Campus Insight

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Rose-Hulman Institute Of Technology Parent’s Association Newsletter

Talking Points

- For 13 straight years, Rose-Hulman has been ranked No. 1 among specialized undergraduate engineering colleges in U.S. News & World Report's annual survey.
- The Class of 2011 had a 97% placement rate through September 1.
- The median starting salary for Rose-Hulman graduates ($60,700) ranked 9th among all U.S. colleges in PayScale’s 2011 College Salary Report.
- The Homework Hotline has received a $1.8M grant from Lilly Endowment to continue services through 2014.

Happy Freshman: AJ Carr shows excitement in being a member of the 2011-12 freshman class. She is among a record number of females in the incoming class. See more details about the class inside this issue.

Year Off To A Great Start

President Matt Branam kicked off a new school year by informing the campus community what is becoming obvious to others: Rose-Hulman is on the move!

Since July, we have seen the following exciting developments:
- The grand opening of the Student Innovation Center, a workspace for student teams.
- Construction has started on a new $17 million residence hall to accommodate 236 upperclassmen.
- Plans are underway for the William Cook Laboratory for Bioscience Research to enhance our biological science program.
- Famed physicist Dr. Michio Kaku received our Excellence in Innovation Award.

“Clearly, we are an institution on the move,” Branam said. “Greater days are ahead as we become more global in our focus.”

Learn more inside this issue.

Visit The Parents’ Association’s Web Page at www.rose-hulman.edu/parents
We’re No. 1 Again in National Survey; Faculty Gets Top Marks from Students

Rose-Hulman has once again earned distinction as the top undergraduate engineering college in the nation, based on a national survey of deans and senior faculty conducted by U.S. News & World Report for its 2012 college guidebook.

This marks the 13th consecutive year that Rose-Hulman has been rated first among colleges that offer the bachelor's or master's degree as its top degree in engineering.

“U.S. News & World Report’s annual ranking is an endorsement that gives us great pride, being judged, not just by our own standards but by our peers, as the best education in undergraduate engineering, science and math education,” said Rose-Hulman President Matt Branam. “Our ongoing success is a result of dedicated and innovative faculty members, high-achieving alumni, hard-working staff members, and the bright students that bring creativity and enthusiasm to the classroom every day.”

In addition to topping U.S. News & World Report’s overall undergraduate engineering rating, Rose-Hulman also earned No. 1 departmental rankings in chemical engineering, civil engineering, computer engineering, electrical engineering and mechanical engineering. These rankings were also based solely on the spring 2011 peer survey.

Another important barometer is how students value Rose-Hulman and their educational experience. The Huffington Post recently cited Rose-Hulman’s No. 9 national ranking for “faculty members being valued as good teachers.” The ranking was based on The Princeton Review’s student survey conducted during the 2010-11 school year.

“We are deeply honored by these rankings,” said Branam. “Clearly, we are an institution on the move. We’re on a pathway for continuous improvement in every aspect of our operations. Greater days are ahead for Rose-Hulman as we become more global in our focus, more diverse, and more connected to industry partners in a shared vision to educate students who will be the innovation leaders for America’s future.”


Parents’ Point of View

Sam Morris and Scott Gallmeier
Co-Chairs, Parents’ Association

Our students have returned to campus for another exciting year. It was great to see so many parents of freshmen during orientation activities, and we’re looking forward to the energy and ideas that these new parents bring to the organization.

As we start another year, I would like to remind everyone about the Parents’ Association. This group offers a great way to support your students and the great institution they attend.

The Parents’ Association is a growing and energetic group. As a parent of a Rose-Hulman student, you’re a member of the group. There are no membership dues! We work for the betterment of the campus and students.

The association meets four times a year, and you can participate as much or as little as your schedule permits. The next meeting will be on Dad’s Day (Oct. 29) at 8 a.m. in the student union. These meetings are a great place to talk with other parents as well as members of the administration.

The association supports the following programs:

Bucks For Books: This program offers short-term, no-interest loans for students who are struggling to find funds to purchase textbooks for the academic quarter. Students may borrow up to $500 and the loan is interest free for up to 90 days.

Short-Term Emergency Loan Program: Students needing immediate financial assistance to pay for transportation home, medical bills, car repairs or rent can receive assistance through this program. Loans of up to $1,500 are available. There is no interest on the loan if repaid within 90 days or the term chosen on the promissory note.

