Newman's Modern America History class. There aren't many professors who stand up on desks and deliciously drop the f-bomb when describing the American Revolution.

HEATHER DRAKEBIOMEDICAL SCIENCES
FIFTH YEAR**If you had 10 seconds to impress someone, what would you do or say?**

I would tell them that its still possible, within 5 years, to graduate with 2 degrees and see the world after being kicked out of school ... Or I would tell them about white-water rafting down the Nile. That was scary as hell.

What brought you to RIT?

I had a grant from National Geographic to continue studying photography, but when a friend almost died, I joined the RIT ambulance and became an EMT. I took Gross Anatomy and traveled to Uganda, which motivated

me to complete my 2nd degree of Biomedical Science.

What is your greatest aspiration after graduation?

Finish my Captain's licensing for sailing 200 ton vessels, then attend Medical School.

What is your most memorable moment at RIT?

The first day of Gross Anatomy class, and getting to know my ridiculously obnoxious lab partner (who I came to adore. But I'll never tell him).

Has anyone at RIT inspired you? How and why?

Two people more than anyone, but equally: Dr. Richard Doolittle for teaching me that it doesn't matter how badly you do in school, and it doesn't matter how many incredibly impossible/terrible a situation may be - there is ALWAYS a solution, and you ALWAYS have options. It's what you do from there. Dr Ian Gatley for teaching me that there is always a way to make something you want to happen actually happen. But furthermore, that more times than you think, you will have to be the one to pave the road; and not to be afraid of that.

KATE DUBUISSONCOMPUTER SCIENCE
SECOND YEAR**What brought you to RIT?**

Mainly I wanted a change of scene. I've lived in the south my whole life and I had no intention of staying there for college when it was my first chance to see other places - I wanted snow, shoulders on the roads, and of course H&M! I was also attracted by Division III athletics, since I'm a diehard runner and wanted to continue at the college level.

What is something that people love about you?

I like to think people appreciate my sense of style. I'm known for wearing poofy dresses, heels, and crazy headbands year-round, even

to bike to class (a bright yellow cruiser bike, at that). If I'm wearing pants, it's either a laundry day or I'm seriously ill.

What is your greatest aspiration after graduation?

I want to be involved in the "next big thing" in computing. My dream is actually to work for a small start-up company with the potential to be something that people will truly enjoy and use in their everyday lives. Maybe the next Pandora! And if that fails, well, I can still aim to become a Pokemon master.

How do you feel about your major?

I love being in CS. It's such a diverse field that there's pretty much something for everyone; you're not shuttled down one path and, contrary to popular belief, you're not destined to end up a code monkey. I personally have an interest in artificial intelligence, which is what drew me to CS in the first place. Plus, there's the possibility of having a huge influence on everyday life - computer scientists have a hand in everything from security systems to traffic lights. CS majors may be thought of as pasty, antisocial uber-gamers, but we're to thank for a lot of the modern amenities people take for granted.

JOANNA EBERTSILLUSTRATION
THIRD YEAR**What brought you to RIT?**

A desire to draw medical anatomy. RIT was one of the few universities I found that offered medical illustration. So I saddled up all ready for a career drawing cardiovascular surgeries, only to discover that I puke watching live surgeries. So I became a regular illustrator.

What is your greatest fear?

Definitely losing my hands or losing my mind. I do art, so I guess I could continue that if I lost my marbles. Losing my hands however, would put a damper on doing everything I love.

How do you feel about your major?

I love Illustration. It's perfect for me. I'm blessed to have found such an intelligent art school. However, I wish we were better prepared (i.e. internships) before graduation. I've watched a lot of my friends hit winter or spring quarter their senior year and scramble to deal with impending reality. A lot of people I knew back home were surprised when I didn't go off to become a doctor or some sort of biological engineer, but I honestly believe I have made the right choice. I'd be doodling all over my lab reports otherwise.

What was the most memorable class you've had?

Drawing with Cliff Wun. It was... an experience. He's infamous amongst most of the art kids for his attitude and tattoos. Some of my closest friends were made in that class, despite differences in majors. We bonded through what seemed like insurmountable projects at the time. It was there that I first put more than eight hours into a piece of art, something that I do all the time now. That professor was the person who has kicked my ass the most and also set me free. He's a great guy; listen to him, and don't let him scare you too much.

ERIK ELLINGSONPHOTOJOURNALISM
FIRST YEAR**What is your most memorable moment at RIT?**

The most memorable moment so far has been building the box castle in the EPB quad in fall quarter.

How do you feel about your major?

I'm really enjoying my major so far, we haven't really gotten into any major specific classes yet, so I'll see.

What was the most memorable class you've had?

The most memorable class I've had so far was "Modern American History: Learning Through Las Vegas" with Professor Nystrom.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go and why?

If I could travel anywhere I'd probably go back to Tanzania, because I really miss the culture there.

What do you think needs improvement at RIT?

I think the food could use some improvement, Gracie's isn't the worst but it could be much better.

SARAH WOOLFMECHANICAL ENGINEERING
SECOND YEAR**What is something that people love about you?**

I have been told time and time again since I arrived here at RIT that I am “too nice.” I keep telling [people], it’s a little southern/midwestern hospitality shining through. Seeing smiling faces makes my day and I love helping people! Though I get teased relentlessly about it, I think most find it a refreshing dissimilarity in character.

What is something that people hate about you?

I am honest to a fault. I have a tendency to be brutally honest, in a nice, non-spiteful way. It is entirely unintentional half of the time when

I do hurt another’s feelings. I like to people watch, and because of that, often observations just kind of stream from my mouth without being filtered. .

What is your greatest aspiration after graduation?

I aspire to open a truly ironic business, a photo studio called, “War and Weddings,” covering two classic parts of humanity; love and war. The objective of the company will be to spend one month out of every year in war torn places, documenting the tragedy and pain through freelancing war-photography. For the rest of the year, I intend to cover weddings in a whole new way, rather than just snapping

shots of the wedding, I want to cover the wedding as a journalist and write their love story as it evolves from engagement to the exchange of vows.

