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News and Announcements

President Seligman Issues Diversity Report

In his seventh annual diversity report, President Joel Seligman says that "We have made great progress, but the University still has far to go to achieve our full aspirations as a diverse and inclusive community." [Read more...](#)

Best Translated Book Award Winners Announced

The [Best Translated Book Awards for poetry and fiction](#), organized by Three Percent at the University, were announced Friday. Nichita Stanescu's *Wheel with Single Spoke*, translated from the Romanian by Sean Cotter, and Laszlo Krasznahorkai's *Satantango*, translated from the Hungarian by Georges Szirtes, took top honors. See news coverage from the [Washington Post](#), [ABC News](#), [NPR](#), and the [Huffington Post](#).

Filipino Deaf Educators Visit ASL Programs

A delegation of deaf educators from the Philippines will take part in a morning-long presentation by the American Sign Language program on Friday, May 10, to learn about deaf education programs in the United States. Sponsored by the nonprofit organization [Discovering Deaf Worlds](#) and the U.S. Department of State, the Filipino group is meeting with faculty at Rochester, the National Institute for the Deaf at RIT, and Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., and other institutions during a three-week mission to develop new ideas in curriculum, research, planning, and other issues that may help improve deaf education in the Philippines. The ASL program will make a presentation from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Members of the University community who are interested in attending, should contact [Guillaume Chastel](#) of ASL.

Forbes Competition Winners Named

Undergraduate engineering and applied science students presented their technical business plans to a panel of alumni and faculty judges to compete for cash prizes in the 2013 Charles and Janet Forbes Entrepreneurial Competition. First place was Ovitz (Joungyoon "Felix" Kim '14). Tied for second place were TrakOR (Sonja Page '13, Erin Schnellinger '13, Ankit Medhekar '13, W. Spencer Klubben '13, Matt Plakosh '13, and Michael Nolan '13) and Formation 3D (Steven Trambert '13, Alex Feiszli '14, and Eric Frank '13). Bio ReSolutions (Kyle Fedorchak '14 and Wai Ling Ye '13) was also a finalist.

Well-U, University Honored for Employee Wellness

Well-U, on behalf of the University, is one of 15 local employers to receive a 2013 Wealth of Health Award, cosponsored by Excellus BlueCross BlueShield and the *Rochester Business Journal*. The honor recognizes efforts to encourage and support employee wellness. Honorees were judged on the creativity of their initiatives, active participation, ability to show measurable improvements, sustainability, and program outcomes. [Read more...](#)

Go Green: RecycleMania Results



For the fifth year in a row, the University has participated in RecycleMania, an annual competition among more than 600 colleges and universities across North America. The University scored well in many categories, ranking in the top 10 percent for five of the categories and within the top half of the remaining two. [Read more...](#)

Call for Posters: Justice Involved Women's Conference

Poster applications are being accepted to present research at the Justice Involved Women Conference on Friday, June 21. The daylong event, held at the Staybridge Suites Hotel, will include a poster session that will reflect research and services related to helping women involved in the criminal justice system. Those interested in presenting a poster based on their research should [complete the application form by May 25](#). [Click here](#) to learn more about the conference and to register.

Get a Free Snack for Joining Blood Pressure Challenge

Stop by Cafe 601 in Strong Memorial Hospital during lunch today or Friday to check your blood pressure numbers and get a free healthy snack provided by Well-U and Food and Nutrition. [Read more...](#)

Golf Tournament to Benefit Visiting Nurse Hospice

On Monday, July 8, Visiting Nurse Service of Rochester will hold its 22nd annual Golf for Hospice Tournament to benefit the Visiting Nurse Hospice program. [Read more...](#)

May 8, 2013



Today's Forecast:
PM Showers, High 70°
Tomorrow:
Scattered T-storms,
High 72°

Today's Event Highlight

Art Exhibit: Sweet Tea and Pecan Pie

11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Hartnett Gallery, Wilson Commons. [Read more...](#)



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Rochester in the News

[Innovation Trail \(May 6\)](#)

Upstate Researchers Tackle Toilet Training for Autistic Children

Researchers have developed a wearable sensor system to help toilet train autistic children. The device, created at the University, involves a moisture pager that can connect to a smartphone app and alert caregivers to accidents. "It seems like something that you would think already exists, and it doesn't," says Stephen McAleavey, associate professor of biomedical engineering and of electrical and computer engineering, who is part of the team that developed the technology.

[Democrat and Chronicle \(May 7\)](#)

UR Students Place in Business Contest

Emily Wozniak, a graduate student at the Eastman School and founder of the nonprofit orchestra Sound ExChange, was among 11 teams from area colleges that competed during in the final round of the New York Business Plan Competition in Albany. Three University teams won awards, including Wozniak, who earned second place and \$5,000 in the social entrepreneurship/nonprofit category. "Basically, I wanted musicians to reinvigorate and re-imagine the way people experience live music, with the purpose of engaging new audiences," says Wozniak.



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