We hope to see you at a Parents’ Association event. Contact us at scott.gallmeier@frontier.com or smorris652@msn.com with any questions.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

**Poker Tournament**
7 p.m., Kahn Rooms, Hulman Union
Parents and students can enjoy a fun night with a chance at winning great prizes in this no-limit Texas hold’em tournament. There is no registration fee. Reservations are required, with a limit of 150 players.

**Drama Club Play, Epic Proportions**
7:30 p.m., Hatfield Hall Theater
Tickets: $10 adults/$8 youth/Rose-Hulman students free. Advanced reservations required.  
*(See details under Saturday events)*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

**Parents’ Association Meeting**
8 a.m., Noble Romans, Hulman Union
All parents are invited to get an early start to the day by helping the Parents’ Association plan activities for this year’s Mom’s Day and discuss other issues important to your child. If you’re planning to attend contact Kimberly.Jones@rose-hulman.edu.

**Parents’ Information Sessions**
- **New Student Innovation Center Tours**
  9-9:50 a.m., East Side of Campus
  Learn more about the exciting things happening in this new educational space on campus. The collaboration space is now home for seven student competition teams. Members will be available to share their experiences and provide tours of this innovation space.

- **New Residence Hall Presentation**
  10-10:50 a.m., Hulman Union
  Mike Taylor, Director of Facilities, and Tom Miller, Associate Vice President and Dean for Student Affairs, will provide information about the new residence hall currently under construction on campus.

- **Home for Environmentally Responsible Engineering (HERE) Program Presentation**
  10–10:50 a.m., Hulman Union
  Faculty and students will discuss this special living-and-learning community teaching about sustainability in scientific, social and engineering contexts.

- **Career Services Update**
  11–11:50 a.m., Kahn Rooms, Hulman Union
  Kevin Hewerdine, Director of Career Services and Employer Relations, will provide insight about what students need to know to be successful in finding an internship or full-time job opportunity. There will be a review of placement statistics for the Class of 2011.

**4FunFotos**
10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., Lobby, Hulman Union
Have your picture taken with your family. This is free and no reservation is necessary.

**Athletic Activities:**
- Noon - Volleyball vs. Defiance, Hulbert Arena
- 1 p.m. - Women’s Soccer vs. Defiance, Rendel Field
- 1 p.m. - Swimming vs. Illinois Wesleyan, Sports and Recreation Center
- 1:30 p.m. - Football vs. Defiance, Cook Stadium
- 3 p.m. - Men’s Soccer vs. Defiance, Rendel Field
- 4 p.m. - Volleyball vs. Illinois College, Hulbert Arena

**Dad’s Day Dinner**
5 p.m., Main Dining Room, Hulman Union
The Parents’ Association will celebrate Rose-Hulman’s family atmosphere with a special dinner. The Rose Chorus will perform and President Matt Branam will update parents on the many things happening on campus this fall.” The menu features:

- Beef Brisket
- Pasta with sauce
- Chicken Parmesan
- Herb Roasted Potatoes
- Caesar Salad
- Fruit Salad
- Vegetable Medley
- Coffee/Tea/Water
- Green Beans
- Gourmet Brownies
- Vegetable Medley
- Coffee/Tea/Water

Vegetarian menu is available upon request.
Cost: $16.30 per person

**Drama Club Play, Epic Proportions**
7:30 p.m., Hatfield Hall Theater
Set in the 1930s, Epic Proportions tells the story of two brothers, Benny and Phil, who go to the Arizona desert to be extras in the huge biblical epic movie Exeunt Omnes. Things move quickly in this riotous comedy and before you know it, Phil is directing the production and Benny is in the starring role. Along the way, there are gladiator battles, the Ten Plagues and a cast of thousands, including the audience!
Tickets: $10 adults/$8 youth/Rose-Hulman students free. Advanced reservations required.
The Rose-Hulman campus continues to add luster to its residence life and academic services to meet the increasing needs of students and academic programs.

Construction is underway on a new residence hall to help satisfy the demand of upperclass students who desire to live on campus. The 236-bed, four-floor hall will be located near the present apartment-style hall on the west edge of campus. It will be open for the start of the 2012-13 school year.

“This residence hall will address the demand to have more students living on campus,” stated Rose-Hulman President Matt Branam. “This campus is a unique community that’s cherished by its students, faculty and staff. Living on campus helps our students take full advantage of this community. We want to provide every student with the best campus experience possible.”