What are you most passionate about?

I am most passionate about making a difference. Photography, writing, engineering, mission work, teaching; the majority of my hobbies are born out of my desire to make a difference in the life of others or the perception of others. I try to live by Gandhi’s quote “Be the change you wish to see in the world.”

JEREMY FREY

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY
FIFTH YEAR

What is your most memorable moment at RIT?

The most appropriate way for me to answer this is, the nights I can't remember, with the friends I'll never forget.

What is something that people hate about you?

My honesty and my ability to speak without a filter.

What was your most embarrassing moment in college?

My roommate waking up while I was in the room having sex, and then proceeding to get up and get our other two housemates and his brother who was visiting for the weekend and all four of them cheering me on while I was still inside of her.

What are you most passionate about?

Enjoying my college experience to the fullest.

What do you think needs improvement at RIT?

Campus safety needs to be less uptight.

KAYLA GARRETBIOTECHNOLOGY
FOURTH YEAR**What is your most impressive accomplishment so far?**

I recently won the Baldwin Scholarship for the College of Science. It's only granted to 5 graduating students and it's for those that excel not just academically, but as citizens within the RIT community. To be selected shows how highly regarded I am by all of my mentors. I spent 4 years working hard and keeping my head down. Now that I am looking up I am seeing what I have accomplished and it hasn't gone unnoticed. Winning this award made me not want to change one thing from the past four years. I got it right the first time.

What is something that people love about you?

To pick one thing that people love about me is an impossible task. I can't name one thing people don't love about me. But if I were to narrow it down to one, my sense of humor is the clear winner. My humor is it's dry yet colorful; subtle, yet cocky; it's in your face and unabashed.

What are you most passionate about?

I am very passionate about films. It's really my second calling. I have no problem sitting for hours on end in front of a screen. One of the things that come easily to me is my ability to recall plotlines, actors' names, directors' names, and whatnot. Unfortunately for my friends, I also love analyzing films, somewhat

loudly. If I wasn't a science major, I would probably be a film editor.

If you had to choose between burning to death or freezing to death, which would you choose?

Dying in a fire is more bad-ass than freezing especially in the frozen tundra that is Rochester. BUT, it's also considerably more painful even if I were to console myself with bits of bacon. When it comes to facing an icy end, I can't help but envision Southpark's and Futurama's bout with time travel and hope for a chance at similar adventures. Is it weird I have a thing for Leela?

SAMANTHA GEFFENASL INTERPRETING
THIRD YEAR**What is your great aspiration after graduation?**

I've loved theatre ever since I was little. I've been interested in interpreting since freshman year of high school, so I'd love to be able to combine those two passions and become a performing arts interpreter. Who knows, maybe you'll see me on Broadway one day.

What is your most memorable moment at RIT?

Having the chance to watch the men's hockey team make history when they beat Denver and then beat UNH. I wasn't a hockey fan until I got to RIT, but I'm glad that I was able to be a part of RIT history, even if it was just as a fan.

What is your most impressive accomplishment so far?

I've been roller-skating since I was 5 and competing since I was 10. I joined a synchronized skating team in 2004 and skated with them until I transferred to RIT in 2008. My most impressive accomplishment was having the chance to go to Italy and Australia with my team for the World Competition, the roller-skating equivalent to the Olympics. I was able to travel to – and make friends from – another country. Not many people can say that they're competitive roller skaters, but how many people are also able to say that they've represented their country?

How do you feel about your major?

Honestly, there are some days when I feel like crying, but you learn so much from interpreting that it's nothing but beneficial. As one friend told me, it's about "performing." Some days you'll have good days and others you won't; you just need to know how to take your frustration and make yourself a better person. Interpreting is a versatile profession with the ability to travel anywhere and interpret for anyone.

KATIE HAUGH

NEW MEDIA PUBLISHING
FOURTH YEAR

What brought you to RIT?

First the hot guys playing WoW on their computers all day that are super pasty, but then probably the awesome printing program.

What is something that people love about you?

I'm pasty white.

What is something that people hate about you?

I'm pasty white.

What do you think needs improvement at RIT?

The amount of pasty kids at the school. They need to encourage outside activities instead of LAN parties.

If you had to choose between burning to death or freezing to death, which would you choose?

Burning cause I'd at least die with a tan.

ARIANA INFOZINOINDUSTRIAL DESIGN
THIRD YEAR**What is something that people love about you?**

Probably my ability to be spontaneous. I'm very dedicated to this school-I love RIT-but on any given weekend I'll pick up and go to the Adirondacks or New York City for some type of climbing, hiking, or social event. This January, I went to Tampa Bay's Annual Gasparilla Festival. It's basically like a Pirate themed Mardi Gras, where thousands of Pirates take over the town. The following weekend I went skiing up at Wildcat Mountain across from Mount Washington. I'm always doing something adventurous.

What is your greatest aspiration after graduation?

I'd like to invent a pair of shoes that will allow me to fly out west so I can hike some 14,000 footers, and also run an ultra-marathon or two with the Tarahumara, while creating time to allow for creating my newest product-of course while climbing El Cap at the same time. So I guess that makes my greatest aspiration to have Superfeet.

What is your most impressive accomplishment so far?

My most impressive accomplishment would be running two half-marathons last year. I'm really proud to have accomplished balancing life here while training for my first big race. I took up running after my freshman year because I wanted to be healthier and also to see what I could handle as an athlete. Once I ran the first, I trained throughout summer and fall to improve my time by 15 minutes. That was awesome. Everyone should run.

KERSTIN JAKIELAVISUAL MEDIA
SECOND YEAR**What brought you to RIT?**

All of these bricks. yeah I love bricks.

What is something that people love about you?

My can do attitude!

What is your greatest fear?

