

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act
Biennial Review: Jan. 1, 2020 - Jan. 1, 2022

In compliance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (DFSCA) articulated through Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) Part 86, the following review of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's alcohol and other drug programs assesses the period of Jan. 1, 2020 – Jan. 1, 2022.

Introduction

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) educates the leaders of tomorrow for technologically based careers. The student body consists of 7,616 students (6,283 undergraduates and 1,333 graduate students), with more than 60% of its students living on campus. Students enrolled are from all 50 states and over 40 different countries. Additionally, Rensselaer employs more than 1,000 faculty and staff.

Since the DFSCA's 1994 amendments to the Higher Education Act of 1965, institutions of higher education have been responsible for communicating standards and prevention efforts regarding the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of alcohol and other illicit drugs (AOD) on their campuses. Every year, institutions are responsible for notifying students, faculty, and staff of the consequences AOD brings to the campus community. Every other year, in a biennial review, institutions must prepare a report that assesses AOD prevention efforts and allows for growth by examining the strengths and weaknesses of current offerings. Institutions are charged with determining the effectiveness of their efforts and ensuring that disciplinary standards for enforcement are being upheld.

This biennial review has been completed by campus departments and RPI Ambulance (a student-run and operated Basic Life Support transporting ambulance agency that serves the RPI campus and surrounding communities), all of whom aim to reduce the negative impact of alcohol and other drug use in our community.

Statement of AOD Program Goals and Goal Achievement

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's program goals for this biennial review from Jan. 1, 2020 - Jan. 1, 2022 were to:

1. Increase AOD awareness through prevention programming to students.
2. Provide AOD support services for students.
3. Identify AOD violation trends to effectively enforce the Alcohol and Other Drug Policy via the Student Handbook.
4. Re-establish the Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention and Education Committee to include new membership and recommit to the committee's mission of: education, environmental change (policy), and enforcement.

The outcomes of these goals during this biennial review period are:

1. Increase AOD awareness through prevention programming to students.

Summer Orientation – Community Responsibility

Awareness regarding community responsibility commences for all incoming freshmen and transfer students during their summer orientation. Due to the pandemic, summer orientation was conducted online during this review period. This required program was divided into four modules and covered the following content: academic overview; life on campus (Student Living and Learning & Student Health Services); return to campus health and safety, and; academic integrity, expert insights on unconscious bias, overcoming your own unconscious bias, using communication strategies to bridge cultural divides, responding to a hostile intruder, and preventing sexual misconduct.

AlcoholEdu & Sexual Assault Prevention for Undergraduates

Pre-matriculation, all incoming freshmen and transfer students are required to complete two online educational programs: AlcoholEdu and Sexual Assault Prevention for Undergraduates (SAPU), created by Vector Solutions. AlcoholEdu is a personalized educational program that assesses individual risk, covers campus and federal policies, addresses risk-reduction - including abstinence, and covers on- and off-campus resources. SAPU covers sexual misconduct, campus and federal policies, and reviews on- and off-campus resources.

Mandatory First Residence Hall Meeting

All incoming undergraduates are required to attend a mandatory first residence hall meeting during Navigating Rensselaer and Beyond Week (NRB), a week-long series of events held specifically for incoming undergraduates prior to the start of classes and upper-class students moving back to campus. During this mandatory residence hall meeting, students are provided information regarding the Institute's Alcohol and Other Drug Policy.

Safe Ride

Safe Ride provides Rensselaer students with a safe, free, and alternate form of transportation seven days a week from 7:00 pm until 3:00 am. The program is designed as a way to support students traveling to their homes late at night or to evening campus/academic events. Students may request a ride from any location within an approximately one-mile radius of campus using the Transloc App (which must be downloaded from the Android or Apple App Store). One of two cars, driven and operated by fellow Rensselaer students, picks the student up and drives them to their residence or an academic building. This service was in operation from January 2020 through March 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Safe Ride program was suspended. To assist students, Rensselaer's Parking and Transportation Services implemented the Late Night On-Demand Shuttle.

Late Night On-Demand Shuttle

The Late Night On-Demand Shuttle provides students with safe and free transportation on Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00 pm to 2:00 am. The program is designed to support students traveling to their homes late at night or to evening campus/academic events. Students may request a ride using the Transloc App (which must be downloaded from the Android or Apple App Store). This program is operated by Rensselaer's Parking and Transportation Services.

Alcohol Use Disorder Identification Test (AUDIT)

Between Jan. 1, 2020 and Mar. 13, 2020 students who came to the Student Health Center for services and who were eligible (if not taken during the prior semester), were given the AUDIT. After Mar. 13, 2020 the AUDIT was temporarily suspended due to the pandemic and limited in-office visits. Information garnered from the AUDIT provides triage nurses with data for next steps. For students who score a 0-7, they are considered "little to no risk" and as such no intervention is necessary. Students are advised of their score and encouraged to continue this behavior. Students who score 8-15 are considered "low-moderate risk" and provided information on how to cut down on their drinking. They are encouraged to engage in low-risk drinking behaviors. Students who score 16-19 are considered "harmful or hazardous risk" and as such are advised of their score, provided information on how to cut down on their drinking, and are referred to a Health Educator for an alcohol assessment. Lastly, students who score 20+ are considered "severe risk", advised of their score, provided information on how to cut down on their drinking, and a referral to a Health Educator is made. This instrument can be found here: <https://www.drugabuse.gov/sites/default/files/files/AUDIT.pdf>

Bystander Intervention Training

Rensselaer's Bystander Intervention Training was developed in fall 2013 by the Student Health Center & Counseling Center, utilizing evidence-based research to address six common areas of risky behavior found among college students who may engage in social activities in the presence of alcohol: substance abuse, hazing, sexual misconduct, intimate partner violence, mental health emergencies, and physical emergencies. Bystander Intervention Training educates participants in ways to intervene in high-risk situations, while keeping themselves and others safe. Bystander Intervention Trainings were facilitated between January and March of 2020 prior to the campus shut-down (due to the COVID-19 pandemic). Bystander Intervention Trainings resumed in the fall of 2021.

Training for Intervention Procedures (TIPS)

TIPS is a nationwide alcohol bystander intervention training that Greek Life members are encouraged to attend. Rensselaer Union Clubhouse Pub student staff are required to attend this training. This training covers behavioral cues associated with alcohol use, intoxication rate factors, and skills for successful intervention around alcohol. Campus policies including the alcohol and other drug policy, Good Samaritan Policy, and Sexual Misconduct Policy are discussed. On- and off-campus resources are reviewed. TIPS was available to Greeks between January and March of 2020 prior to the campus shut-down (due to the COVID-19 pandemic). Given a drastic decrease in requested TIPS Trainings by the Greek community in recent years

(due to a new campus policy in which Greek social functions are to be hosted by a 3rd party vendor who supplies and serves the alcohol), the Student Health Center's TIPS Trainer did not recertify in fall of 2020. A TIPS Trainer who works in the Rensselaer Union still trains the Union Clubhouse Pub student staff and is available as needed for other student organizations who may request this training.

Student Athletes Speaker Series

The Athletic Department hosts an annual guest speaker for all intercollegiate student athletes. The speakers and topics vary based on feedback from athletic administrators, head coaches, and student athletes. In 2020, the Athletic Department hosted Mike Green on the topics of alcohol and drug use through education and preventative techniques. Mike Green has 30 years of experience working with college student-athletes effectively educating them on responsibility, accountability, safety, decision making, and peer pressure. In 2021, the Athletic Department did not host an annual speaker due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Alternative Programs – Weekly Student Activities programs continue on weekdays and weekends. With over 200 clubs on campus, there are generally 15-20 events, sport programs or volunteer opportunities weekly. Weekly general events include video gaming, board games and other types of tournaments, sporting competitions, cultural events, religious gathers, class council programs, theater and performing arts events, as well as general programming committee events such as UPAC Cinema who hosts pop movie showings from 8:00 pm – 2:00 am Fridays & Saturday nights. This is a strength in programming in that we have something for students to attend on campus almost every night and week.

Fraternity & Sorority Social 101

Social 101 was an educational program provided by Fraternity & Sorority Commons (FSC) prior to the pandemic and was required for all chapter presidents and officers responsible for both risk and social event management each semester. The training covered both Fraternity Information Programming Group (FIPG, Inc.) and RPI policies/standards. The current program and expectations for hosting events where alcohol is present, as well as the health and safety guidelines that govern such events are currently being reviewed/edited for fall 2022 implementation. Additionally, expectations surrounding the RPI Good Samaritan Policy is also being reviewed for future incorporation into the program.

Emerging Leaders Programming, IMPACT

The Office of Fraternity & Sorority Commons (FSC) is working to establish in 2022 and in collaboration with the North American Interfraternity Conference a campus-based leadership institute designed to foster and improve the relationships among the four council leaders through an interactive 2.5-day program. Participants will determine what that change is through their participation. The program, called IMPACT, is curriculum-based and designed to increase self-awareness, community awareness, visioning and skill development. Participants will be able to recognize the current realities of their fraternity/sorority community and begin to develop effective strategies for positive change.

FSC Alcohol & Other Drug Education Programs

The Office of Fraternity & Sorority Commons (FSC), is currently planning for a reimagined educational programming portfolio for fall 2022. The defined learning objectives for a program centered on alcohol and other drugs will be to identify drinking norms on campus, increase awareness of risk-management strategies, and to provide education surrounding the on- and off-campus resources that are available to sororities/fraternities.

