

2026

CALENDAR

MELIORA

University of Rochester

THE Genesee

Words by T. T. Swinburne, Class of 1892
Old melody arranged by Herve D. Wilkins, Class of 1866

Full many fair and famous streams
Beneath the sun there be,
Yet more to us than any seems
Our own dear Genesee.
We love her banks and stately falls,
For to our minds they bring
Our dear old alma mater's halls
Where sweetest memories cling.

No castled crags along her way
Romantic splendors cast;
No fabled or historic lay
Recalls the golden past.
But more than battlemented walls,
Or legends they may bear,
Are alma mater's vine-clad halls
And memories lingering there.

As flows the river gathering force,
Along her steadfast way,
May we along life's devious course
Grow stronger day by day.
And may our hearts, where'er we roam,
Forever loyal be
To our beloved college home
Beside the Genesee.





This is our moment.

Founded by visionaries within our own community, the University of Rochester was built on a belief that education can be a force for good—a place where big questions can lead to bold impact.

Today, we stand at another defining moment in our history. Once again, we're calling on our community to help us realize a better world—one fueled by curiosity, creativity, and shared humanity. Ever better starts here—and because of your support—it can reach everywhere.

Thank you for your generosity

and for believing in the University of Rochester's power to fuel an ever better future for our students, for our patients, for our world.

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THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER

Learn more about the newly launched *For Ever Better: The Campaign for the University of Rochester* at ***everbetter.rochester.edu***

For direct access to all URochester events as they are updated throughout the year, visit ***rochester.edu/giving/calendar.***



JANUARY

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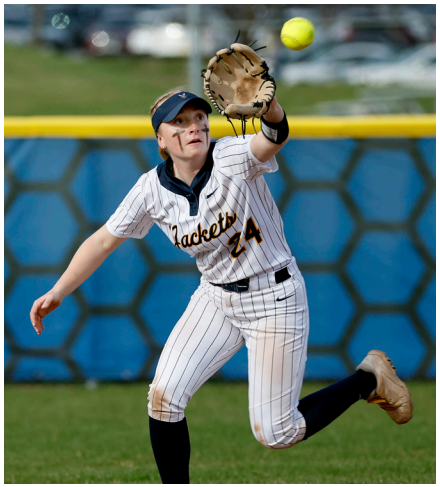
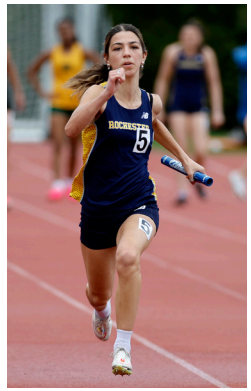
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18	19 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20 Spring classes begin	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day	28	29	30 Winterfest Weekend begins *(Jan. 30-Feb. 1)*	31


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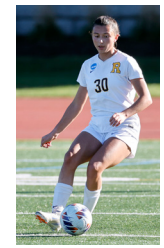
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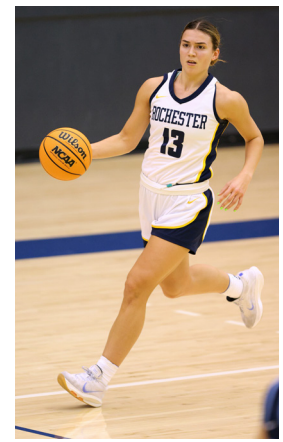
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15 Susan B. Anthony's Birthday	16 Presidents' Day	17 Lunar New Year Ramadan begins at sundown	18	19	20	21
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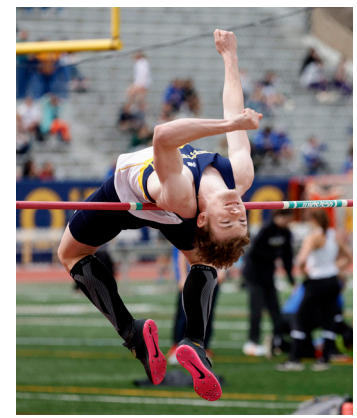





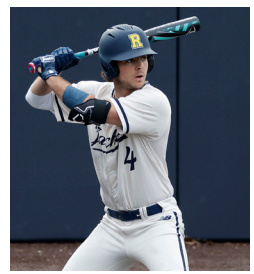


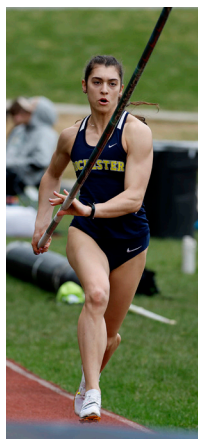


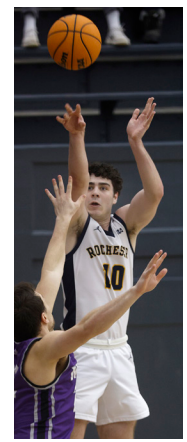











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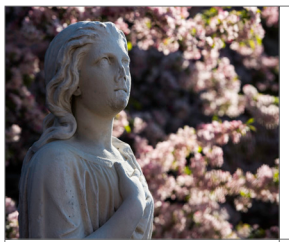
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1 Women's History Month begins	2	3 Magha Puja	4 Holi begins at sundown	5	6	7 Spring Break begins *(Mar. 7-15)*
8 Daylight Saving Time begins	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Eid al-Fitr begins at sundown	20	21
22	23 Forever Rochester Week begins *(Mar. 23-27)*	24 March Matchness begins *(Mar. 24-26)*	25 Student Day of Giving	26	27	28
29	30	31 Transgender Day of Visibility	1	2	3	