Objects with lots of holes in them. Damn things make me squirm.

How do you feel about your major?

We're thrown in with all of the photo majors and get forgotten about. Then we get the short end of the stick when we decide to concentrate in graphic design or print media.

If you could be any inanimate object/animal/indigenous plant variety, what would you be and why?

A giraffe, they've got long tongues. Good for snogging.

KATIE KASARDAGRAPHIC DESIGN
FOURTH YEAR**If you had 10 seconds to impress someone, what would you do or say?**

I would just make out with them. Is that okay to say? I hear I'm a great kisser, so there's really no better way. Let's do this.

What is your most impressive accomplishment so far?

In 5th grade I got the John James Audubon award. I'm not really sure for what. I remember getting a book for it, and thinking, "A book? What is this garbage?"

How do you feel about your major?

I absolutely love it. I've learned so much about Graphic Design since changing my major to it. I used to be New Media Design and that sucked, so I made the big switch. I'm much happier now.

If you could be any inanimate object/animal/indigenous plant variety, what would you be and why?

A microphone so I can be oh so close to your luscious lips. Oh baby, oh baby.

If you had to choose between burning to death or freezing to death, which would you choose?

If I've learned anything while living in Rochester, I'd rather have a quick, painful fiery death than have to think, "HOLY FUCK I'M COLD" over and over again 'til I died. Then again, I'm a big baby whenever I burn my ear with my straightener. I'm gonna have to man up!

JACQUELINE KERNFILM AND ANIMATION
FOURTH YEAR**What is your greatest aspiration after graduation?**

To be a teller of great stories.

What is your most memorable moment at RIT?

When I fell in love

What was the most memorable class you've had?

AE: Writing for Sociology. I wrote a paper exploring the society of geeks, and found out I wanted to be one in the process!

What do you think needs improvement at RIT?

The winter. It's too long!

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go and why?

If I could travel anywhere I would go into orbit around earth. A couple laps around the planet would be awesome!

TREVOR KEY

COMPUTER ENGINEERING – SOFTWARE OPTION
FIFTH YEAR

How do you feel about your major?

I have always been fascinated by computers, and now I can design, build, and program one from scratch. Truly there is no better way to spend your money than towards learning how to make a career out of enslaving computers. It is empowering to realize that I am one of the factors leading to the impending robot revolt.

What was the most memorable class you've had?

Maybe it was Circuits I with Prof. Cliver, which met in a conference room, with homemade cookies every Wednesday, a bonfire at the end of the quarter, and lectures about being an "eng-a-neer."

What do you think needs improvement at RIT?

There needs to be more interaction between the great number of unique groups on campus. People don't venture outside of their comfort zones much when it comes to social interaction at RIT. I am impressed by how little time it takes people to switch from being accepting of some very strange things to spewing vitriolic comments involving stereotypes.

What is your most impressive accomplishment so far?

I count convincing the Christian and GLBT communities on campus to sit through a lecture together (and interact afterward) and convincing RIT to pay for it all as my greatest. I did not do so single-handedly, but I doubt it would have happened without me.

What is your greatest aspiration after graduation?

I hope to someday be able to say that I have played capture the flag in a Wal-Mart. Then I shall run for president of something.

DAE-KUN KIMSECONDARY EDUCATION
GRADUATE STUDENT**How do you feel about your major?**

It's challenging, yet I'm learning so much about deaf education. Apparently there's much more to it than having my own classroom and having students worship me. It's different though - I graduated from RIT with an IT degree, and it's definitely some big change I chose. I don't regret it though.

What is your greatest fear?

To die alone. I suffer from mild monophobia (not diagnosed though!); I'd rather be around the people I like, or I freak out. Oh, and the flying spaghetti.

What do you think needs improvement at RIT?

What RIT needs to work on is weather - oh wait, you need to be God to do that! I guess second on the list would be more Asian and Deaf influence around the campus. Compared to other groups, I think we're the most underrated group.

What are you most passionate about?

If it wasn't obvious enough in my previous statement, I'm passionate about spreading the Asian love.

If you had to choose between burning to death or freezing to death, which would you choose?

I think I'll go with burning to death. I plan to be cremated when I die, so I might as well as hit two birds with one stone - die and be cremated at the same time.

MARY KOLBERINDUSTRIAL DESIGN
THIRD YEAR**If you had 10 seconds to impress someone, what would you do or say?**

If I had ten seconds to impress someone, I would play the beginning of the "Inspector Gadget" theme song on a tuba.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go and why?

If I could travel anywhere, I would go to Belgium. I imagine Belgium is beautiful and full of top notch chocolate.

What is your greatest aspiration after graduation?

My greatest aspiration after graduation is to have my own line of faucets or lighting.

How do you feel about your major?

I think Industrial Design covers a lot of ground and really makes you think about every detail. Design combines rational thinking to make a product functional and out-of-the-box thinking to make a product appealing. It's like answering a question that has no specifically correct answer.

What was your most embarrassing moment in college?

My most embarrassing moment in college was during a recent critique, when I showed my project ideas to the rest of the class and people started making poop jokes.

MARLANA YACCI

ADVERTISING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS
FOURTH YEAR

How do you feel about your major?

I love it. My department has the best events, and our classes are really interesting and involved. Our professors know how to keep class work entertaining and fun while challenging us. I feel like I'm giving a testimonial for my department in an infomercial. (Very fitting with my major being Advertising)

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go and why?

I would go to Australia. It looks gorgeous and the wildlife there is fascinating.

What is your most impressive accomplishment so far?

I conducted research on the concept of credibility on Facebook marketing for my senior thesis in communications. Oh and my family trained our cats to use the toilets.

If you had ten seconds to impress someone what would you do or say?

I would make them one of my awesome ice cream sundaes with all of the fixings but it would probably be a mess because I would have to make it in 10 seconds.

If you could be an inanimate object/plant/animal what would you be and why?

I'd be a hydrangea. They are really pretty and change colors based on the pH level of their soil.