FSC Social Event Management Manual

The Social Event Management Manual is currently being reviewed and assessed for necessary adjustments and alignment with community best practice that considers a post-pandemic community. The finished product will reflect a process and standard for the fraternity and sorority community to follow. The Manual will hope to serve as supplement to the Rensselaer Student Handbook of Rights and Responsibilities. Current practice requires fraternities and sororities who are wishing to host a social event with alcohol to develop a plan for the event which identifies a third-party vendor (TPV) with an established liquor license. In both private chapter facilities or at off-campus venues, alcohol may only be provided and served by a TPV.

FSC Sponsored Alcohol/Other Drug Awareness Events

Individual chapters within the fraternity/sorority community will traditionally sponsor or host educational programs throughout the year related to alcohol and other drugs. Many of these programming efforts are internal and/or part of the Inter/National organization requirements. Community examples include but are not limited to, Drug Awareness and Addiction Seminars, having all members complete an Alcohol Skills Training, and participation in online programming such as GreekLifeEDU. Additionally, the community may work in support of one specific program, and/or be represented at a speaker series or community screening event. These events are intended to reach a larger audience beyond a single member group.

Alcohol & Other Drug Risk-Reduction Programs

On a request-basis, alcohol and other drug risk-reduction programs can be offered to residence halls, clubs, or organizations. These programs typically review Rensselaer's Alcohol and Other Drug Policy, Rensselaer's Good Samaritan Policy, federal laws, protective behaviors, risk-reduction, and on- and off-campus resources. In tandem with the Rensselaer County Department of Health, Narcan Training was provided during this review period (prior to the pandemic). No other alcohol and other drug-specific requests for programming were made during this review period, likely due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Clubhouse Pub

The Clubhouse Pub, located on the top floor of the Rensselaer Union, provides a safe environment for the reasonable consumption of alcoholic beverages for those members of the Rensselaer community over the age of 21. The Pub opened its doors on September 14, 1990 and is open 12 months a year. The Pub was closed from March 2020 - Sept 14, 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Staffed by student bartenders and managed by a full-time member of the Union Administrative Staff, The Pub provides a comfortable location for studying, meeting with

friends, playing trivia, singing Karaoke, or enjoying some professional musicians' performances. Prior to beginning their position at The Pub, all student staff must complete TIPS Training, a 90-minute orientation with the manager, and shadow current staff for at least one week. They are required to attend monthly staff meetings throughout the school year to continue their training. Documentation of TIPS Trainings provided for student bartenders is available in Appendix D of this document.

The Clubhouse Pub Programs

The Clubhouse Pub provides events for students over the age of 21, such as weekly Trivia Nights, monthly Karaoke Nights, monthly Painting at the Pub, and numerous themed Wine & Dine events to name a few. All programs are to provide stress relief for our patrons. Patrons are not required to purchase an alcoholic beverage to participate in these events. The Pub promotes the responsible consumption of alcohol during all programs.

Senior Week Activities

Senior Week events are for the senior class and are not available for underclassmen except where guest rules are indicated. The Undergraduate Class Dean compares the list of registered participants to the roster of undergraduate students to ensure underage participants will be identified prior to an event and can be monitored. No passing or service of alcohol is allowed. Those in violation of the NYS alcohol law are handled through the RPI Judicial System and jeopardize their ability to walk at Commencement.

2. Provide AOD support services for students.

Student Health Center, Office of Health Promotion

Rensselaer employs two health educators (when at full capacity) who provide substance use assessments through the Office of Health Promotion in the Student Health Center. When needed or deemed appropriate, Health Educators can make referrals to off-campus specialized treatment centers for those needing ongoing education, counseling, and support for alcohol and/or drug use.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

Rensselaer County hosted online AA Meetings during the pandemic. This information is advertised via the Student Health Center's website, on posters in the Student Health Center's and Counseling Center's waiting rooms, and is discussed at alcohol programs provided on campus.

RPI Ambulance

RPI Ambulance is a volunteer, student-run and operated Basic Life Support (BLS) transporting ambulance agency that serves the RPI campus and surrounding communities. RPI Ambulance responds to approximately 200 calls annually and provides medical coverage to approximately 25 events every academic year. All RPI students are eligible to join RPI Ambulance. Any required training is provided free of charge to members. Ambulance drivers are trained in

Emergency Vehicle Defensive Driving and possess a BLS CPR certification, as well as a working knowledge of first aid skills. Our crew chiefs are at a minimum NYS EMT-B certified and often take advantage of EMT courses hosted in the area.

3. Identify AOD violation trends to effectively enforce the Alcohol and Other Drug Policy via the Student Handbook.

Judicial Affairs

The Dean of Students Office is responsible for the management of the Rensselaer Judicial Affairs Program. Rensselaer provides a comprehensive Judicial Affairs program that fosters students' moral, intellectual, and personal development, as well as personal and community responsibility. The intent of the Judicial Affairs program is to uphold student rights and develop students' ability to make responsible decisions in order to maintain mutual respect, integrity, and an environment where all students can effectively pursue their educational goals. Programs and services are student-centered, promote accountability, and are aimed to enhance students' overall academic and social experience at Rensselaer.

Rensselaer's approach to the judicial process is one that is intended to be educational rather than punitive. [The Rensselaer Handbook of Student Rights and Responsibilities](#) sets forth the Student Bill of Rights along with the national, state, and local laws and Rensselaer policies that guide Institute and judicial procedures in support of Rensselaer student success. In August of 2017, Rensselaer established and hired the Director of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Judicial Affairs position. The Director is responsible for the administration and oversight of all aspects of the Institute's student conduct process.

On May 19, 2019, Rensselaer revised and implemented the Alcohol and Other Drug Policy (see Appendix C, May 19, 2019 Revised *Rensselaer Alcohol and Other Drug Policy*). Student violations of the Rensselaer's Alcohol and Other Drug policy are adjudicated through the Rensselaer Judicial Process. Rensselaer identifies students who violate the Alcohol and Other Drug Policy via reports from Department of Public Safety, Office of Student Living and Learning, Student Success Office, Dean of Students, and other internal and external community members and partners.

Through the Judicial Process, reported Alcohol and Other Drug violations are reviewed and resolved. Sanctions are issued to students who are found responsible for Alcohol and Other Drug Policy violations. Sanctions may include warning or probation periods, loss of privileges, suspension or expulsion, and required AOD education. Sanctions are determined based on minimum sanctions as applicable and described in the Alcohol and Other Drug Policy, and the frequency and severity of the violation.

Educational Sanctions for Alcohol and Other Drugs

Educational Meeting with Judicial Officer: Students engage in an educational meeting with a judicial officer regarding their violations. This discussion includes a review of the event, campus policy, and behavioral expectations around healthy decision-making. An outcome of this hearing could include a probation, sanction, and/or other appropriate sanction, including those listed below.

AlcoholEdu for Sanctions: This online program is designed for low-level alcohol violations. It is intended to help students evaluate current drinking behaviors and patterns. The course reminds students of safer drinking behaviors and clearly outlines Rensselaer's Alcohol and Other Drug Policy.

Brief Alcohol Screening and Intervention for College Students (BASICS): is for moderate-level alcohol violations. The goal of this in-class program is to limit excessive college student drinking, identify risky drinking behaviors and situations, learn risk-reduction drinking strategies, and reflect on students' own drinking behavior after receiving a personalized feedback report of said behavior.

Marijuana 101: Students who receive a sanction for cannabis use are assigned to an online program called Marijuana 101 (via 3rd Millennium Classroom, a 3rd party vendor). This online program offers education and works to enhance motivation around avoiding further drug use. After the student has completed Part One of the online program, they are directed to meet with a Health Educator in the Student Health Center for a debrief and assessment. During the assessment, the student and health educator explore motivation for change and the results of the drug assessment. Recommendations are made based on the outcome of the assessment and the student is directed to complete Part Two of the online program.

One-on-One Substance Use Assessment: is for high-level alcohol violations or drug violations. Students are required to complete a substance-use assessment with a Health Educator and must follow all recommendations made during that session.

Alcohol and Other Drugs Disciplinary Statistics

<i>Academic Year</i> 2019 – 2020	<i>Total Violations Referred to Judicial Process</i>	<i>Total Number of Students Found Responsible</i>	<i>Total Number of Students Found Not Responsible</i>
Alcohol	165	107	58

Other Drugs	52	13	39
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<i>Academic Year</i> 2020 – 2021	<i>Total Violations Referred to Judicial Process</i>	<i>Total Number of Students Found Responsible</i>	<i>Total Number of Students Found Not Responsible</i>
Alcohol	100	58	42
Other Drugs	23	21	2

<i>Fall Semester</i> 2021	<i>Total Violations Referred to Judicial Process</i>	<i>Total Number of Students Found Responsible</i>	<i>Total Number of Students Found Not Responsible</i>
Alcohol	25*	15*	2*
Other Drugs	10	2	*

***Data is derived from disciplinary referrals, not findings of responsibility. Not all cases have concluded the disciplinary process at this time. As such, a student charged with a policy violation may not have been found “responsible.” The charged violation does not delineate the specific nature of the alcohol or drug violation.**

Analysis Alcohol Violations: Beginning in the fall 2019 semester through the fall 2021 semester, Rensselaer experienced an overall decline in reported alcohol incidents. From the 2019 - 2020 academic year to the 2020 – 2021 academic year, there appeared to be a thirty-nine percent decrease in reported violations. Further, for the same academic years there was a slight decline in the number of students found responsible for alcohol policy violations, with sixty-four percent of students found responsible during the 2019 - 2020 academic year and fifty-eight percent found responsible during the 2020 - 2021 academic year. Rensselaer witnessed an even sharper decline between the 2020 - 2021 academic year to the fall 2021 semester. By the conclusion of the fall 2021 semester, only 25 alcohol incidents had been reported to the judicial process.