MARCH MATCHNESS



APRIL

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	29	30	1 Passover begins at sundown Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month begins	2	3	4
5 Easter Sunday	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Tax Day	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23	24 Dandelion Day Springfest Weekend begins *(Apr. 24-26)*	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2



MAY

Notes

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		29	30	31	1 Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month begins Jewish American Heritage Month begins Last day of spring classes Mental Health Awareness Month begins Vesak	2 Reading period begins *(May 2–4)*
3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo Final exams begin *(May 5–10)*	6 URochester's Day of Giving	7	8	9 Senior Week begins *(May 9-14)*
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15 Commencement Weekend begins *(May 15-17)*	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 31	25 Memorial Day	26 Eid al-Adha begins at sundown	27	28	29	30



JUNE

Notes

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Pride Month begins	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19 Juneteenth	20
21 Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 University of Rochester fiscal year end	1	2	Thank you for remembering to make your fiscal year-end gift to the University.	To make your gift by credit card, please visit ***rochester.edu/giving/calendar***

2025

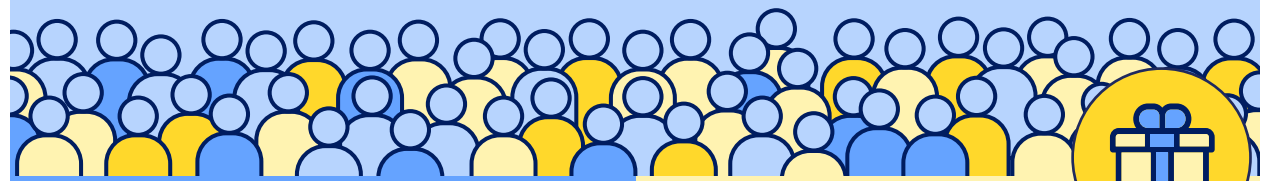
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Looking back on the past year, we're reminded of how much we've been able to accomplish thanks to your support.

Your generosity fuels discoveries that push the boundaries of knowledge, opens doors so students can reach their full potential, advances patient care that saves lives, and strengthens academic programs that prepare the next generation.

45,256

donors gave to the University's annual funds, meeting the emergent and immediate needs of students

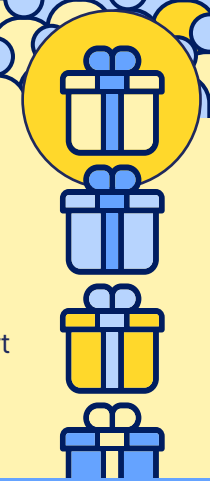


14,287

alumni supported the University of Rochester

3,731

donors participated in *Day of Giving*, inspired in part by **127 advocates**



$14.9M

earmarked for medical needs and programs





$11.9M

raised for academic units and departments

2,830

alumni contributed to their *Reunion Class Gift Campaign*, collectively raising **$3.6M** for annual funds across campus

3,431

alumni gave back as volunteers, helping to shape a stronger Rochester community



22,686

Rochester Loyal members supported **1,037 annual funds**

1,974

March Matchness donors raised **more than $312,000** for Rochester Athletics



3,700

George Eastman Circle members contributed **$9.45M**, including 165 new members



406

graduates of the last decade made a gift and attended an event through the *Young Alumni Perks Program*



70+

students volunteered for their *Senior Giving Campaign Committee*

15,084

alumni and parents were contacted by student phonathon callers

1,123

donors gave **more than $19,000** as part of *Comfy for a Cause*



684

seniors made a gift—that's more than 50% of the Class of 2025!



Each year brings new priorities and pressing needs that demand our focus and resources. It's the collective impact of donors like you that makes it possible to rise to each challenge and seize every opportunity.

With every gift, you spark meaningful change that extends across our community, leaving a lasting mark on our institution and the lives we touch.