CHAD T. KROHNPACKAGING SCIENCE
FIRST YEAR**What brought you to RIT?**

The diversity of people — you have different cultures and background — and its good work to see what you will be dealing with in years to come in the workplace.

What is your most memorable moment at RIT?

Being able to stuff a futon, three dressers and three desks into a double dorm room and having it all work out. Good thing my roommate isn't mad.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go and why?

If I could travel anywhere, I would travel up to the top of the Sentinel. I mean, who else do you know who has been to the top of the Sentinel? Why would I go there? It's one of the highest points on campus, and it's pretty much in the middle of campus.

What is your greatest fear?

EGS LAN Tournaments.

If you could be any inanimate object/animal/indigenous plant variety, what would you be and why?

I would want to be the Sentinel. I mean why wouldn't I? Who wouldn't want to be a guy riding a horse statue? The Sentinel is just freaking awesome.

EMILY LEVINEGRAPHIC DESIGN
FIRST YEAR**What are you most passionate about?**

Most of my passions revolve around food. I love cooking it, eating it, and looking at it. I get really excited when I go to mega-Wegs, walk up and down the aisles, and look at all of the options.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go and why?

I plan to go backpacking in Europe with my siblings. Experiencing the culture all around Europe would be an incredible experience. I also want to go to Egypt and Australia one day.

What brought you to RIT?

When I visited, I liked how organized RIT was and that all the buildings had similar architecture. The graphic design program is really impressive. The campus is not in the city but close to one. It's easy to get home, and the food selection has enough variety.

What is your most memorable moment at RIT?

My most recent memorable moment at RIT is when the hockey team returned from Albany and a throng was waiting for them at the Sentinel at 2 a.m. Everyone was beaming that night.

If you had to choose between burning to death or freezing to death, which would you choose?

The holocaust is something near and dear to my heart, so I would have to say freezing to death. I mean is a Rochester winter really that different from freezing to death?

PETE LOWRYINDUSTRIAL ENGINEER
FIFTH YEAR**What is your most memorable moment at RIT?**

Running out of a packed RIT hockey game, which we won, with my buddy John on my back yelling, "go RIT!" I carried him past the Sentinel, through the SAU, past the RITz and out the back door by the old Reporter office, before falling over from a combination of school spirit and exhaustion. I'm not a big guy, so that was quite a feat for me!

What was your most embarrassing moment in college?

The time someone's mom caught me shaving in the girls' bathroom during move-in. (It was

really close to my dorm room!) I had to just stand there in a towel and pretend it wasn't anything out of the ordinary, which is hard to do when you have an Austin Powers chest.

Has anyone at RIT inspired you? How and why?

Much of the Industrial Engineering department, several of my philosophy professors, all the kids brave enough to express their inner nerd with any assortment of video game and comic book apparel, the people who put on that Ritchie mascot outfit and walk campus regardless of the weather, the ladies at Gracie's (which I haven't been to

in 2 to 3 years) who joke around with everyone who comes in, the random people who call the Northside NRH elevator from time to time to chat with students, the janitor who used to bring us 'Bum Fight' videos, the people who censor the RIT Rings with hilarious non-dirty words, Destler for getting rid of Simone, lovin'cup for allowing me to get a \$2 PBR on campus before lunch, EH for holding SIH traditions strong, and yes, I am even inspired by that kid who doesn't wear shoes, I mean, have you seen his feet in the winter? It's a sight to see!

ROBERT LUESSENADVERTISING PHOTOGRAPHY
FOURTH YEAR**What is your greatest fear?**

Losing my eyesight. And spiders. So the greatest fear would really be losing my eyesight from a giant spider.

How do you feel about your major?

Anyone who doesn't believe art/photo majors work hard should come visit building 7 around midnight on a Sunday night. We're all working harder than any of you other assholes playing World of Warcraft.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go and why?

France. I wish I was a fly-ass French dude.

What are you most passionate about?

Photography. And drinking. So really, drunken photography.

If you could be any inanimate object/animal/indigenous plant variety, what would you be and why?

Easy. I'd be pterodactyl. That shit is hot.

RANDY MAPPUS3D DIGITAL GRAPHICS
SECOND YEAR**What brought you to RIT?**

I found RIT in Dallas viewing people's portfolios. I didn't have one as a junior in High School, but I went to see prospective schools and RIT was the one college with Game Design and 3D Graphics. Knowing I wanted to be in one of those majors, I entered the college.

What is your greatest aspiration after graduation?

I would like to have a steady job in design, preferably designing characters for games or animations. Eventually, I'd like to have my own design studio where I do commissions for many companies and begin branching

out to designing for interiors, fashion, or for industrial purposes.

How do you feel about your major?

It wasn't actually my first choice, but it's a great major with students who aren't so cut-throat that they'll leave you high and dry. In fact, we all work very well together and learn much more that way.

What is your most impressive accomplishment so far?

I would say that becoming an OA is pretty impressive as is helping put on a performance for a convention. I'd say the most impressive

thing of all though would be attaining Eagle rank. Now that is an accomplishment.

What are you most passionate about?

This is an easy one; art. I love all forms of art from design to photography and definitely music. I've been trying to compose some music utilizing different sound patterns lately, and I find this combined with imagery definitely fulfills the artistic side of me.

CRAIG MARTEKCOMPUTER SCIENCE
SIXTH YEAR**If you had 10 seconds to impress someone, what would you do or say?**

Hopefully I would be with a quartet so that I could sing a barbershop tag. People love chordy goodness.

What are you most passionate about?

Music. Up until last year I was in Surround Sound, one of RIT's all-male a cappella groups. Then at the end of last year I co-founded RIT's first co-ed a cappella group, Proof of Purchase. It's a great creative outlet and a lot of fun at the same time.

What is your most memorable moment at RIT?