In early-mid March of the spring 2020 semester, Rensselaer shifted to remote learning practices as new health and safety protocols were implemented due to the COVID-19 pandemic. At the start of the 2020 - 2021 academic year, Rensselaer shifted back to on-campus classes, with a number of strict health and safety protocols in place. These protocols likely impacted the ability for students to gather and engage in alcohol and drug use/abuse behaviors. Additionally, these health and safety protocols may have impeded the ability for staff to identify the occurrence of policy violations.

Analysis Drug Violations: Similar to the reported alcohol policy violations, there appeared to be an overall decline in drug policy violation referrals. Between the 2019 - 2020 academic year to the 2020 - 2021 academic year, there was a fifty-five percent decrease in referrals for violations of Rensselaer’s Drug Policy. Though there was an overall decrease in the number of drug referrals between the two academic years, there was an increase in findings of responsibility during the 2020 - 2021 academic year as compared to the 2019 – 2020 academic year, representing a sixty-one percent increase. Only 10 drug-related violations were reported for the fall 2021 semester and some of these cases were pending the outcome of the disciplinary process at the time of this review. Similar to alcohol-related violations, the COVID-19 pandemic and Rensselaer’s implemented health and safety protocols may have had an overall impact on judicial-related reports.

Fall 2021 Semester Violations and Sanctions: At the time of this review, the remainder of the alcohol and other drug referrals were pending the judicial inquiry process and did not yet have findings to report, nor sanctions yet assigned.

**At the time of this review, 10 of the alcohol referrals and 8 of the drug referrals are pending the completion of the judicial inquiry process.*

AOD EDUCATIONAL SANCTIONS	Alcohol Edu for Sanctions	BASICS	Marijuana 101	Substance Use Assessment
2019 - 2020	50	12	6	5
2020 - 2021	38	5	10	0
Fall 2021 (August – December)	12	1	2	0

4. Re-establish the Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention and Education Committee to include new membership and recommit to the committee's mission of: education, environmental change (policy), and enforcement.

At the start of the spring 2020 semester, The AOD Committee sought a formal charge from the new VP of Student Life with a target date of spring 2020, while also exploring ways in which the committee could expand to have a greater impact on the student body. Due to the campus shut-down and COVID-19 pandemic, layoffs, furloughs, and resignations, this charge has not been made yet. As such, the AOD Committee did not meet during this biennial review period. However, individual departments and RPI Ambulance continued their alcohol and other drug prevention, programming, and response independently and collaborated when necessary.

The Alcohol and Other Drug Committee seeks to re-establish the Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention and Education Committee during the Jan. 2022 – Jan. 2024 review period to include new membership and recommit to the committee's mission of education, environmental change (policy), and enforcement by working on the following goals:

1. Increase AOD awareness through prevention programming to students
2. Provide AOD support services for students
3. Enhance educational programming/trainings based on evaluative feedback
4. Promote environmental change (policy)
5. Collaborate/consult with the Office of Judicial Affairs around issues of enforcement to ensure timely, efficient, and violation-appropriate educational sanctions.

Through these objectives we hope to renew and revise programming and uphold our goal to reduce unhealthy and/or dangerous alcohol or other drug use behaviors at Rensselaer.

Strengths and Weaknesses of RPI Alcohol and Other Drug Programming

Strengths

At Rensselaer, there are a number of programs in place to address the use of alcohol and other drugs on our campus. These programs occur with the help and support of staff, faculty, students and local community members. While our routine analysis of RPI's student population reflects lower than national averages for alcohol and drug use, RPI believes that we can always do more to reduce unhealthy or dangerous behaviors in regards to alcohol and other drugs.

Strengths of Rensselaer's AOD program are as follows:

Rensselaer provides an environment with alcohol-free options.

- Rensselaer's most abundant AOD initiatives lie in its variety of different alcohol-free events and activities that are provided to students on an almost daily basis (both weekdays and weekends, as well as during the summer). These events include a student union that is open late, a recreation/fitness center, a student pub that offers alcohol-free events and activities, alcohol-free athletic events, a variety of student clubs

that host alcohol-free events, celebrations and activities for all students, as well as a plethora of alcohol-free events hosted by the Student Activities Office.

Rensselaer creates a social, academic and residential environment that supports health-promoting norms.

- The academic schedule hosts regular classes on Fridays, which likely steers students away of excessive AOD use on Thursday nights.
- All RPI residential housing is substance-free.
- Rensselaer's entire campus is tobacco-free, both inside and outside on campus-owned grounds.
- Using an Institute-wide intervention team, faculty and staff are able to communicate with one another on a weekly basis regarding students of concern, providing appropriate interventions and support as needed in a timely manner.
- Students are educated about misperceptions of drinking norms through the mandatory, pre-matriculation online AlcoholEdu curriculum that all incoming freshmen and transfer students are required to take. Additional reinforcement regarding misperceptions of drinking norms is brought up in AOD harm reduction programs/trainings and AOD judicial courses.
- Student leadership (e.g., summer orientation advisors, residence life student staff, fraternity and sorority members, union pub staff, athletes and student clubs) receive training in Bystander Intervention and/or Training for Intervention Procedures (TIPS), which encourages healthy behaviors around AOD use and intervening when appropriate to reduce risk of harm or injury due to AOD misuse.
- Pro-health messages are publicized through Student Health Services' social media channels.

Rensselaer's AOD prevention program limits alcohol availability.

- Alcohol is not allowed in RPI residential housing.
- Student employees of the Union Pub on campus are TIPS-trained, helping them to engage in risk-management practices to prevent misuse of alcohol by patrons of the Pub.
- Fraternities and sororities must have a 3rd party vendor supply and distribute alcohol at their social events. Third party vendors are responsible for adhering to campus policy, which only allows one drink per hour per student, for a total of no more than four drinks per student at any given social event.
- Delivery or use of kegs or other common containers is prohibited on campus.
- All campus events involving alcohol must be approved through the alcohol permit submission process. An approved alcohol permit outlines specific requirements for hosting events with alcohol.

Rensselaer's AOD prevention program prevents marketing and promotion of alcohol on campus.

- Alcohol advertising on campus is prohibited.
- Alcohol industry sponsorship for on-campus events is prohibited.
- Party announcements on campus are prohibited.
- Alcohol promotions with special appeal to underage drinkers on campus is prohibited.
- Alcohol promotions that show drinking in high-risk contexts on campus is prohibited.

Rensselaer's AOD prevention program develops and enforces AOD policies on campus.

- On-campus functions that have alcohol must be registered and display an alcohol permit that has been approved by the Institute.
- ID checks are enforced at on-campus functions that have alcohol, as well as fraternity and sorority social events that have alcohol.
- The Department of Public Safety is notified of all registered social events on campus where alcohol is present. They are also provided with a copy of the approved alcohol permit for social events with alcohol, which enables them to observe and/or patrol said events.

Weaknesses

As noted previously, while we find there is tremendous strength at Rensselaer regarding its AOD program, we believe there is always room for improvement and we strive to be critical in our analysis of ways in which we can enhance our AOD programs and initiatives.

Weaknesses identified during this review period are as follows:

- Rensselaer administers the American College Health Association's (ACHA) National College Health Assessment (NCHA) every other year to a random sampling of undergraduate and graduate students. Student feedback is anonymous, and we are able to garner some data related to AOD use via this survey. However, Rensselaer does not administer AOD-specific surveys such as the Core Alcohol and Drug Survey, one of the most rigorously developed survey instruments for higher education populations. Routine utilization of this survey could aid in Rensselaer's existing efforts to assess the level and impact of alcohol and other drug use on campus; assist with determining how to target specific populations for prevention programming, designing social marketing and media advocacy campaigns; and additionally enable us to assess the impact of these prevention efforts.
- While Rensselaer collects evaluative feedback data of most of its AOD programs and makes changes to said programs as needed and/or warranted (based on best practices), we do not conduct opinion surveys of AOD initiatives from students, staff or faculty. Doing so with students and possibly staff and faculty could provide insights into knowledge gaps present among students, allowing us to better tailor our AOD prevention education programs. A limitation of opinion surveys garnered from students and/or staff and faculty is that some anecdotal ideas shared with us in the past related to

programming (i.e., requested use of “beer goggles” to facilitate alcohol awareness programs) are not rooted in best practices and therefore could not be initiated. However, suggestions like these in the past have provided an opportune teaching moment, allowing students, staff and faculty to be educated about best practices. As such, opinion surveys, a suggestion box, a suggestion form on our website, intercept interviews or focus groups could provide us with some usable information to help improve our AOD programs and initiatives.

- The Student Health Center’s Office of Health Promotion conducts internal substance use assessments of students referred by the judicial system. Students referred often times have multiple AOD judicial offenses or a first-time judicial offense that is egregious. When information garnered from a substance use assessment highlights consistent high-risk AOD use, mandatory local AOD treatment referrals are made to students in collaboration with the Director of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Judicial Affairs. While students sign a release of information form that allows the Office of Health Promotion and Director of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Judicial Affairs to communicate with local treatment centers regarding students’ formal diagnoses of substance use disorders, along with progress and completion updates of a given treatment mandate, more collaborative and thorough internal documentation of said mandatory AOD treatment referrals and outcomes (through use of Rensselaer’s Maxient system, a centralized software system used to report and manage student behavior records) could be utilized to create a more seamless and transparent process of record keeping.
- Students who are found in violation of the RPI Alcohol and Other Drug Policy receive disciplinary sanctions through the Office of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Judicial Affairs. What sanction a student receives is dependent on the type of violation (alcohol, cannabis or hard drugs), the level of risk (to self and others) associated with the violation, and how many times the student has violated the RPI AOD Policy while a student at Rensselaer (i.e., first time offender or multiple offenses). Currently, evaluations are only administered to students who are sanctioned to the in-person BASICS classes for alcohol-use violations. These evaluations are administered right after students’ completion of the course to help measure the effectiveness of the course and sanction. However, long-term evaluations are not administered to see if behavior change is made and maintained over time. As such, inclusion of this type of long-term measurement tool could enhance our understanding of the effectiveness of the BASICS course.

