

CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS OF RIGA TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY IN STUDY YEAR 2024/2025

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September 2

The traditional RTU Ringing Festival is taking place.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/jaunais-studiju-gads-rtu-saksies-2-septembri-ar-iezvanisanas-svetkiem-1>

RTU Engineering High School (EHS) is starting its 10th academic year in RTU Student Campus in Ķīpsala, 12 Āzenes Street.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-inzenierzinatnu-vidusskola-sak-desmit-macibu-gadu>

Students of the Maritime School of the RTU Maritime Academy begin their studies at the RTU Student Campus in Ķīpsala.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-latvijas-juras-akademijas-jurskolas-audzekni-sak-macibas-kipsala>

RTU International School of Science and Technology (ISST) begins work.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/darbu-uzsak-rtu-starptautiska-zinatnu-un-tehnologiju-skola>

September 4

RTU Curiosity Centre «Futurimo Riga» is visited by teacher Armanda Begaj, spouse of the President of Albania Bajram Begaj, confirming that the Curiosity Centre is a good example of how to increase children's and young people's interest in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics) subjects.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/apliecinot-steam-izglitibas-nozimi-rtu-zinatkares-centra-futurimo-riga-viesojas-albanijas-prezidenta-dzivesbiedre-armanda-begaja>

RTU Institute of Architecture and Design (IAD) introduces a new tradition – a cycle of guest lectures on Wednesdays for students and academic staff. In the first introductory lecture of the cycle, IAD Director Māra Liepa-Zemeša introduces the new ideas and current events at the institute, Assistant Professor Baiba Vērpe informs about the planned guest lecture topics and program of events this semester, Assistant Professor Inga Zotova informs first-year students about the course of studies at the institute and answers students' questions.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/adi/par-mums/af-zinas/atvert/rtu-arhitekturas-un-dizaina-instituts-atklas-tresdienu-vieslekciju-ciklu>

In the premises of RTU, the Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia Anda Čakša signs an important intergovernmental agreement with the government of the United States of America on cooperation in the field of science and technology, which marks a new stage in the relations between the two countries, promoting not only scientific progress, but also the development of the national economy and the strengthening of global innovation networks.

https://www.izm.gov.lv/lv/jaunums/latvijas-un-asv-sadarbibas-noligums-zinatne-un-tehnologijas-paver-abpusejus-ieguvumus-un-nakotnes-perspektivas?fbclid=IwY2xjawFFdcFleHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHVVSQHkniQC07hCBwcO2VCF0dYfWFhnlp-EZIKUWzFZcu6FxxHH2hhvcCvHA_aem_qcKnLdnQrt2rQeKBIHQGdg&utm_source=https%3A%2F%2Ffacebook.com%2F

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/latvijas-un-asv-sadarbibas-noligums-paver-jaunas-perspektivas-augstakaja-izglitiba-un-zinatne>

September 5

The President of Latvia, Edgars Rinkēvičs, presents the traveling award – the Big Owl – to the management of RTU EHS as a confirmation of the excellent performance of the pupils in the national and international subject Olympiads in the school year 2023/2024, for the ninth year in a row, it has won the first place in the school ranking compiled by the Atis Kronvalds Foundation in the small school group.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-inzenierzinatnu-vidusskola-sanem-lielo-puci-ka-apliecinajumu-skolenu-izcilajam-sniegumam-valsts-un-starptautiskajas-olimpiades>

Liene Briede, RTU Vice-Rector for Innovations, and Hiroyuki Suzuki, President of Advanced Telecommunication Research (ATR) Institute, signed a cooperation agreement to provide support to start-ups and the opportunity to join the ATR program in the Japanese market.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-sak-sadarboties-ar-japanas-advanced-telecommunications-research-institute-international>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720320099114/>

Vladislavs Čuhovs, a graduate of RTU IAD study program «Material Technology and Design», wins the 3rd place in the international competition «Sustainability in architecture, construction, design in the Baltic States» in the «Most Sustainable Student Idea» category. IAD students are recognized by the competition jury: Alise Šteinberga; Anete Podniece; Jana Eglīte; Marta Elizabete Smilga; Olga Čerņavska; Zanda Seņkova and Oskars Ralfs Vanags.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/adi/par-mums/af-zinas/atvert/rtu-arhitekturas-un-dizaina-instituta-absolventi-un-studenti-gust-panakumus-starptautiskaja-konkursa-ilgtspeja-arhitektura-buvnieciba-dizaina-baltija>

September 6

Ceremonial opening of RTU Latvian Maritime Academy premises at 6B Ķīpsala Street, presenting to those present with the work already done in strengthening maritime education and future plans.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-latvijas-juras-akademijas-parcelsanos-uz-kipsalu-simboliski-iezvana-ar-kuga-zvanu>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720320200453/>

September 12

In the IAD atrium, the exhibition of paintings by the artist Ingemāra Treja «Ceļojuma piezīmes» is opened.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/adi/par-mums/af-zinas/atvert/rtu-arhitekturas-un-dizaina-instituta-skatama-makslinieces-ingemaras-treijas-gleznu-izstade-celojuma-piezimes>

September 13

The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Kenya, Angelina Kavindu Musili, visits RTU, meeting with the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs Elīna Gaile-Sarkane, who introduced her to RTU, the faculties, the university's scientific excellence initiatives, and future goals, the representatives of the International Cooperation Department, who informed the Ambassador about Cooperation between RTU and Kenya in various projects and the Erasmus+ program, and visiting the RTU Curiosity Centre «Futurimo Riga».