Freshman year, my a cappella group brought Jonathan Coulton and Paul and Storm to RIT for a concert. Not only did we get to meet them, we got to open for them. They're all even funnier in person than you would expect.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go and why?

Australia! From what I've seen and heard, it's a beautiful country. Plus they gave us the Tim-Tam.

How do you feel about your major?

I love my major, but I hate the notion of the "typical CS student". I suppose it's true to some extent, although it's certainly not a blanket statement. Some of us do bathe daily and like to go outside.

MARIANA MAZZONI

ADVERTISING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS
THIRD YEAR

If you had 10 seconds to impress someone, what would you do or say?

Rarely, I am successful at doing a stall, or freeze, which is a form of breakdancing (for all you un-hip folk). If given 10 seconds, I would try my luck and hope for the best.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go and why?

Australia! Rob, an exchange student from Melbourne, spent a semester at my high school during my sophomore year. We had a class together and became really close within the five months he was in the states. It's been

five years since his stay, but we continue our friendship via Facebook, Skype and occasional calls where I struggle to understand his accent through a bad connection. Although he's been back a few times, I have yet to make the trip to his roots.

What are you most passionate about?

Music. I recently became a member of WITR 89.7 to foster this passion and am training to be a DJ. I'd like to learn piano, hopefully this summer. I write songs and sing, and maybe someday, something will come of that. And no, I will not go on American Idol so that

"professionals" whom I have no respect for can deem me good or bad or tone deaf.

If you could be any inanimate object/animal/indigenous plant variety, what would you be and why?

Sunglasses, preferably a pair of Ray Ban's. I could soak up the sun without ever having to worry about melanoma.

RYAN MCKNIGHT

INDUSTRIAL AND SYSTEMS ENGINEERING AND ENGINEERING
MANAGEMENT (BS/ME)
FOURTH YEAR

If you had 10 seconds to impress someone, what would you do or say?

Do you think my tractor's sexy? Then let's go for a ride on my John Deere.

What brought you to RIT?

To start with, the warmer winters than what I am used to being from the real upstate New York. Then the co-op program and the fact that RIT has one of the only collegiate Model Railroad Clubs in the nation.

What is your greatest aspiration after graduation?

To work for John Deere of course!

How do you feel about your major?

It's a small major that allows us to all be connected. Everybody knows everybody and we have strong relationships amongst ourselves.

What was the most memorable class you've had?

I won't say the class or the professor, but the professor wrote three white boards full of notes then realized it was in permanent marker. Luckily, we had someone in the class who knew how to get it off the board and saved the day.

MATTHEW MISIASZEK

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, ENERGIES AND ENVIRONMENT
OPTION
FIRST YEAR

If you had 10 seconds to impress someone, what would you do or say?

Balance something on my foot. I'm not particularly athletic or strong, and I don't like being brainy as a means of impressing someone.

What brought you to RIT?

Strong academics, the right distance from home, looked like somewhere I'd fit in well. Let's just say the semen trees weren't in bloom at the time.

What is your greatest fear?

Back flips.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go and why?

England interests me, what with Top Gear, Junk Yard Wars and Douglas Adams.

What do you think needs improvement at RIT?

The nickel-and-diming. (See dining plan, wellness classes, and housing)

If you could be any inanimate object/animal/indigenous plant variety, what would you be and why?

I'd be a dog. They're always happy.

If you had to choose between burning to death or freezing to death, which would you choose?

Freezing to death would probably be much less painful. But I feel like I did that all winter. Burning would at least be a change of pace. I think I'll go with fire.

ZACH MYROW

ADVERTISING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS
FOURTH YEAR

What is something that people love about you?

I sometimes say inappropriate things.

What is something that people hate about you?

I sometimes say inappropriate things.

What is your greatest aspiration after graduation?

Self Actualization.

What is your greatest fear?

Losing those who I love.

What is your most impressive accomplishment so far?

Career: Being nominated for a Webby.
(Hopeful!) Personal: Learning to define myself.

NATONYA NELSONADVERTISING PHOTOGRAPHY
FIRST YEAR**What is something that people love about you?**

I am nice and very supportive, if you get on my good side. =]

What is your greatest aspiration after graduation?

I want to be an audio engineer or work somewhere in the field of music.

What is your greatest fear?

Not being good enough for anything or anybody.

What are you most passionate about?

Music and poetry.

If you had to choose between burning to death or freezing to death, which would you choose?

Neither one, but if I had to, I would choose to freeze to death.

KYLE O'NEILLNEW MEDIA MARKETING
FOURTH YEAR**What is something that people love about you?**

I like to consider myself an optimist — someone who doesn't let the little things drag him down.

There's just so many exciting things to do and learn and explore in this world, and I can't get enough of learning about people.

How do you feel about your major?

To be honest, I had no idea what "Graphic Media Marketing" meant when I came to RIT. I was an art student from a technical school who knew he couldn't really draw all that well, wanted to make money, and wanted to stay

close to art. "Graphic Media" sounded like art and "Marketing" sounded like money. A match made in heaven, even today.

What is your greatest aspiration after graduation?

I hope to complete my MBA in Entrepreneurship, and then hopefully move on to receive a Ph.D. in either Marketing or Entrepreneurship so that I may teach. Bonus points for style. I'd also love to own a small entertainment business or company, or at least remain close to the art and entertainment industries.

What is your most memorable moment at RIT?

Realizing the success of RIT Improv after building it up from essentially nothing four years ago. Our now annual event, Improvamonium, drew a massive audience this April, as well as featured five local college improv groups performing on the same stage in what was possibly one of the largest improv collaborative performances in the northwest New York state area was a huge thrill. I've never been prouder of how far the BrainWreckers have come.

SHAIL PATEL

NEW MEDIA PUBLISHING
SECOND YEAR

What is your greatest aspiration after graduation.

To be a multi billion trillionaire.

How do you feel about your major?

What happened to the major I chose? (Graphic Media.)

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go and why?

India. Because it is home.

What are you most passionate about?