Other sanctions given to students found in violation of the RPI Alcohol and Other Drug Policy include online courses administered by third party companies (Vector Solutions for the AlcoholEdu for Sanctions course and 3rd Millennium Classrooms for the Marijuana 101 course) and a local, out-patient treatment program for students diagnosed with substance use disorders. Since these courses and treatment programs are provided

by third parties, we have no control over content creation and do not evaluate for effectiveness of the sanction. As such, this could be seen as a weakness or limitation of this type of sanctioning. However, we follow best practices in the field of AOD harm reduction education, and both AlcoholEdu for Sanctions and Marijuana 101 are based in best practices and used by many other colleges and universities for judicial students. Additionally, we refer students to a local treatment center that also aligns its work around AOD best practices and harm reduction to ensure students are getting consistent messaging both across and between Rensselaer and the treatment center.

- The considerable increase in employee resignations during this review period, the onset and continuation of the pandemic, as well as financial constraints resulting from monetary resources being reallocated to the COVID response have all inhibited our AOD programs, initiatives and services. The Institute was unable to re-charge the Institute's Alcohol and Other Drug Advisory Committee with detailed tasks and a team of multidisciplinary members from across the Institute. In addition, our ability to host as many educational opportunities as in the previous review period was inhibited by these factors.

Recommendations For Future AOD Prevention Efforts:

In examination of Rensselaer's strengths and weaknesses, we identified some areas of recommendation to help improve the future of Rensselaer's AOD program.

Recommendations for the coming review period of Jan. 2022 – Jan. 2024 are as follows:

- Increasing use of evidence-based practice across all areas of the Institute, including administering short- and long-term evaluation of students who've gone through RPI-facilitated AOD harm reduction programs and trainings.
- Re-charging the Institute Alcohol & Other Drug Advisory Committee with detailed tasks and a team of multi-disciplinary members from across the Institute which includes students, staff, faculty and legal counsel.
- Timely adjudication of AOD violations and enforcement follow-through.
- Annually training judicial officers in best practices regarding one-on-one judicial inquiry meeting with students, appropriate sanctions to use for different types of violations, and the importance of consistency in documentation of cases and completion of sanctions in a timely manner.
- Consideration of administering the Core Alcohol and Drug Survey every other year (on those years the NCHA is not administered) to garner more accurate information regarding student alcohol, tobacco and other drug use patterns and behaviors. Utilizing data from this survey to enhance AOD programs and initiatives.
- Consideration of soliciting opinion feedback from the campus community to help enhance AOD programs and initiatives.

APPENDIX C

RENSELAER ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG POLICY FOR STUDENTS

Implementation May 19, 2019

(Revised January, 2019) General Statement

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute is a campus where we place a high priority on the health and safety of all members of the campus community – students, faculty, staff and visitors. The Institute strives to provide an environment where all students are able to pursue their dreams and aspirations. At the same time, we face stark realities regarding the harm often caused by the use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs in communities around us and on our campus. In light of the risks and dangers presented by the use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs by students, we develop, promulgate, and enforce policies, procedures and accountabilities that reflect our institutional values.

The Institute's aim is to maintain an alcohol and other drug policy that is clear in its expectations; applies in an appropriate manner across student residential and organizational affiliations; informs and educates individuals with regard to the policy and the risk factors associated with use or abuse; creates an environment that promotes safety and individual accountability; and maintains a healthy campus community where problems associated with alcohol and other drugs are minimal.

The overall philosophy of the Institute is that individuals and organizations in the Rensselaer community are responsible for their own actions. When making decisions to consume an alcoholic beverage or to provide alcoholic beverages to others, individuals and organizations must be mindful of the inherent consequences and risks involved. In addition, they are responsible for understanding and complying with applicable laws. The Institute will not shield individuals or organizations from the legal consequences of their actions should they choose to violate these laws.

This policy applies as stated, regardless of state, locality or other jurisdiction in which the offense occurs. The regulations in this policy are designed to encourage consistent and reasonable standards in our campus community. It is expected that all members will contribute to maintaining a positive and healthy living and learning environment by adhering to this policy.

I. STATE AND LOCAL LAW RELATING TO ALCOHOL

Laws relating to alcohol exist at both the state and local level, and can result in severe penalties, including imprisonment. While Rensselaer-related activities to which this policy applies can occur in any jurisdiction, including international locations, the following are examples for illustrative purposes only:

New York State Law

prohibits consumption and possession of alcohol by persons under 21 years of age, and the providing of alcohol to persons under 21, with the provider subject to both criminal sanctions and “dram shop” liability for injuries to third parties caused by the intoxicated minor;

- prohibits driving while intoxicated (DWI) at a blood alcohol level of .08, and driving while ability impaired at a blood alcohol rate of .05, both of which can result in fines and imprisonment; and
- prohibits anyone under 21 years of age from driving with as little as a .02 blood alcohol level, with a loss of license for six months or until the driver turns 21, whichever is longer.

City of Troy Code

- prohibits open containers of alcohol in public or in vehicles;
- requires a permit to sell alcohol, and for the holding of private “house parties” where admission is charged or any food or beverages are sold.

II. INSTITUTE REGULATIONS ON ALCOHOL

The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of alcohol is prohibited on Institute property or as part of any activity sanctioned or sponsored by the Institute. The administration at Rensselaer will not authorize events where drinking under the legal age, as determined by applicable law, will be knowingly permitted. Individuals and organizations who sponsor approved events involving alcoholic beverages shall assume full responsibility and liability for the event and for the behavior of event participants and attendees.

In our continuing commitment to adhere to Institute policy and applicable laws, any Rensselaer recognized student organization found to have served alcohol to an underage individual at any university or group sanctioned or sponsored activity (on or off campus) will, at minimum, be subject to suspension of two years (6 consecutive semesters). In addition, all organization alcohol privileges are subject to revocation while a group is under investigation and for the duration of the disciplinary process.

Note: Vaporizing, inhaling, and other methods of absorbing alcohol are also considered consumption of alcohol, and are also prohibited.

A. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited:

1. At all Institute owned, controlled, or affiliated residential facilities that house undergraduate students;

2. At the residential facilities of any recognized or affiliated student organizations, or groups, including but not limited to fraternities and sororities;
 3. On campus, on Institute property, at Institute events, and at events or programs held or sponsored by the Institute or by Rensselaer student organizations, except in accordance with this policy by persons 21 years of age or older as follows:
 - At events held at approved locations, other than residential facilities described in A.1 and A.2 above, for which required approvals have been obtained pursuant to Section III and Section IV (D) of this policy;
 - In areas licensed for regular beer and wine service.
- B. Possession or consumption of alcohol by any person under age 21 on campus is a violation of this policy and the Rensselaer Grounds for Disciplinary Action (GDA) for students; such conduct on the part of an employee is a violation of Human Resources policies.
- C. Any person under age 21 who misrepresents her/his age in order to obtain alcohol has violated the GDA if that person is a student; such conduct on the part of an employee is a violation of Human Resources policies.
- D. Any person who supplies or makes alcohol available to someone under age 21 has violated this policy and the law. If that person is a student, they have violated the GDA; such conduct on the part of an employee is a violation of Human Resources policies.
- E. In accordance with state law, no money may be charged for any event at which alcoholic beverages are present unless a license or permit is obtained from the state liquor authority.
- F. An Institute alcohol permit must be obtained from the Alcohol Review Committee (c/o the Student Health Center) for any event occurring on Institute grounds at which alcohol is served or present. Exceptions are:
- Licensed designated area of Rensselaer Union; or
 - Buildings leased or rented to faculty, staff or private non-student groups
- G. The consumption of alcohol or possession of an open container of alcohol is prohibited in all generally accessible or common areas on campus, including but not limited to corridors, stairwells, athletic facilities, elevators, lounges, classrooms, labs or outside campus areas (i.e. Quad) unless an alcohol permit has been obtained for a designated area. At no time may alcohol be consumed in potentially hazardous environments.
- H. Displays of any alcohol related items or materials visible to the public; including but not limited to alcoholic beverage containers (empty or full), banners or signs are not allowed in any residential facility.

- I. Events shall not include any activity which encourages the use and/or abuse of alcohol.
- J. The serving or availability of alcohol at events being held in or about an undergraduate or student organization residential facility as described in Section II (A) is prohibited.
- K. The presence, possession, or use of large quantities of alcohol on campus including but not limited to kegs, beer balls, or any other bulk containers of alcohol, is prohibited on Institute grounds with the exception of areas holding NYS license for beer and wine service.
- L. Beverages containing hard alcohol (defined as 15% or more alcohol by volume (ABV)) are prohibited at events involving students.
- M. Alcohol will not be permitted at Rensselaer athletic events.
- N. Off campus events: It is expected that all members of the Rensselaer community will comply with all governmental laws related to alcohol. Any Rensselaer group that plans an off-campus event involving alcohol must adhere to the Rensselaer Alcohol and Other Drug Policy for students. Faculty and staff must adhere to applicable Human Resources Policy.
- O. Advertising of any event must not imply that the event is for the purpose of consuming alcohol and may not be displayed before the permit to serve alcohol is obtained. No specific mention of alcohol is allowed in the advertising. The words "beverages" and "refreshments" are acceptable.
- P. At any event where alcohol is available, a non-alcoholic beverage (in addition to water) must be equally and continuously accessible and available.
- Q. Alcohol may not be served at any event unless food is also served. The food should include items high in protein and carbohydrates.
- R. The sponsor or host is responsible for implementing reasonable measures to ensure that alcohol is not served or made available to persons under age 21 or who are intoxicated. Sponsors must ensure that all alcoholic beverages are provided by a licensed third-party vendor who will certify that all servers are properly trained. Contact the Alcohol Review Committee ("ARC") for training information.
- S. The server(s) of alcohol will be sober and must not consume alcoholic beverages prior to, or during the event, or on the premises where the event is held.
- T. Guests will not be allowed to bring additional alcohol to an event. The only alcohol permitted for consumption is that specified on the ARC permit.