The new residence hall will offer the latest amenities in residence living arrangements, with apartment- and suite-style rooms. It will be the first structure on campus that meets Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver Certificate standards.

Meanwhile, the new Student Innovation Center had its grand opening on Sept. 24. The 16,200-square-foot building is home to the Advanced Transportation Systems program and other student competition teams.

The Innovation Center features advanced technologies and flexible work spaces, and allows for the sharing of ideas, tools and assistance between teams.

Elsewhere, a $500,000 gift is establishing the William Alfred Cook Laboratory for Bioscience Research. The facility will allow students to develop knowledge of the biological sciences through hands-on education in plant life. The laboratory will be constructed on the south of Crapo Hall. It will become a visual focal point in the academic center of campus.

“William Alfred Cook Laboratory for Bioscience Research will serve as a living laboratory experience for our students,” Branam stated. “This new facility showcases our commitment to the life sciences.”

Carl Cook, chief executive officer of the Cook Group global network of companies, made the gift for the laboratory on behalf of his father, life sciences pioneer and company founder William Alfred Cook.
Freshmen Bring Global Focus & Diversity

Rose-Hulman continues to take big strides forward in diversity and globalization through student recruitment and the appointment of new campus leaders in both areas.

This year’s freshman class has a record number of international students, female students and Latino/Hispanic students. The college also received record numbers of applicants in each of those areas, helping set a new all-time high for total applications (4,298).

Overall, the 538 new students are the second largest in the college’s history, second only to last year’s total of 563.

“We are especially pleased to have a record number of women in this year’s new student totals,” said Jim Goecker, vice president of enrollment management. “Engineering has been seen as a male profession for too long and having back-to-back record years in female enrollment indicates Rose-Hulman’s commitment to diversifying the engineering profession.”

A large percentage of the international freshman student group is coming from China (27 students). Other countries on the list are India, Mongolia, Nepal, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Korea and Turkey.

Academically, 36 members of the freshman class earned perfect math scores on the SAT or ACT scholastic assessment tests. The students had a median 680 SAT math score and 610 SAT critical reading score, or median 32 ACT math score and 30 ACT English score. The median student ranked in the top six percent of their high school graduating classes.

Other interesting demographics about the class:
- 199 students completed a community service project during high school.
- 166 students play a musical instrument.
- 194 students participated in varsity athletics.
- 278 students had an after school or summer job.
- 20 students had a parent or grandparent who graduated from Rose-Hulman.

Global Outreach, Diversity Strengthened

Rose-Hulman has expanded its outreach in globalization and diversity by starting the Center for Global Experiences and Center for Diversity on campus.

Luchen Li, an international educator and scholar, is the first associate dean of global programs. He will lead the charge toward a globally-focused educational experience, reaching out to the world to increase international collaboration, and fostering a culturally-enhanced worldview to Rose-Hulman students, faculty and staff members.

Luanne Tilstra, professor of chemistry, is the first director of the Center for Diversity. She will coordinate and promote activities and programs designed to enhance awareness and appreciation of multi-cultural points of view on campus.
Campbell Awarded Reagan Scholarship

Freshman Erin Campbell had the goal of attending Rose-Hulman on her wish list, but couldn’t see how she or her family could afford it. That’s before she received one of the most lucrative college awards: the $40,000 GE-Ronald Reagan Foundation scholarship.

Campbell applied to Rose-Hulman at the behest of alumnus Bill Finley, her dad’s best friend and a longtime mentor to Campbell. He thought Erin could benefit from the personal attention on campus.

So, too, did the GE-Reagan Foundation. The award recognizes students who “demonstrate exemplary leadership, drive, integrity and citizenship.”

Campbell has completed more hours of humanitarian and service work than most people will in a lifetime. She has taken two trips to rehabilitate homes after Hurricane Katrina, regularly volunteers at a hospital, had a summer internship with a humanitarian organization, tutored a third grader in reading, and volunteered in a soup kitchen and crisis pregnancy center. She’s also has recently earned her pilot’s license.

Campbell is pursuing a degree in biomedical engineering and hopes to attend medical school. Sadly, Finley was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and died before seeing Erin arrive on campus.

Students on the Fast Track in Calculus

Fifty-five first-year students got a head start on their Rose-Hulman careers by completing the Fast Track Calculus program. The students entered sophomore-level math courses this fall.


Students Go to Global Design Contest

Electrical engineering and computer engineering students Kyle Green and Lei Liu presented their creative ideas using electrical components at this year’s International Digilent Design Contest Finals in Munich, Germany. They competed against students from throughout Europe, the United States, India, China and Mexico.