Helping people and making money.

What is your greatest fear?

Fear of failure.

SUZAN PEROBIOTECHNOLOGY
FOURTH YEAR**What brought you to RIT?**

I came to RIT to get a good education so I can get a good job! I've had enough of food services and working with teenagers!

What is something that people love about you?

Something that people love about me is I am always me, no matter what anyone else's opinion of how I act or dress is. I'm the only one that has to live with me, so anyone else can just stuff it.

What are you most passionate about?

I am most passionate about my plants, which can be clearly seen at the innovation center as I am helping Tim Stephany keep a whole mess of plants alive for his vertical gardening project.

If you had to choose between burning to death or freezing to death, which would you choose?

If I had to choose between burning to death or freezing to death I'd freeze because then you just go to sleep. Also — it's an easy death to find in New York, then, isn't it. Lol

How do you feel about your major?

I think my major is a pain in the ass given the large amounts of work it involves, but I learn lots of really interesting things — my favorite being that if you eat candy while you're drinking, it heightens and lengthens your buzz because sugar runs up the same brain pathway. I don't know about anyone else, but I always get the munchies when I'm drinking. The best part is my friends heard me say it so many times they've started carrying candy out too!

LEANN POMPONIONEW MEDIA DESIGN & IMAGING
FOURTH YEAR**What is something that people love about you?**

I have been told that my aura can light up a room. I bring happiness wherever I go and give off a positive energy. I am a naturally very happy and “bubbly” person. I laugh easy and often, I bring positive feedback and give people the benefit of the doubt. My glass is usually 3/4 of the way full; I sometimes go out of my way to make someone happy and I will drop almost anything to help out a friend, such as, dropping off friend(s) at the airport and the train station at 4am, on a Friday.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go and why?

I want to travel to the Motherland, Korea. I was born there but I am adopted. I want to return to see where I came from, there are many programs that I can sign up for where I can possibly see my orphanage and possibly birth parents, although, I am undecided if I want to meet them or not. I know Korea is beautiful, but I want to experience that first hand. I love the culture, music, and of course the food!

What are you most passionate about?

I am a designer, so therefore I am passionate about design. I always have been. I look back at all the majors I wanted to do, and a majority of them involved design. When I am aggravated and want to quit, I just remind myself I was born to design. I saved a fortune cookie fortune that said, “You make the world a beautiful place.” That’s what I want to do, I want to make pretty things and make the world beautiful. I am also very passionate about cooking, my first choice was to go to culinary school; there is nothing quite more wonderful than making something incredibly delicious and making someone very happy.

GABRIELLE POTTS

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AEROSPACE OPTION
FIRST YEAR

What are you most passionate about?

I am passionate about many things. I have always loved music, and it has since grown. I play the tenor saxophone. I have played the sax since fourth grade, and it started out as something I could do and like to do. Then I grew to love the sound and the atmosphere and joy that music brought. I knew I wanted to play the sax when I went off to college. So, I joined the pep band. Pep band has become my passion. I surround myself with people from pep band and with music. I hum the songs and count down hours until I am due to play or be with pep band members. I am hooked to

my saxophone, my section, the pep band and every chance I get to play.

What is your greatest aspiration after graduation?

My goal is to work for NASA after graduation. I have had the dream since I was a little girl, especially after I saw *October Sky*. I was told to reach for the stars and that's what I am trying to do... literally.

What is your most memorable moment at RIT?

My most memorable moment was when I was sitting in Albany watching the Tigers win

against Denver, the game no one thought we would win. Which just grew after they won against UNH. There was so much excitement. And I was there, to see it happen and to play my instrument

If you had 10 seconds to impress someone, what would you do or say?

Well if they are not from RIT, I normally come out with Hi, I'm Gabi Potts and I go to RIT. If it is someone from RIT I normally say, Hi my name is Gabi and I have had every type of Ben and Jerry's ice cream.



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TYLER PUGLIESEECONOMICS
THIRD YEAR**What is your most memorable moment at RIT?**

My first quarter I was in the fall 24 hour show for the RIT Players. My character was a doctor and an old, cigar-loving crone. So between blackouts, I had to change between outfits: from scrubs and a stethoscope to a wig and a fuzzy pink blouse. Well, when I ran across the stage, my flip flop got caught in my wig, and the lights came up and I was sitting, in drag, on stage, my freshmen year, with a flip-flop in my wig. Needless to say, I just stared straight ahead and smoked my cigar while the audience howled.

Has anyone at RIT inspired you? How and why?

Dr. Jeff Wagner, undoubtedly. He's like if Count Rugen from "The Princess Bride" was a soft southern farmer who taught Economics and refused to let his students fail. He is basically the reason I came here as an undergraduate, and he's the reason I've had such a positive experience here. He is fiery, brilliant and will make sure you discover your own passions and determinations. There was one time I was walking to get lunch, and he ambushed me and wouldn't let me go until I gave him an answer on how I was doing on a paper.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go and why?

Barcelona, Spain. I've been there before when I was twelve, and it has been my favorite place in the world ever since. Tequila, Paella, Spanish women, and siestas. What more could a college student want? Also, the architecture and history is fascinating.

MATTHEW REEDINFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
FOURTH YEAR**How do you feel about your major?**

If I could use one word to describe my major it would be interesting. My classes are interesting, my professors are interesting, and my fellow IT students are ... weird.

What is your most memorable moment at RIT?

Most of my moments cannot be retold in a public forum so I'll go with watching Jared Gero my friend fall down the Gordon Field House steps before the Snoop Dogg concert.

What do you think needs improvement at RIT?

More free pizza, less Salvatore's. No really, that greasy cardboard that they call pizza is about as appetizing as that crap they serve at Little Vincent's Pizzeria on Long Island.

What was the most memorable class you've had?

American Politics freshman year, the teacher was crazy. On the first day of class he told us that it was the first time he had been out of bed in a year because he fell down a flight of stairs.