- U. "BYO" ("Bring Your Own" Alcohol) events will not be permitted.
- V. Positive proof of age is required at any event at which alcohol is served and/or consumed. No licensee, or agent, or employee of such licensee shall accept as written evidence of age by any such person for the purchase or service of any alcoholic beverage, any documentation other than:
 - a. a valid driver's license or non-driver identification card issued by the commissioner of motor vehicle, the federal government, any United States territory, commonwealth or possession, the District of Columbia, a state government within the United States or a provincial government of the dominion of Canada, or
 - b. a valid passport issued by the United States government or any other country, or
 - c. an identification card issued by the armed forces of the United States.
- W. The serving or availability of alcohol must be limited to a single designated point of service. Consumption of alcohol is only permitted in the approved area designated for the event.
- X. Alcohol and Drug Policies for faculty and staff are contained in the Human Resources Policy Guidelines Manual (#800.4, Alcohol Use and Possession; and 800.5, Use and Possession of Illegal Drugs).

III. APPROVAL PROCEDURES FOR ON-CAMPUS EVENTS

- A. Rensselaer requires that all groups obtain prior approval from the Alcohol Review Committee ("ARC") to serve alcoholic beverages anywhere on campus except when the activity is in an area covered by a food service license and is part of normal or daily operations. Approval of alcohol permits is NOT automatic.

Approval may be based on:

1. The nature of both the event and the facility.
2. The capacity of the facility.
3. Demonstration by the sponsoring organization of its ability to comply with State and Institute regulations.
4. Nearby scheduled activities.
5. The number of underage (younger than 21) participants; if the percentage of underage attendees is 20% or higher, the function will generally not be approved.
6. Where and how alcohol will be available.
7. The past history of event or sponsor.
8. Additional information may be requested by the ARC.

- B. Campus events that are open to all students or where 20% or more of the attendees will be under age 21 will generally not be granted an alcohol permit.
- C. Alcohol may only be served at approved events:
 - On Monday through Thursday from 4 p.m. until midnight;
 - On Friday from 4 p.m. until 2 a.m. Saturday;
 - On Saturday from 12 noon until 2 a.m. Sunday;
 - On Sunday from 12 noon until 12 midnight.

EXCEPTIONS TO SERVE ALCOHOL AT TIMES OTHER THAN THOSE LISTED ABOVE IN SECTION III, D MUST BE APPROVED ONLY BY THE ALCOHOL REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC). Events must be limited to FOUR (4) hours or less in duration.

- D. The maximum amount of alcohol allowed at an event is calculated as follows: One serving per person age 21 or older per hour, not to exceed four hours.
- E. Applications for an alcohol permit must be completed and submitted to the ARC c/o Student Health Center at least FIVE (5) calendar days in advance of the function. If you are using the campus food service provider (e.g., Sodexo), the request must be turned in at least TWENTY-FIVE (25) calendar days in advance of the function. APPLICANTS WHO DO NOT ADHERE TO THESE GUIDELINES MAY NOT BE APPROVED.
- F. Events where alcohol will be sold or admission is charged will require a NY State permit, unless alcohol service is provided by a vendor that has or will obtain a license to serve for the event. Therefore, applications must be submitted to the ARC at least TWENTY-FIVE (25) calendar days in advance of the event to verify that appropriate protocols are in place for event management and the service of alcohol. If alcohol service is to be provided by a vendor, a copy of the license, permit, or other documentation required by the ARC or Dean of Students, demonstrating the existence of a valid license must be submitted to the ARC not less than FIFTEEN (15) calendar prior to the event.
- G. The individual requesting or signing the application for an alcohol permit must be age 21 or older.
- H. Permits must be picked up before and displayed during the event.
- I. Events held on-campus must adhere to all rules relating to events specified in Section II of this Policy.

IV. SPECIFIC AREA POLICIES FOR ALCOHOL

A. Student Residence Halls

1. Only those graduate students of legal drinking age (21) residing in graduate-only residence halls may possess alcohol in the privacy of their rooms. If more than double the number of room occupants are present, event rules will apply, and an alcohol permit must be obtained from the ARC in accordance with section III of this policy.
2. Kegs, beer balls or bulk containers of any sort (both empty and full) are not allowed in residence facilities.
3. Displays of any alcohol related items or materials visible to the public, including but not limited to alcohol beverage containers (empty or full), banners or signs, are not allowed in any residence facility.
4. The consumption of alcohol or possession of an open container of alcohol is prohibited in all public or common areas in the residence halls including but not limited to, stairwells, hallways, lounges, etc.
5. Due to the nature of finals week and our belief that the hall environment should be conducive to study during that period, no alcohol permits will be granted in the Residence Halls or the surrounding areas during finals week (including reading days).

B. Rensselaer Union

6. The serving of beer and wine to persons 21 or older will be restricted to designated areas of the Rensselaer Union where a state license has been obtained.
7. The purchase of beer or wine in the designated area shall be limited to a single serving container per person with legal ID.
8. Any registered event/activity/function held in the Rensselaer Union where alcohol will be available must be approved by the AOD and be accompanied by an alcohol permit.
9. Management of the Rensselaer Union and the Executive Board will review policies and guidelines and recommend appropriate changes to the President or his/her designee in consultation with the AOD.

C. Sage Faculty/Staff Dining Hall

10. Special events where alcohol will be served will comply with Section III of the Institute Alcohol and Other Drug Policy.
11. Management of Faculty/Staff Dining Hall will review policies and guidelines and recommend appropriate changes to the Director of Business and Auxiliary Services. Changes to the policies may be implemented upon consultation with the President or his/her designee and the ARC.

D. Events with Alcohol Sponsored by Student Organizations, including Fraternities and Sororities.

An event, especially those including alcohol service, is deemed to be the responsibility of a student organization(s) when the details of the event indicate such. Examples of qualifying details include, but are not limited to, the number of members relative to the total organization membership and/or the number of attendees of the event; or, the event being funded by the organization or its members; or, the event is being controlled and/or facilitated and/or promoted by members of the organization. The reference to student organizations includes, but is not limited to, recognized social fraternities and sororities.

Student organizations are subject to the following policies and guidelines established by the Institute and/or consistent with any regional or national umbrella affiliate or association (e.g., Interfraternity Council or Panhellenic Council, NIC) policies and regulations, whichever is most restrictive:

12. All events must comply with the rules for events set forth in Sections II and III of this Policy.
13. No hard alcohol (beverages with 15% or more ABV) is allowed at any student sponsored event.
14. Non-alcoholic beverages, in addition to water, must be made available by the host organization at any event where alcohol is available (section II, P).
15. Alcoholic beverages may not be purchased or brought into the event except by a licensed third party vendor (section II, E).
16. All events are restricted to a designated number of invited guests and not to exceed the legal limit of persons allowed in a facility or its common area, whichever is most restrictive.
17. Open social events are prohibited (An open social event is defined as any event for which no invitation is given and/or general advertising is used).
18. Alcohol service at any event must be by a licensed third-party vendor.
19. Any event sponsored, hosted or organized by a group, club, or organization, or members of, must be a registered with and approved by: the Associate Dean of Greek Life Commons for social fraternity and sorority events; or the Director of Student Activities for events to be held by other student organizations. Event registration must meet the following criteria:
 - a. Hosting organization name;
 - b. Date, time and location of event including the length of the event;
 - c. Name/contact information of licensed third-party vendor who will serve at event;
 - d. Process used to notify neighbors, if in a residential area;
 - e. Designated contact person, cell phone number;
 - f. Membership list;
 - g. Invitation list;

- h. Confirmed attendance list differentiating 21 and over and under 21 attendees;
 - i. Hand stamp or wrist band for attendees 21 or over
 - j. Personal identification required to verify date of birth (as described in, section II, V).
20. The event must be at an approved location other than the organization's residential facility or chapter house. If the event is to be held on campus, an alcohol permit must also be obtained from the ARC, pursuant to Section III of this policy.

V. THE LAW: STATUTES REGARDING OTHER DRUGS

Laws relating to drugs other than alcohol exist at the federal, state, and local level; violation of the laws of either jurisdiction can result in severe penalties, including imprisonment. While Rensselaer-related activities to which this policy applies can occur in any jurisdiction, including international locations, the following are examples for illustrative purposes only:

- Federal Law
 - prohibits the manufacture, distribution or possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance, including narcotics and marijuana, with criminal penalties that include fines and imprisonment;
 - provides for criminal penalties (fines, imprisonment) for providing controlled substances to persons under the age of 21, or for distributing near a school or university, that are up to twice as severe as for providing the substances to persons 21 or older.
- New York State Law
 - also prohibits manufacture, distribution, or possession with intent to distribute controlled substances, as well as drug paraphernalia;
 - provides for the seizure and forfeiture of any private vehicle used to transport a controlled substance.