Lei developed an audio array system, which should be capable of real-time calculating sound sources’ direction and then enhancing the sound.

Green joined 2011 graduate David McGinnis in designing a modifiable, complete computing system, geared towards being used in the educational field as a way of getting grade school children interested in computer science and computer engineering.

Crawford Attends Apple Conference

Nick Crawford attended this summer’s Apple Inc. Worldwide Developers Conference in San Francisco after being selected by a panel of the company’s technical professionals.

“Many students apply, but only a select number are chosen,” stated Apple in a news release.

Crawford is a junior computer science student.

The Apple Worldwide Developers Conference is the premier event for developers creating innovative applications for Apple platforms.

Team Begins International Project

Eight students in this fall’s Computing in a Global Society course are learning about globalization in the computing industry through a cross-cultural project with peers from Uppsala University in Sweden. The students and instructor Cary Laxer spent a week in Sweden to get background on the project.

Students participating in the project are Maxwell Grove, Joshua Jones, Kegan Kaiser, Matthew Moore, Samuel Newman, John Patterson, Philip Scherer and Matthew Spurr.

Students Earn National Scholarships

Several students have earned scholarships to help support their career goals as engineers, scientists and mathematicians. These students include:

• Molly Rice, a senior civil engineering major, received the American Council of Engineering Companies’ Small Firm Council Scholarship.
• Kevin Wells, a senior software engineering major, received a Microsoft scholarship.
• Louis Vaught, a freshman civil engineering major, earned the Ben Everson Scholarship from the Claude Laval Corporation.
Outside The Classroom

Athletes Mix Wins with Learning on European Trips

“Any time you go somewhere with a football team, they’re gonna be noticed,” Associate Professor of Geography Mike Kukral chuckles.

Kukral accompanied the football team on this summer’s trip to Europe, where they emerged victorious in a charity benefit game against the Austrian National Football Team.

But it wasn’t all football for the players. Last spring, several members took Kukral’s Central European Studies course, which concentrated on topics being seen during the trip to Prague in the Czech Republic, and Vienna, Austria.

As a civil engineering major, quarterback Mitch Snyder took a particular interest in the architecture of the cities he visited. “I don’t know how they did this without any modern equipment,” he marveled as he recalled the grand cathedrals and massive palaces of Europe.

Kukral says that one of the valuable parts of an international experience is recognizing “differences you never thought of or expected.”

Basketball team members also came back with lots of memories from a summer trip to France, where they won three games while also touring sights such as the Champ Elysees, the Arc de Triomphe, and the Notre Dame Cathedral.

Basketball player Spencer Harlan had never before traveled abroad. “The major thing I learned is what it’s like to be in a completely different environment, completely different way of thinking and viewing things.”

The athletic ambassadors had a particularly moving experience when they met a group of British WWII veterans near Normandy. “I probably could have sat there and listened all day,” Harlan said.

Words Of Wisdom: Gian Paolo Dallara (right), founder and owner of Dallara Automobili, discusses topics about motorsport vehicle design with student Matt Kennedy (left), professor Patrick Cunningham and President Matt Branam.

Students Inspired During Trip to Home of Italian Motorsports

Mechanical engineering students and faculty members interested in motorsports exchanged ideas with leaders of automotive innovation at the Italian headquarters of Dallara and Ferrari during a European trip this fall.

The educational trip came at the invitation of Gian Paolo Dallara, founder and owner of the most successful international motorsports vehicle design company. Dallara Automobili provided the six-day, all-expense-paid trip, and Gian Paolo Dallara shared his philosophy for innovation and success while accompanying the group during a tour of Dallara Automobili’s facility in Varano, Italy. There was also a visit to the Society of Automotive Engineers’ formula motorsports competition and a dinner with Italian SAE members.

It was an experience that the students will not soon forget.

Students participating are leaders of Rose-Hulman’s Grand Prix Engineering Formula SAE team. The group included Graham Blyth, Jay Kautz, Matt Kennedy, Casey Povelones and Daniel Watson. Also participating were President Matt Branam, and mechanical engineering professors Patrick Cunningham and Zac Chambers.
Summer Learning

Students Span Globe to Add Valuable Experiences

It was a whirlwind summer for Mark Fleming, who assisted Rose-Hulman professor Fred Haan in researching the destructive forces of tornadoes at Iowa State University’s tornado simulator.