If you could be any inanimate object/animal/indigenous plant variety, what would you be and why?

I would have to say a potato cannon. Potato cannons have brought a lot of joy to me during time at RIT and I would like to bring that joy to others. There is nothing like launching a potato or *Solanum tuberosum* through the night sky. I love the smell of Aqua Net in the morning.

JACK REICKELILLUSTRATION
FOURTH YEAR**If you had 10 seconds to impress someone, what would you do or say?**

I'd impress someone in ten seconds by touching the ceiling. It doesn't matter how high the ceiling is, or if I'm outside, I will stretch higher and higher until my hand reaches something. The tallest I've ever reached in such a situation was a bit over 1.1 million feet, the distance from sea level to outer space.

What is something that people hate about you?

The illustration studio is frequently irritated

with my passion-nearing-obsession for sports. RIT's lack of passion for athletics is magnified in the illustration major and so I am further removed than I would already be on this spirit-desolate campus.

How do you feel about your major?

The Illustration department is the most positive and encouraging environment I've ever heard of coming from any program at any school. There is the flexibility to focus on what matters to you, and the staff are very encouraging of upper-level students tailoring their assignments to fit in their portfolios.

What do you think needs improvement at RIT?

I think everyone has a problem with the lack of spirit, the lack of unity the campus feels. If the student body is united in any way, it's by feeling oppressed by the institute. I know that different, more positive levels of cohesion exist at other universities, and it is my sincerest hope RIT starts to head to that feeling.

ELISE REMEIKAVISUAL MEDIA
FOURTH YEAR**What brought you to RIT?**

The snow and garbage plates, of course! Also, because RIT is one of the best schools for photography in the country, but mostly the snow and [garbage] plates.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go and why?

To the moon! Why? Because "space tourism" is now an actual industry and people are legitimately doing it. Also, it's the moon. Does anyone have a few million bucks I could borrow?

What do you think needs improvement at RIT?

Less separation between different colleges, more school spirit! Go Tigers!

What was your most embarrassing moment in college?

Oh there are so many. I've had some pretty epic, really public, totally ungraceful, falls. You know, the ones where people around you stop to stare and ask if you're okay. I'm smooth like that.

What is your greatest aspiration after graduation?

To be successful and happy, what more can you really ask for?

NATHANIEL ROTUNNO

COMPUTER ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY
SIXTH YEAR

What brought you to RIT?

My mom's minivan, a lot of money, and something called project lead the way. It is (was?) a program in high school that was focused on engineering. It even provided me with RIT credits.

What is your greatest fear?

Life.

What is your most impressive accomplishment so far?

The directing and acting I have done for RIT Player's. I co-directed and co-starred in a play called %True West% by Sam Sheppard with a

close friend. It was a tremendous undertaking that took us over a year to complete. We also directed %15-Minute Hamlet% by Tom Stoppard together. I was also Vice President for RIT Player's and have directed many other plays.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go and why?

Space, the final frontier: to explore strange new worlds, to seek out new life and new civilizations, to boldly go where no man has gone before.

If you had to choose between burning to death or freezing to death, which would you choose?

Definitely freeze - if you end up not dying you just lose a limb. Burns are worse.

TRISH SALMON

SERVICE MANAGEMENT
SIXTH YEAR

If you had 10 seconds to impress someone, what would you do or say?

I would go up to the person and say "Hello, your smile captivated my heart." If they are not smiling- I would say "Your smile would brighten my day, (they smile) thank you."

Has anyone at RIT inspired you? How and why?

Nicole Ogden because she is the definition of perseverance

What brought you to RIT?

I thought it was in New Rochelle, New York and I wanted to stay closer to home (Bronx, NY). What a confusion I made but something I don't regret either.

How do you feel about your major?

I wish it had a Co-Op requirements, so I can also gain experience in my field.

What was your most embarrassing moment in college?

Drunk-dialing all my friends to tell them everything about myself and how I love them

VICTOR SANTIAGO

GRAPHIC DESIGN
SECOND YEAR

If you had 10 seconds to impress someone, what would you do or say?

"I got no money but I got more to love!"
(grabbing the "rolls")

What is something that people love about you?

The fact that I smile all the time and that I am always friendly and approachable.

What is your greatest fear?

Losing someone..

What was the most memorable class you've had?

My memorable class would be Arts of ExpressionWriting Seminar, freshmen year, great times with great people.

If you had to choose between burning to death or freezing to death, which would you choose?

I would choose to freeze to death, I love the cold.

COURTNEY SCHRAML

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
SECOND YEAR

What is your greatest aspiration after graduation?

My greatest ambition after graduation is to somehow work towards human rights. I have a great interest in fair trade and citizen activism.

What is your most impressive accomplishment so far?

My most impressive accomplishment so far is making the Dean's list three times.

What was the most memorable class you've had?

The most memorable class I've had so far is

Photo Arts One. I was a Photo major until this past winter quarter, and the very first college professor I had was...interesting at best. My very first college class ever, the guy showed up to class 10 minutes late and when he spoke, it was so quiet that no one could hear him. After about an hour, he gave us our first assignment as college freshman and then said, "Now get the hell out." All 18 of us booked it.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go, and why?

I honestly cannot pick just one place. I live vicariously through the Travel Channel, so I literally, want to travel most everywhere. I'd

love to see all the regular touristy places like Big Ben and the Taj Mahal, but I also want to visit spots where just the locals go. If I had the time and money to travel all over the world, I'd do it in a heartbeat.

If you could be any inanimate object/animal/indigenous plant variety, what you be and why?

I would be a teddy bear or stuffed animal, because I love cuddling.

KYLE SHAYCOMPUTER SCIENCE
FOURTH YEAR**If you had 10 seconds to impress someone, what would you do or say?**

Born in Germany, moved to Pakistan, back to Germany, California, Malaysia, Australia, back to Malaysia, Florida, Texas, and now I live in Rochester.