VI. INSTITUTE REGULATIONS ON OTHER DRUGS

Rensselaer has implemented a zero tolerance drug policy which strictly prohibits:

- Possession, use, or facilitation of use of any "Prohibited Substances" or "Drug Paraphernalia" as defined herein; and
- Attempted or actual sale, manufacture, marketing, trafficking, or transfer of any Prohibited Substance, or Drug Paraphernalia.

Prohibited Substances are any of the following for which the individual does not have a legal license or valid prescription: any illegal drug, controlled substance (as defined by State and

Federal law), or substance, or manner of use, that is generally recognized as being detrimental or dangerous to the health, welfare or safety of individuals or the community, although not necessarily illegal (including but not limited to Molly, Spice, K-2, whippets, performance enhancing drugs, prescription drugs, and research drugs).

Drug Paraphernalia is equipment, products, or materials primarily used for the purpose of making, using concealing, or distributing Prohibited Substances.

Students found responsible for any of the above behaviors are subject to the sanctions set forth herein.

Notwithstanding state law that may de-criminalize use and possession of marijuana in certain circumstances (e.g., the possession of a State-issued medical marijuana license, prescription or the equivalent), Rensselaer strictly prohibits the use, facilitation of use, consumption, possession, sale, manufacture, marketing, trafficking or transfer of marijuana or THC in any of its forms.

Any student with a disability who believes they may require access to a Prohibited Substance is required to contact the Office of Disability Services for Students to discuss accommodations and support.

Rensselaer is an educational institution and not a law enforcement agency, and therefore does not apply sanctions of the law. However, Rensselaer will not disregard the law and will not shield individuals from the legal consequences of their actions should they violate the law. In addition, individuals who have violated the law are also subject to disciplinary action. Students will be disciplined according to the procedures in this document and the *Rensselaer Handbook of Student Rights and Responsibilities*. Pursuant to the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 the conviction of a student for any offense, during a period of enrollment for which the student was receiving Title IV, HEA program funds, under any federal or state law involving the possession or sale of illegal drugs will result in the loss of eligibility for any Title IV, HEA grant, loan, or work study assistance (HEA Sec. 484(r) (1)); (20 U.S.C. 1091(r) (1)).

These Regulations on Other Drugs apply to all admitted students, including enrolled and non-enrolled students, for conduct that occurs both on- and off-campus and regardless of state, locality, or other legal jurisdiction. In addition, the potential loss of financial aid eligibility due to a drug-related conviction applies regardless of where the illegal conduct occurs.

A. ENFORCEMENT OF REGULATIONS ON OTHER DRUGS

In addition to possible prosecution under state or federal laws, persons who violate the prohibitions of this policy will be subject to disciplinary sanctions that may include, but are not limited to, suspension, expulsion, and/or referral for possible prosecution by federal or state

authorities. Any disciplinary sanction imposed may also include the completion of an appropriate rehabilitation program and other requirements as a condition of reinstatement.

1. Prohibited Substances Hearing Board.

Upon completion of the judicial inquiry, the Prohibited Substances Hearing Board has jurisdiction over appeals of findings issued and sanctions assigned concerning these Institute Regulations on Other Drugs. The Prohibited Substances Hearing Board shall be comprised of three Institute judicial hearing officers as designated by the Dean of Students. Appeals from decisions by the Prohibited Substances Hearing Board may be taken to the Review Board and President as described in the Handbook.

When an appeal is filed concerning an incident or series of related incidents that involves both a violation of Institute Regulations on Other Drugs and other Institute policies, the Prohibited Substances Hearing Board will review the appeal of both Institute Regulations on Other Drugs violation and such other Institute policies, with the following exceptions: a) any alleged violations of the Student Sexual Misconduct Policy will be handled in accordance with that policy, and b) if a judicial inquiry determines that a student did not violate the Institute Regulations on Other Drugs but that the student did violate other Institute policies, an appeal of the findings will be referred to the Student Judicial Board.

2. Mandatory Minimum Sanctions

The following shall be considered mandatory minimum sanctions:

A. For Trafficking Violations

Rensselaer has a zero-tolerance policy for any student found to have engaged in the sale, manufacture, marketing, trafficking or transfer of any Prohibited Substance, including marijuana or THC, drug paraphernalia, or the intent and preparation to do so (hereinafter, trafficking). The penalty for students found to have engaged in such trafficking, including a first violation, will be expulsion from the Institute, without possibility of return.

B. For Use or Possession of Prohibited Substances (excludes marijuana/THC use)

In conformance with Rensselaer's zero tolerance drug use policy, any student found to have engaged in a violation of this policy related to the personal, non-trafficking use, consumption or possession of a Prohibited Substance other than marijuana or THC use or prescription drug/over-the-counter medication misuse shall be subject to the following minimum sanctions:

- **First Violation – if no finding of habitual use:** Immediate suspension from the Institute for a term of not less than one (1) calendar year. After the expiration of such term of

suspension, and provided the student has had no other suspensions, expulsions or involuntary withdrawals for violation of Rensselaer's or any other institution's drug policy, the student, may be permitted to re-apply for admission to Rensselaer. Reapplication for admission hereunder is subject to the terms for Disciplinary Suspension found in the Rensselaer Handbook of Student Rights & Responsibilities under the section entitled Types of Disciplinary Actions. Conditions for readmission may include, but are not limited to, mandatory educational programming and/or training, counseling, drug testing, supervision, restriction or loss of privileges, or other requirements. If such student is not granted permission to re-apply for admission, or where such re-application is denied, the student shall be deemed to have been expelled.

- **Second Violation, or First Violation with a finding of habitual use:** The student shall be immediately expelled from the Institute without the possibility of return.

A determination that a student is a habitual user of Prohibited Substances may occur through external police, internal Public Safety, Student Life or other information sources that make the condition known to the Administration of the Institute. Each allegation will be investigated and corroborated through whatever channels are available. Rensselaer, in its sole and exclusive discretion, reserves the right to obtain medical advice and assistance to determine whether the subject of the inquiry is a habitual user of any Prohibited Substance. Parents or guardians of the subject may be notified immediately of a person identified as being a habitual user of a Prohibited Substance and subject to this policy.

C. For Use or Possession of Marijuana/THC and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Any student found to have engaged in a violation of this policy relating to the personal, non-trafficking use, consumption or possession of marijuana/THC or possession of drug paraphernalia shall be subject to the following:

- **First Violation:** Sanctions as determined by the Rensselaer Judicial Process, including but not limited to, disciplinary probation, referral for required educational programming and training, substance use assessment, restriction or loss of privileges, or other requirements as severity of the offense dictates, including the loss of housing privileges, substance use assessment, required treatment, and/or drug testing.
- **Second Violation:** The student shall be suspended from the Institute for a term of not less than one (1) calendar year. After the expiration of such term of suspension, and provided the student has had no other suspensions, expulsions or involuntary withdrawals for violation of Rensselaer's or any other institution's drug policy, the student, may be permitted to re-apply for admission to Rensselaer. Reapplication for admission hereunder is subject to the terms for Disciplinary Suspension found in the Rensselaer Handbook of Student Rights & Responsibilities under the section entitled

Types of Disciplinary Actions. Conditions for readmission may include, but are not limited to, mandatory educational programming and/or training, counseling, drug testing, supervision, restriction or loss of privileges, or other requirements. If such student is not granted permission to re-apply for admission, or where such re-application is denied, the student shall be deemed to have been expelled.

VII. ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG POLICY RESPONSIBILITY AND ENFORCEMENT

- A. Adherence to these policies on alcohol and other drugs shall be the individual and personal responsibility of each member of the student body, student organization, staff, faculty or administration of the Institute.
- B. The responsibility of enforcement of the Institute Alcohol and Other Drug Policy resides with the President or his/her designee.

VIII. VIOLATIONS/SANCTIONS

- A. Violations of the Alcohol and Other Drug Policy by any student shall constitute a violation of the Grounds for Disciplinary Action. Person(s) shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the Institute.
- B. Possible sanctions are outlined for students in this document and the Rensselaer Handbook of Student Rights and Responsibilities, and for employees in the Human Resources Policy Guidelines.
- C. Judicial Actions and sanctions for students under this Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy are subject to the Institute's Good Samaritan Policy and the provisions for Alcohol and Drug Use Amnesty in the Rensselaer Student Sexual Misconduct Policy.
- D. Violations by any faculty and staff members of the Human Resources Policy #800.4, Alcohol Use and Possession and/or #800.5, Use and Possession of Illegal Drugs shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including the termination of employment. Violations by vendors, contractors or visitors of this Policy may result in those individuals being prohibited from entering or remaining on campus facilities owned, leased or controlled by the Institute.

IX. INSTITUTE ALCOHOL REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC)

The Alcohol Review Committee (ARC) has the following membership, operating parameters and responsibilities:

- A. Membership of the ARC consists of the following: Two students, two staff, two faculty and one chair; for a total membership of seven. Members are appointed by the Vice President for Student Life or his/her designee.
- B. Operating Parameters
1. ARC Quorum: One student, one faculty, one staff and one chairperson;
 2. ARC Meetings: the ARC shall have at least six meetings annually; in or around September, October, November, February, March and April;
 3. The terms of committee appointment: faculty and staff committee members shall be appointed for two years. Student members shall be appointed annually.
- C. Responsibilities: Representatives of the Student Health Center will assume primary responsibility for items 1 – 6 below, but will bring before the Alcohol Review Committee exceptional cases and considerations. The Alcohol Review Committee will assume primary responsibility for items 7 and 8 below.
1. Developing procedures and guidelines for events where alcohol is present;
 2. Determining criteria for approving events at which alcohol is present;
 3. Reviewing applications for events at which alcohol is present;
 4. Soliciting and accepting reports from individuals and groups about violations, complaints and policy effectiveness;
 5. Referring violators into the judicial system;
 6. Developing enforcement procedures in consultation with the Dean of Students;
 7. Reviewing policies and recommendation for changes in policy for the campus community;
 8. Promoting and coordinating alcohol awareness and educational and behavioral change programs with the campus community which may include the following components:
 - i. student workshops for the general student population, residence hall staffs, representatives of Greek organizations, other student groups and organizations and faculty and staff which aim to develop new procedures for overcoming peer pressure to consume alcohol and other drugs;
 - ii. workshops to increase student understanding of the short and long-term effects of alcohol and other drug abuse;
 - iii. encourage students to participate in the programs and activities which take place during weeks such as Alcohol and Health Awareness Week;
 - iv. special educational workshops for students and their families during each Fall semester (e.g. S.O. and Family Weekend);
 - v. Assist the efforts of Rensselaer Greeks and other student groups and organizations to develop and evaluate systematic and innovative party procedures and policies regarding the low-risk serving of alcohol (e.g. determining the impact of specific environmental determinants on alcohol consumption, refining existing server intervention training programs and sober driver programs).