“The focus of my research was the low-level wind speeds that are present within a tornado and how these wind speeds can vary with the structure of a tornado,” the mechanical engineering student explained.

The research team used scaled simulations to measure pressure and velocity throughout the lifespan of a tornado. The data allowed them to quantify the near surface wind speeds at different locations from the tornado core.

“We are working to contribute to new structural design guidelines that will allow a structure to survive a F1 or F2 tornado, which account for over 90 percent of all tornados,” Fleming adds.

Andrew Bower counts himself fortunate to have spent the summer joining students and scientists from throughout the world at the Hadron Collider (LHC) near Geneva, Switzerland, that’s part of CERN – European Organization for Nuclear Research. It's one of the most competitive Research Experiences for Undergraduates programs in the United States.

Bower joined in the quest to find the elusive Higgs boson particle, conducting experiments and collecting data. The optical engineering and physics student has been fascinated with the supercollider since reading about its construction during his youth.

“I was just so excited the whole time. I just had this big smile on my face,” he said.

Daniel Dalenberg used a water jet cutter to create custom components for a biomedical project completed for a client at Rose-Hulman Ventures (RHV), located on Rose-Hulman’s South Campus.

“We built functional prototypes of the new designs we worked on,” the senior mechanical engineering student explained of his summer work.

Dalenberg programmed the water jet cutter to make parts based on computer-aided design files. Depending on the project, students may use the machine to create parts from aluminum, stainless steel, polycarbonate or other materials.

“If you can draw it flat, you can cut it on the water jet,” Dalenberg says of the machine.

Senior mechanical engineering student Trenton Tabor gained valuable experience in Active Intent Recognition at Carnegie Mellon University’s prestigious Robotics Institute Summer Scholars program. His team worked with technology that would enable a robot to “not only react to what passers-by are doing, but also try to provoke a response.”

In the case examined this summer, the robot would try to decide if someone is following it by moving in a
zig-zag pattern. It assumed that if you also follow this pattern of motion, you're likely following the robot.

"My specific work was using a technique called a Deformable Parts Model Histogram of Oriented Gradients Detector in order to find upper bodies, in real time, through video taken by the robot," explains Tabor, leader of Rose-Hulman's Robotics Club.

Kevin Wells put his software engineering and computer science major skills to good use as a member of the Xbox Live team during an internship with Microsoft.

This experience added to past positions with Indianapolis’ Interactive Intelligence, which had him creating a BlackBerry application.

“I got to see if Microsoft is somewhere I want to work as a career,” Wells said. “It was as much an interview for me as it was for them.”

Sophomore applied biology student Nate Wheeler and Rose-Hulman professor Peter Coppinger have discovered a new species of bacteria that infects the Midwestern wildflower Trillium.

Using a technique that Dr. Coppinger developed over the past few years with several students, DNA was extracted from the infected plant in order to sequence the bacteria. Further testing this summer confirmed the new species of bacteria.

Wheeler and Coppinger worked on the project as part of the Joseph and Reba Weaver Undergraduate Research Awards.

Han Yang, a senior electrical and mechanical engineering double-major, used both her knowledge of both disciplines while creating a custom machine during a RHV internship. The machine will increase production efficiency for a client company in the biomedical industry.

The project provided a unique opportunity for product development experience, as Yang took the design from concept to completed prototype. “It’s like a design-from-zero project,” she said.

Yang’s hands-on experience included using a lathe, water jet cutter and other machine tools to create the custom-made small parts necessary to build the device. She also experienced the business side of product development, meeting weekly with the client and learning about budgetary concerns.

Optical engineering student Grayson Bond was delighted to have the opportunity to do phenomenal and complex work following his sophomore year in Drake University’s Undergraduate Science Collaborative Institute.

Bond assisted physics professor Athan Petridis in examining optical pumping of rubidium. He joined other visiting students in making public presentations on campus following the two-month project.

“It’s been amazing to see the diversity of talents that (the visiting) students possess,” said Maria Valdovinos, director of the Drake program. “Not only do they have the technical skills for conducting research, they also excel when verbally explaining their work to others.”

Making Discoveries: Nate Wheeler helped find a new species of bacteria that infects wildflowers.
Thinking About Future: Members of the Home For Environmentally Responsible Engineering (HERE) program enjoy a cookout with Dean of Student Affairs Tom Miller. This group will examine sustainable practices in engineering.