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Enjoy Rochester's
WATERWAYS

JULY

Notes

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	29	30	1 Disability Pride Month begins	2	3	4 Independence Day
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12 George Eastman's Birthday	13	14	15	16	17	18
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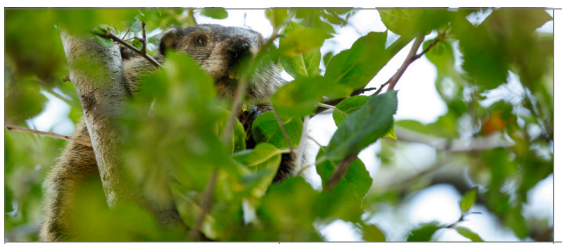
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16	17	18	19 Candlelight Ceremony	20	21	22
23 30 Fall classes begin	24 31	25	26	27	28 Wilson Day	29



SEPTEMBER

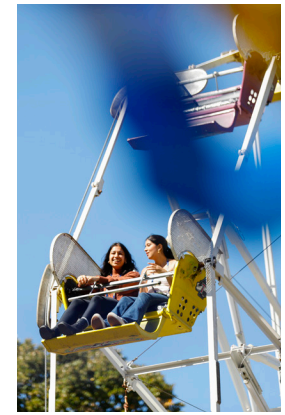
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6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11 Rosh Hashana begins at sundown	12
13	14	15 Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month begins	16	17	18	19
20	21 Yom Kippur begins at sundown	22	23	24	25	26
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OCTOBER

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		30	31	1 LGBTQ+ History Month begins Meliora Weekend begins *(Oct. 1–4)* National Disability Employment Awareness Month begins	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 National Coming Out Day	12 Columbus Day Fall Break begins *(Oct. 12-13)* Indigenous Peoples' Day	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween



NOVEMBER

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Daylight Saving Time ends	2	3 Election Day	4	5	6	7
8 Diwali	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Transgender Day of Remembrance	21
22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Recess begins *(Nov. 25–29)*	26 Thanksgiving	27	28
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DECEMBER

Notes

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	30	1 Giving Tuesday	2	3	4 Hanukkah begins at sundown	5
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13	14 Last day of fall classes	15 Reading period begins	16	17	18 Final exams begin	19
20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa begins
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	Thank you for remembering to make your calendar year-end gift to the University.	To make your gift by phone, please call **866-673-0181**

2027 *at a glance.*

JANUARY 2027

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Notes

Personalize your calendar by marking important dates and special moments throughout the year.

























Our goal in producing this calendar is to be inclusive of all communities that make up our University of Rochester family.
If you have any questions or would like to share your feedback, please email ***annualfunds@rochester.edu***.

JANUARY
Students walking among snow-covered trees on River Campus. *Photo by J. Adam Fenster*

FEBRUARY
Argentum: Double-Positive, a light sculpture by Jim Sanborn, is seen in the evening during a snowfall at the Memorial Art Gallery. *Photo by J. Adam Fenster*

MARCH
Pride, effort, teamwork—our Rochester Yellowjackets in action. *Images released to the University of Rochester for use.*

APRIL
The Dandelion Square Clocktower peeks out above flowering crabapple trees on a spring day. *Photo by J. Adam Fenster.*

MAY
Graduates of the Class of 2025 throw their caps in the Eastman Quad following Commencement. *Photo by Lauren Petracca.*

JUNE
An aerial view of the Rush Rhees Library Tower during sunset. *Photo by AJ Pow*

JULY
Eastman School of Music's Hatch Recital Hall, Wolk Atrium, and Chihuly sculpture at dusk. *Photo by J. Adam Fenster.*

AUGUST
The Genesee River wraps around the University's River Campus. *Photo by J. Adam Fenster.*

SEPTEMBER
Students congregate in front of Wegmans Hall on Hajim Quad during a warm fall morning. *Photo by J. Adam Fenster*

OCTOBER
Alumni, parents, students, faculty, staff, and friends enjoy Meliora Weekend 2025. *Photos by Renee Venisky, Kurt Brownell, Matt Wittmeyer, John Schlia, Deron Berkhof, Nataliya Kostiw, Narada Riley, Rich Paprocki*

NOVEMBER
A picturesque view of the Interfaith Chapel from the top of Hylan Hall. *Photo by J. Adam Fenster*

DECEMBER
A snowman stands tall on a calm winter morning in front of the iconic Rush Rhees Library. *Photo by Brandon Vick*

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Dear <FORMAL_SALUTATION>,

As the year winds down, I reflect with gratitude on the impact of the University and Medical Center—fueled by generous alumni, parents, students, patients, faculty, staff, and friends like you. **Thank you for supporting the University of Rochester.** Your gift, and gifts of all sizes, make a difference and play a vital role in propelling the *For Ever Better* campaign: our bold plan to prepare the next generation of leaders and drive innovations, technologies, and cures that improve lives.

As a token of our appreciation, we are delighted to present you with our seventh annual wall calendar. Within the pages, you'll find moments that reflect our treasured traditions, while capturing the vibrance of today's campus life. We hope these scenes—from the Residence Quad to the iconic Rush Rhees Library—bring the Meliora spirit into your home and inspire a meaningful beginning to the new year.

Thank you for choosing to make a difference at the University of Rochester. My sincere wishes to you and yours for a happy and healthy holiday season ahead.

Meliora,



Ria Nova '98
Member, Board of Trustees
Chair, Annual Giving Programs