X. RENSSELAER GOOD SAMARITAN POLICY

Student health and safety are primary concerns of the Rensselaer community. It is imperative that someone call for medical assistance when an individual appears to be a victim of and/or experiences alcohol intoxication, drug overdose, or serious injury after consuming alcohol or other drugs. In general, people may be reluctant to seek emergency or medical attention for fear of judicial consequences for themselves, the person in need of assistance, and/or the organization hosting the event where the situation occurs.

Because health emergencies related to the consumption of alcohol and other drugs are potentially life threatening, Rensselaer seeks to reduce barriers to seeking assistance. The Good Samaritan Policy is part of Rensselaer's approach to reducing harmful consequences caused by the consumption of alcohol and other drugs. The Good Samaritan Policy is the Institute's commitment to increase the likelihood that community members will call for assistance when faced with an alcohol or drug-related emergency.

An **individual** who receives emergency assistance and/or medical treatment due to alcohol or drug consumption, and who completes an alcohol and other drugs assessment educational activities and/or treatment as assigned through the Rensselaer Health Center will not be subject to judicial action for violating Institute Alcohol & Other Drug Policy.

A **person who calls** for emergency assistance and/or medical treatment due to alcohol or drug consumption on behalf of another person will not be subject to judicial action for violating Institute Alcohol & Other Drug Policy, but may be required to attend an alcohol and other drugs education program if deemed necessary by the Rensselaer Health Center.

A **representative of an organization** hosting an event is expected to promptly call for emergency assistance and/or medical attention due to evidence of a potential health or other emergency resulting from consumption of alcohol or other drugs by a guest at the event. This act of responsibility will mitigate the judicial consequences against the organization which results from violations of the Grounds for Disciplinary Action at the time of the incident due to violation of Institute Alcohol & Other Drug Policy. However, failure to call for emergency assistance and/or medical treatment will be considered an "intolerable circumstance" affecting judicial sanctions against the organization and persons found to be knowledgeable and/or responsible for the event if violations of Grounds for Disciplinary Action have occurred.

Requirement to Obtain Medical Assistance: Rensselaer students, student organizations, and other members of the Rensselaer Community are required to summon emergency medical services (by calling 911 or Rensselaer Public Safety at 518-276-6611) to obtain assistance and evaluation for any person who is in their room or immediate presence and is, or is suspected to be, under the influence of alcohol or other prohibited substances, when that person's well-being and safety is known to be or reasonably should be known to be in jeopardy. When an individual knows or reasonably should know that another person is in jeopardy, failing to summon

emergency medical services (e.g. taking the person back to his/her residence and dropping him/her off, driving the person to a hospital in a personal vehicle, asking another person to take responsibility for the intoxicated individual without seeking medical assistance for the ill person) shall be considered a violation of this policy.

XI. RENSSELAER'S ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUG EDUCATION PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 requires that we distribute to all students the campus alcohol and other drug (AOD) policy, as well as the laws and health risks regarding AOD use and resources on campus and in the community. Contact the Office of Health Promotion at 518-276-6287 or healthed@rpi.edu for more information.

A. Health Risks

There is no "safe" use of alcohol for students under 21. Engaging in "recreational" drug use or "social" drinking could have serious mental health, physical and/or legal consequences. Alcohol and other drugs are toxic to the body and if abused can have catastrophic consequences on one's health. Some drugs are so toxic that even one experimental use can be fatal. Alcohol is the number one date rape drug. When it comes to drugs and alcohol, what you don't know can not only hurt you, but it can kill you.

Rensselaer believes that the better informed one is about the health risks associated with the use and abuse of alcohol and the use of drugs, the more likely you are to avoid these substances altogether or to seek help if you become the victim of a chemical dependence. Therefore, the following is a summary of the various health risks associated with alcohol abuse and the use of 12 specific types of drugs. This summary is not intended to be an exhaustive or final statement of all possible consequences to health of substance abuse, but rather is intended to increase your awareness of the grave risks involved in this kind of behavior.

Alcohol Use and Abuse – Alcohol is the most widely used and abused drug in the United States. Alcohol consumption has acute effects on the body and causes a number of marked changes in behavior. Even low doses significantly impair the judgment and coordination required to drive a vehicle safely, increasing the likelihood that the driver will be involved in an accident. Low to moderate doses of alcohol also increase the incidence of a variety of aggressive acts, including spouse and child abuse, as well as dangerous risk-taking behavior. Moderate to high doses of alcohol cause marked impairments in higher mental functions, severely altering a person's ability to learn and remember information. Very high doses cause respiratory depression and death. If combined with other depressants of the central nervous system, lower doses of alcohol can be fatal.

Alcohol-related automobile crashes are the number one cause of death among people ages 15 through 24. Furthermore, approximately 50 percent of all youthful deaths from drowning, fires, suicide, and homicide are alcohol-related.

Repeated use of alcohol can lead to physical and psychological dependence. Dependent persons who suddenly stop drinking are likely to suffer withdrawal symptoms, including severe anxiety, tremors, hallucinations, and convulsions. Alcohol withdrawal can be life-threatening. Long-term consumption of large quantities of alcohol, particularly when combined with poor nutrition, can also lead to permanent damage to vital organs such as the brain and the liver. Mothers who drink alcohol during pregnancy may give birth to infants with fetal alcohol syndrome. These infants have irreversible physical abnormalities and mental retardation. In addition, research indicated that children of alcoholic parents have an increased risk of becoming alcoholics themselves.

Use of Illicit Drugs – Drugs interfere with the brain’s ability to take in, store, and synthesize information. They distort perception, which can lead users to harm themselves or others. Drug use also affects sensation and impairs memory.

B. Rensselaer Resources for Help

The Rensselaer resources available to provide assistance to members of the campus community concerned about health issues related to alcohol and other drugs are as follows:

Student Health Center: 518-276-6287

The Student Health Center is open Monday through Friday 8:30 am – 5:00 pm when classes are in session and Monday through Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm during the summer. Call for an appointment.

Counseling Center: 518-276-6479

The Counseling Center, located in the Student Health Center. Is open Monday through Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm when classes are in session and 8:00 am – 4:30 pm during the summer. They offer assistance on any issue that affects Rensselaer students.

Office of Health Promotion: 518-276-6287

Contact the Student Health Center’s Office of Health Promotion Health for information about alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, safer sex, nutrition, stress, wellness or any other related topics.

C. Community Resources for Help

The following off-campus community resources are also available:

Hope House, Inc.: 518-482-4673

Hope House is a comprehensive outpatient alcoholism evaluation and treatment center located in downtown Troy.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Meetings

A complete list of meetings available in Rensselaer County:

<https://aahmbny.org/meetings/?tsml-region=rensselaer-county>

Al-Anon of the Greater Capital District

Al-Anon meetings are for anyone who has been affected by someone's drinking. For a listing of meetings available in the Capital District of New York visit: <https://www.al-anon-8ny.org/online-meeting-schedule>

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) Meetings

<http://abcdrna.org/>

D. National Hotlines

National resources that provide assistance to individuals concerned about matters related to the use of alcohol and other drugs include, but aren't limited to the following:

NCA INFORMATION LINE: 1-800-NCA-CALL

The National Council on Alcoholism (NCA) provides referral services to families and individuals seeking help with an alcohol or other drug problem.

PRIDE DRUG INFORMATION HOTLINE: 1-800-241-9746

The Parent's Resource Institute for Drug Education (PRIDE) refers concerned parents to parent groups in their state or local area, provides telephone consultations and referral to emergency health centers, and maintains a series of drug information tapes that callers can listen to at no charge.

NIDA HOTLINE: 1-800-622-HELP

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) provides a confidential information and referral line that directs callers to cocaine abuse treatment centers in the local community. Free materials on drug use are also distributed upon request.