Answering The Call: Kisha Bradley is among more than 100 students helping thousands of middle school and high school students as Homework Hotline tutors.

Seeing Historic Places: Students study the anatomical theatre at the University of Uppsala Museum during a recent trip to Sweden to begin an international project.

Getting To Know One Another: Enjoying a game outside Mees Hall during New Student Orientation were freshman classmates Zoe Rudish, Bridget Ehlers, Katie Westbrook, Rachael Ilic and Jessica Ahlborn.

Continuous Improvement: Mark Fleming examines one of the planes created by the Design-Build-Fly Team. Members have begun studying designs for the 2012 competition.

Behind The Wheel: Andrew Bomar prepares to help the human-powered vehicle team have another successful year in racing, winning the ASME west coast competition.
Parents Information

Join the Conversation

Recent messages on the Rose-Hulman Parents’ Group Facebook page have covered some of the following topics:

“The orientation was great. Thanks for a job well done. I feel confident that my son will be well taken care of by the Rose-Hulman family. Even though we live in New York let us know what we can do for the Parent’s Association.”
- Kathleen Lunz-Gewirtz

“Rose is truly a unique school, take in as much of it as you can!”
- Tom Wolf

“RHIT does such a great job with all the wonderful folks! We are very thankful and our son loves the education! Wondering who is from the Louisville, Ky/Floyds Knobs, Indiana area?”
- Lisa Koetter

“The first day they had snow--a real snow--my son and a boy from Florida immediately ran outside to "play" in it. Everyone else looked at them like they were crazy!”
- Sarah Chenault

“Rose is an amazing school, and I know my daughter will love it there. She is one of the few girls with a Computer Science major.”
- Vicky Mantell

“We had a great time at orientation. We were VERY impressed with the school, and felt very welcomed by the Parents’ Association. Currently we live in SC (military - move frequently) - is anyone else from this area?”
- Cindy Booth Carlson

Rose-Hulman in Social Media
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- Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
- Rose-Hulman Parents’ Group

Follow Rose-Hulman on Twitter
- rosehulman

Examine Photos on Flickr
- Page Name: rose-hulman

Campus Web Resources For Parents:
- Rose-Hulman’s web page
  www.rose-hulman.edu
- Parents’ Web Links
  www.rose-hulman.edu/parents.aspx
- Latest Campus News
  www.rose-hulman.edu/news.aspx
- Latest Sports News & Schedules
  www.rose-hulman.edu/athletics.aspx

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Questions parents may have about Rose-Hulman can be sent to mykidis@rose-hulman.edu
2011-2012 ACADEMIC CALENDAR
Fall Quarter
Nov. 14-17 - Final exams
Nov. 18 - Fee payment deadline for winter quarter

Winter Quarter
Nov. 28 - Start of winter quarter
Dec. 21-Jan. 3 - Holiday vacation
Jan. 14 - Midterm report deadline
Jan. 16-20 - Spring quarter registration period
Jan. 20 - Final date to drop a course without penalty
Feb. 20-23 - Final exams period
Feb. 24 - Fee payment deadline for spring quarter

Spring Quarter
March 5 - Start of spring quarter
March 31-April 8 - Spring break
April 14 - Midterm report deadline
April 20 - Final date to drop a course without penalty
May 21-24 - Final exams for spring quarter
May 26 - Commencement, 11 a.m.

Rose-Hulman's Two-Year Academic Calendar is available for viewing at the Office of Academic Affairs' web page.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES
Oct. 5 - Fall Job Fair
Oct. 22 - Day of Service
Dec. 10 - Bikes For Tykes assembly day
Jan. 12 - Winter Funfest
Jan. 17 - MLK Jr. Leadership Awards Dinner
Jan. 25 - Winter Job Fair
April 14 - FE Exam
April 18 - Spring Job Fair
May 5 - Honors & Awards Program
May 25 - Senior Soiree/ROTC Commissioning

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION EVENTS
Oct. 28-29 - Dad's Day (Parents' Meeting, 8 a.m.)
May 5 - Mom's Day (Parents’ Meeting, 8 a.m.)

PERFORMING ARTS SERIES
Oct. 17 - National Acrobats of China
Nov. 28 - The Vienna Boys Choir’s Christmas Show
Jan. 10 - Moscow Festival Ballet’s “Cinderella”
Feb. 18 - The Acting Company’s Comedy of Errors (See entire schedule at www.hatfieldhall.com)

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