



Organization History and Description

The Community Advocates have a legacy since 2002 of promoting diversity, advocacy and upholding human rights on and off Rensselaer's campus. Since their founding the Community Advocates have been known for many different events, such as their Human Rights week, discussion of the Affordable Care Act, and the design and fabrication of the Peace Cranes found in Folsom Library.

As a Community Advocate you are one of twelve active members on campus. In this role you will continue to encourage understanding and acceptance of diversity on campus and in the world. In our discussions, Community Advocates strive to create open forums to allow participants to voice their views in a safe environment. Community Advocates aim to create a major campus wide event each fall and spring term, in addition to several smaller events. In the past these events have ranged from organizing Rensselaer's Oxfam Banquet, to a performance of the Reading of the Play 8, held at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall.



2015-2016 Application

General Information

Who are the Community Advocates?

The Community Advocates are freshmen, sophomore, junior, senior, and graduate student leaders who have the shared goal to prepare Rensselaer students for global citizenship by promoting an understanding and appreciation for diversity and inclusivity.

They accomplish this by:

- Creating events which provide information and promote healthy discussion about the issues of understanding and accepting diversity
- Exploring some of the myths and misperceptions that we hold that may have shaped our thoughts and attitudes about persons different than ourselves
- Opening personal and professional doorways to learning more about our diverse cultures
- Creating an safe environment which encourages openness, honesty and values the individual

Requirements for the position:

Currently enrolled students, who have attended Rensselaer for at least one semester, may file an application for a Community Advocate position. Candidates must hold a 3.0 grade point average and have a good judicial standing. All Community Advocates must agree to attend the scheduled training sessions set forth in the application packet and participate as a Community Advocate at all events.

Position Terms:

- Attend all weekly Community Advocate meetings
- Participate in discussions at our meetings and events and encourage others to share their diverse views
- Work with fellow Community Advocates to plan and execute campus events
- Attend all events sponsored by the Community Advocates and welcome fellow students
- Be aware of global concerns

Application Information:

Please answer all demographic and essay questions completely. Please attach typewritten responses to the application upon submission. You may also email smithc@rpi.edu to receive an electronic version of this application. Completed applications should be returned to the Dean of Students Office.

An open house will be held during the Community Advocate meeting on Tuesday, February 10th, from 5-6 p.m., in the Academy Hall 4th Floor, Dean of Students Office Conference Room. You may also email questions to smithc@rpi.edu or call DOSO at 276-3098.

Selection Process:

The Community Advocate selection process will consist of a committee review each application and two recommendations presented by each applicant. All applicants will sign up for an interview time after completing their application. All applicants will be notified of their final status by letter, which may be picked up in the Dean of Students Office, 4629 Academy Hall, beginning Friday, March 13th at noon.

Important Application Dates:

- February 2nd – Applications available electronically and in DOSO, 4629 Academy Hall
- Tuesday, February 10th, at 6 p.m., Open House during the Community Advocate Meeting -Academy Hall 4th Floor, Dean of Students Office Conference Room.
- Friday, February 27th, noon – Deadline for submitting application: students will sign up for an interview upon submitting an application
- Friday, March 13th, noon – Applicant status letter is available for pickup in DOSO, 4629 Academy Hall
- Friday, March 20th, noon – Applicant deadline to accept position
- New Community Advocates will be announced during Grand Marshal Week

Important Training & Meeting Dates:

- Trainings –May 23rd, 24th and 25th, on-campus residents will be granted allowances to remain on campus during training
- Meetings – Tentatively Tuesdays at 6 p.m. during the academic year
- Program dates will be decided upon by the members, with one campus wide event as the focal point of each semester.



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Application:

Ms./Mr. _____
Last First Middle Initial

Institute/Local Address: _____

Institute/Local Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Permanent Phone: _____

School/Major Program: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Entered Rensselaer as a: Freshman _____ Transfer _____ Graduate Student _____

Do you have any active judicial sanctions? Yes _____ No _____

Is your overall GPA a 3.00 or higher? Yes _____ No _____

Identify **2** Rensselaer professional staff or faculty members whom you have worked with or have been supervised by that **we may contact** as a reference.

Name and title: _____

Phone: _____ How long have they known you: _____

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Please list any campus jobs, affiliations, organizations, officer positions, sports, special committees/programs, etc. in which you are involved on campus at RPI.

Essay Questions: One or two paragraphs are acceptable

1. Why is understanding and accepting diversity so important in our world, and how has diversity impacted you at Rensselaer? Are there issues of diversity students face at Rensselaer and how might they be addressed?
2. Describe a current event you are passionate about and why. What unique qualities will you be able to contribute to the Community Advocates?
3. Please rate yourself in the following areas:

	Above Average		Average		Below Average
Comfort level with meeting new people:	1	2	3	4	5
Ability to speak publicly:	1	2	3	4	5
Time management skills:	1	2	3	4	5
Organizational skills:	1	2	3	4	5
Project Management & Design:	1	2	3	4	5
Ability to work independently:	1	2	3	4	5
Ability to work in a group:	1	2	3	4	5

Please briefly explain any 5's you circled.

If you are not selected as a Community Advocate, would you still be interested in sharing your program ideas and/or getting involved in another way?

Yes _____ No _____

**Please return the completed application to
The Dean of Students Office, 4629 Academy Hall,
NO LATER THAN
Noon, Friday, February 27, 2015**