For more information please call the RPI Student Health Center's Office of Health Promotion at 518-276-6287 or email: healthed@rpi.edu

**APPENDIX D
CAMPUS ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUG PROGRAMS**

Event Name	Date	Host(s)	# Attendees	Description
Bystander Intervention Training	01/09/2020	Student Health Center & Athletics	25	Bystander Intervention training for freshmen and transfer varsity athletes.
Bystander Intervention Training	01/12/2020	Student Health Center & Athletics	35	Bystander Intervention training for freshmen and transfer varsity athletes.
Trivia with Perry	01/14/2020	Student Union Pub	30	Non-tournament trivia event
Bystander Intervention Training	01/15/2020	Student Health Center & Athletics	25	Bystander Intervention training for freshmen and transfer varsity athletes.
Breakfast for Dinner	01/15/2020	Student Union Pub	40	Instructional dinner
Student-Athlete Speaker Series: Mike Green – Alcohol and Drug Use Education and Prevention	01/15/2020	Athletics Dept.	500	<p>Mike Green has 30 years of experience working with college student-athletes effectively educating them on responsibility, accountability, safety, decision making, and peer pressure.</p> <p>Reviewed symptoms of alcohol poisoning and what to do. Reviewed the four stages of drinking development and assessment process.</p>
Karaoke with Hannah	01/16/2020	Student Union Pub	25	Sing-a-long style karaoke for students
Bystander Intervention Training	01/17/2020	Student Health Center & Athletics	19	Bystander Intervention training for freshmen and transfer varsity athletes.
Trivia with Perry	01/21/2020	Student Union Pub	40	Tournament style weekly trivia event

Star Wars Painting at the Pub	01/23/2020	Student Union Pub	24	Painting event for students with a Star Wars theme
All Age Trivia	01/24/2020	Student Union Pub	24	Trivia for all students
Bystander Intervention Training	01/26/2020	Student Health Center & Athletics	25	Bystander Intervention training for freshmen and transfer varsity athletes.
Trivia with Perry	01/28/2020	Student Union Pub	40	Tournament style weekly trivia event
Lunar New Year Wine & Dine	01/29/2020	Student Union Pub	45	Instructional dinner
Narcan Training	01/29/2020	Student Health Center & Rensselaer County Dept. of Health	20	The Rensselaer County Department of Health educates participants about the benefits of using Narcan during a suspected drug overdose and how to administer Narcan to someone in need. Attendees are supplied with their own free Narcan kit.
Super Bowl Party	02/02/2020	Student Union Pub	30	Watch party with food for students
Bystander Intervention Training	02/02/2020	Student Health Center & Athletics	25	Bystander Intervention training for freshmen and transfer varsity athletes.
Trivia with Perry	02/04/2020	Student Union Pub	40	Tournament style weekly trivia event
Karaoke Night	02/06/2020	Student Union Pub	20	Sing-a-long for students
Paint Your Blue Moon Pint Glass	02/06/2020	Student Union Pub	24	Painting event for students
Trivia with Andrew	02/08/2020	Student Union Pub	20	60's Trivia for students

Trivia with Perry	02/11/2020	Student Union Pub	40	Tournament style weekly trivia event
Valentine's Wine & Dine	02/12/2020	Student Union Pub	45	Instructional dinner for students
TIPS Training	02/12/2020	Student Health Center & Greek Life	20	TIPS Training for Greeks.
Trivia with Andrew	02/15/2020	Student Union Pub	20	70's Trivia for students
Trivia with Perry	02/18/2020	Student Union Pub	40	Tournament style weekly trivia event
Grad Student Painting at the Pub	02/20/2020	Student Union Pub	24	Painting event for grad students
All Age Trivia	02/21/2020	Student Union Pub	25	Trivia for all students
Trivia with Andrew	02/22/2020	Student Union Pub	20	80's Trivia for students
Trivia with Perry	02/25/2020	Student Union Pub	40	Tournament weekly trivia event
International Wine & Dine	02/26/2020	Student Union Pub	45	Instructional dinner for students
Trivia with Andrew	02/29/2020	Student Union Pub	20	90's Trivia for students
Trivia with Perry	03/03/2020	Student Union Pub	40	Tournament weekly trivia event
St. Patrick's Week Irish Dinner and Live Music Show	03/05/2020	Student Union Pub	45	Instructional dinner with Irish food and Irish band
BASICS	04/21/2020	Student Health Center & Judicial Affairs	4	Alcohol-risk reduction class for students who've violated the alcohol and other drug policy. Part 1 of 2.
Lavender Graduation Virtual Ceremony	05/12/2020	Virtual Webex Student Union	Unknown	Recognition of graduating LGBTQIA+ students
Students of Color Virtual Reception	05/20/2020	Virtual Webex Student Union	Unknown	Recognition of graduating students of color
BASICS	04/28/2020	Student Health Center & Judicial Affairs	4	Alcohol-risk reduction class for students who've violated the alcohol and other drug policy. Part 2 of 2.

Community Responsibility	Summer 2020	First Year Experience	1469	Required for all incoming freshmen and transfer students pre-matriculation. Covers academic overview; life on campus (Student Living and Learning & Student Health Services); return to campus health and safety, and; academic integrity, expert insights on unconscious bias, overcoming your own unconscious bias, using communication strategies to bridge cultural divides, responding to a hostile intruder, and preventing sexual misconduct.
First Floor Meeting	08/22/2020 & 08/23/2020	Student Living and Learning	1469	Required for all incoming first-year students. Resident Assistants presented information about the residence halls, sexual assault prevention, and the Institute's alcohol and other drug policies. Resident Assistants specifically shared Rensselaer's Good Samaritan Policy. Resident Assistants also shared the contact information for the Title IX Coordinators, the reporting form for incidents of sexual misconduct, and other resources.
BASICS	10/20/2020	Student Health Center & Judicial Affairs	8	Alcohol-risk reduction class for students who've violated the alcohol and other drug policy. Part 1 of 2.

Angie K Show	10/23/2020	Student Union Pub	10	Virtual concert as part of Family Weekend
BASICS	10/28/2020	Student Health Center & Judicial Affairs	8	Alcohol-risk reduction class for students who've violated the alcohol and other drug policy. Part 2 of 2.
TIPS Training	11/05/2020	Student Union	4	TIPS Training for Union Pub student staff.
Senior Week 2021	05/14/2021	Virtual Lecture with Jack Garcia, FBI	Unknown	Lecture by ex-FBI agent
Senior Week 2021	05/15/2021	Virtual Cooking Class	Unknown	Instructions on cooking
Senior Week 2021	05/16/2021	Virtual Painting Class	Unknown	Instructions on painting
Senior Week 2021	05/17/2021	Virtual Games Show	Unknown	Trivia and prizes using Kahoot software
Senior Week 2021	05/18/2021	Virtual Psychic Program	Unknown	Students got to virtually meet a psychic for a personal reading
Senior Week 2021	05/20/2021	Virtual Lavendar Graduation	8	Recognition of graduating LGBTQIA+ students
Senior Week 2021	05/20/2021	Virtual Open Mic Night	Unknown	On line open mic through zoom

Community Responsibility	Summer 2021	First Year Experience	1324	Required for all incoming freshmen and transfer students pre-matriculation. Covers academic overview; life on campus (Student Living and Learning & Student Health Services); return to campus health and safety, and; academic integrity, expert insights on unconscious bias, overcoming your own unconscious bias, using communication strategies to bridge cultural divides, responding to a hostile intruder, and preventing sexual misconduct.
First Floor Meeting	08/25/2021 & 08/26/2021	Student Living and Learning	1324	Required for all incoming first-year students. Resident Assistants presented information about the residence halls, sexual assault prevention, and the Institute's alcohol and other drug policies. Resident Assistants specifically shared Rensselaer's Good Samaritan Policy. Resident Assistants also shared the contact information for the Title IX Coordinators, the reporting form for incidents of sexual misconduct, and other resources.
TIPS Training	08/24/2021	Student Union	8	TIPS Training for Union Pub student staff.

Outdoor Painting at the Pub	08/26/2021	Student Union Pub	6	Painting event outside for students
Virtual Trivia with Perry	08/31/2021	Student Union Pub	20	Online trivia event for students
Virtual Karaoke with Mruthul	09/02/2021	Student Union Pub	10	Sing-a-long event online for students
TIPS Training	09/10/2021	Student Union	1	TIPS Training for Union Pub student staff.
Trivia with Andrew	09/11/2021	Student Union Pub	8	Trivia for students on Zoom with Kahoot
Grand Reopening Trivia Night	09/14/2021	Student Union Pub	30	Reopening celebration with trivia for students
Painting at the Pub with Abbie	09/16/2021	Student Union Pub	24	Painting event for students
All Age Trivia	09/17/2021	Student Union Pub	26	All Age Trivia event hosted by WRPI
All Age Trivia	09/24/2021	Student Union Pub	22	All Age Trivia event hosted by Food Recovery Network
Italian Wine & Dine	09/30/2021	Student Union Pub	30	Instructional dinner for students
Karaoke with Mruthul	10/07/2021	Student Union Pub	10	Sing-a-long event for students
Paint Your Pumpkin	10/18/2021 - 10/30/2021	Student Union Pub	40 total	Drop-in event to paint pumpkins
Bystander Intervention Training	10/28/2021	Student Health Center	11	Bystander Intervention Training for student body.
Halloween Party	10/28/2021	Student Union Pub	22	Halloween trivia, food and costume contest for students
Stephen Van Rensselaer's Birthday	11/01/2021	Student Union Pub	25	Cake to celebrate founder's birthday
Election Day & Perry's Birthday Celebration @ Trivia	11/02/2021	Student Union Pub	30	Food and cake to celebrate trivia host's birthday and election day
Karaoke with Mruthul	11/04/2021	Student Union Pub	15	Sing-a-long event for students
Painting at the Pub with Abbie	11/11/2021	Student Union Pub	24	Instructional painting event
Thankful Wine & Dine	11/18/2021	Student Union Pub	30	Instructional dinner
Holiday Karaoke with Mruthul	12/02/2021	Student Union Pub	12	Holiday themed karaoke for students
TIPS Training	12/04/2021	Student Union	7	TIPS Training for Union Pub student staff.

Gingerbread House Making	12/06/2021 - 12/11/2021	Student Union Pub	10	Students made gingerbread houses with kits supplied by Pub
Bystander Intervention Training	12/09/2021	Student Health Center	16	Bystander Intervention Training for student body.
Painting at the Pub with Abbie	12/16/2021	Student Union Pub	20	Instructional painting event