If you could be any inanimate object/animal/indigenous plant variety, what would you be and why?

Ground sloth – what's more legit than a sloth that's 5 meters tall?

What is your greatest fear?

Getting pooped on by a seagull is my only fear.

What brought you to RIT?

The Sentinel. I seriously love the hypocrisy. Square buildings filled with math and science - places where gravity and structure makessense. Yet in the heart of the campus is a mesh of abstract metal and impossibility - which is I guess why people hate it?

If you had to choose between burning to death or freezing to death, which would you choose?

Freezing to death. I heard you get crazy hallucinations and such when it starts to happen, so it seems like a bit more entertaining way to go.

DANIEL TOBINMECHANICAL ENGINEERING
THIRD YEAR**What brought you to RIT?**

I came to RIT because it seemed right. I visited multiple times and when I came for the College and Careers program my heart was set on it. I remember telling my mom when I got back into the car to leave "I'm coming here."

If you could be any inanimate object/animal/indigenous plant variety, what would you be and why?

I would be an eagle. So I could soar in the skies at a whim and look at everything below with great ease and power.

What was the most memorable class you've had?

That has to be Materials Processing my first quarter here. This isn't because of the material but because of a very important lesson Professor Scarborough taught us the first week of class. "If you think outside the box people die. You have to think on the edge of the box."

If you had to choose between burning to death or freezing to death, which would you choose?

The only reason I have the answer to this question is because I talked about it in my Materials Science Lab the other day as we were arguing if we would rather stick our finger in hot oil or -60 degree C alcohol. I would rather freeze to death because I would lose the feeling in my nerves.

MADELEINE VILLAVICENCIONEW MEDIA INTERACTIVE DEVELOPMENT
FOURTH YEAR**If you had 10 seconds to impress someone, what would you do or say?**

Whip out my Taylor acoustic-electric, my loop pedal and an amp, and build a song from scratch. That may take more than 10 seconds for the full effect though.

If you could be any inanimate object/animal/indigenous plant variety, what would you be and why?

A hat. It could be a baseball cap, a fedora hat or beret. Or I'll take a cowboy hat, a beanie, or a jester's three-point cap.

How do you feel about your major?

In my time at RIT, New Media Interactive Development has undergone two or three name changes, and the name still doesn't accurately convey what we New Media (ID) Kids do. So, here's a clarification: we are the rejects of building 7 and building 70; we are social media and internet enthusiasts; and we make cool shit. (Shameless plug: check out Sketchbox at Imagine RIT! And all the other New Media Team Projects.)

Has anyone at RIT inspired you? How and why?

Every single person whose name appears on the left-hand side of page 6. They're the reason there's a magazine every week.

What is your greatest fear?

Clowns. And spiders. ...spiders with clown faces? *shudder*

ROBERT WATSONINFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
SECOND YEAR**What brought you to RIT?**

RIT never crossed my mind until around the fall of my senior year of high school. When a friend recommended that I check out the campus, I made the trip up from Pennsylvania and have been set on going here ever since. The fact that RIT had the first IT program in the country really appealed to me, and I also liked that I would have nine months of co-op experience before going out into the “real world.”

What is your most memorable moment at RIT?

I’ve been going to almost every home hockey

game since the middle of my freshman year. I sit in the Corner Crew every time I go and would hate to sit anywhere else. Watching the Tigers win the AHA championship, beat Denver University, slaughter UNH, and advance to the Frozen Four in Detroit (of which I was in attendance) has made for some of the greatest weekends ever.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go and why?

I would love to go back to Australia – I went after my sophomore year of high school and absolutely loved the country. I love traveling, so I would really like to go almost everywhere

at some point in my life.

What do you think needs improvement at RIT?

A lot of my friends are really involved on campus, and a lot of people I know like it here. However, there’s still a large number of students who don’t seem to ever do anything and then complain that campus is boring. How can the campus improve so that more people actually like to be here? I guess I don’t really know how to answer that question, but it bothers me sometimes to see the lack of school spirit and involvement here.

SHELLY WEGMAN

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
FIFTH YEAR

What is something that people love about you?

My sarcastic sense of humor and ability to be nice at the same time

Has anyone at RIT inspired you? How and why?

I have been inspired by many people here at RIT. My mentor Professor Miller has inspired me to start thinking about the kind of career I want and to go for it instead of hoping it will come to me.

What is your greatest fear?

I don't like creepy crawly things, but my greatest fear would be never making anything of my life after I graduate.

What is your most impressive accomplishment so far?

My most impressive accomplishment so far is getting into college. I come from a family six and there isn't much money to go around, and my parents did not go to college. I am the first in my family to go to college.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go and why?

I would go to Paris to see the fashion and haute couture fashions shows.

BRETT WILSONFILM AND ANIMATION
FOURTH YEAR**What brought you to RIT?**

A coin flip. It was either RIT or Emerson College. I'm glad it landed on tails.

What is your most impressive accomplishment so far?

I was able to stay up 12 consecutive days (with few minimal naps) in order to complete an ambitious two quarter animated film this past Fall and Winter.

If I could travel anywhere, where would you go and why?

I'm not exactly comfortable traveling to other countries where they don't speak English,

but if I could, I would go to somewhere scenic and secluded in Japan. I love the pictures of their mountains, cherry blossoms, and ancient shrines nestled in the wilderness. I feel it could free my mind from the fast-paced industry my career is geared towards.

How do you feel about your major?

I often consider it comparable to child birth (although I know I will never know the feeling): it requires a lot of effort, time, and loving care, and if you persevere through the pain, you'll end up with something beautiful. Animation to me, is a labor of love.

If you could be any inanimate object/animal/indigenous plant variety, what would you be and why?

I would love to be a Peregrine Falcon because they are extremely fast (they can achieve speeds of around 200mph), and they can glide high above Earth's terrain so I can appreciate all the natural beauty below me. Plus, I think gliding would be a cool feeling to experience.