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720320289522>

September 13–15

Having won the national hackathon, the RTU student team «NEAMO» starts in the European Union's 7th CASSINI space hackathon final, representing Latvia.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/latvijas-studenti-attista-augstas-pievienotas-vertibas-digitalizacijas-risinajumus>

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September 14

In a solemn ceremony taking place in Singapore, the legendary Latvian basketball player and graduate of our university, Riga Polytechnic Institute (RPI), Faculty of Civil Engineering (1970), Skaidrite Smildziņa-Budovska, was inducted into the FIBA Hall of Fame.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/muzejs/muzejs-par-mums/muzeja-zinas/atvert/fiba-slavas-zale-uznemta-musu-augstskolas-absolvente-s-smildzina-budovska>

September 17

RTU New Employees' Day is taking place, where new colleagues have the opportunity to learn the most important information about essential aspects of daily work, RTU's strategy, values, and the organization of the work environment.

September 19

The Smart Cities Conference is being held at the RTU Science and Innovation Centre (SIC) for the third year, bringing together representatives of municipalities, technology companies, and the academic field to discuss future mobility technologies and decide what are the opportunities and obstacles for testing them in the urban environment.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/diskutes-par-autonomu-mobilitates-risinajumu-testesanu-pilsetvide>

The RTU Student Poetry Day «*Mīlas pilna sirds*» (Heart Full of Love) is held in the RTU Scientific Library.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/kultura/par-mums-kultura/jaunumi-kultura/atvert/aizvadita-rtu-studentu-dzejas-diena-milas-pilna-sirds>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/kulturascentrs/albums/72177720320527821/with/54015721973/>

September 24

The second season of the program «Inovatīvu digitālu risinājumu radīšana HPC izaicinājumos» (Creating Innovative Digital Solutions in HPC Challenges) is solemnly opened.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/24-septembri-tiks-uzsakta-otra-hpc-izaicinajumu-programmas-sezona>

September 25

The new RTU Academic Reading season begins with the lecture «Kauls un nanoobjektu elektriskā funkcionalizācija bioloģiskajām vajadzībām» (Bone and Electrical Functionalization of Nano-Objects for Biological Needs) by Academician Jurijs Dehtjars.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/ar-akademika-jurija-dehtjara-priekslasijumu-saksies-jauna-rtu-akademiku-lasijumu-sezona>

September 26

The first innovation tennis match between RTU and the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Riga is taking place at the RTU Tennis Courts at 3 Kronvalda Boulevard, in which the Czech Ambassador to Latvia Martins Vīteks competes with RTU Vice-Rector for Innovations Liene Briede and a student, highlighting the exciting nature of innovation and supporting the implementation of various innovation-promoting activities, especially in the field of robotics.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/notiks-pirmais-inovaciju-tenisa-macs>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720320753481/>

September 27

Scientists' Night events are held at RTU, offering a wide range of activities for those interested in robotics, drones, electronics, and computers, as well as for those who want to learn everything related to drinking water, construction of buildings, bridges, roads, sailing in wide seas, the formula building for speed competitions, energy efficiency, smart homes, smart biomaterials, various substances, and chemical processes in real life.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rekordliels-interesentu-skaitis-apmekle-zinatnieku-nakti-rtu>

September 28–29

In the Latvian XXXV Universiade beach volleyball competition, RTU volleyball players Sandis Bērziņš (FCSITE, 3rd year student) and Bruno Bulgačs (FCSITE, 1st year student) won silver medals, Kristiāna Paula Kukša (FNST 2024 graduate) and Stefānija Krista Jaunzeme (FEEM, 4th year student) – bronze medals.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/sports/sporta-centra-jaunumi/atvert/rtu-pludmales-volejbolisti-no-universiades-majas-atved-sudraba-un-bronzas-medalas>

September 30

FNST Professor Juris Blūms is re-elected as the Chairman of the RTU Senate at the Senate meeting.

The Senate decides (Minutes No. 685):

- based on the decision of the FCME Council of 17 September 2024 (Meeting Minutes No. 20), to award the RTU Honorary Doctor Diploma to Professor Lucio Tomaso De Paolis of the University of Salento (Italy);
- based on the decision of the FCME Council of 18 June 2024 (Meeting Minutes No. 14), award the honorary title of RTU Professor Emeritus to *Dr. sc. ing.* Arturs Lešinskis.

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At the end of the competition, the Directors of the Faculty of Civil and Mechanical Engineering (FCME) institutes were confirmed. The management of the Institute of High-Performance Materials and Structures is entrusted to Līva Pupure; Aleksejs Klokovs starts working as the Director of the Institute of Aeronautics, Space Engineering and Transport; Anatolijs Borodiņecs becomes the Director of the Institute of Sustainable Building Materials and Engineering Systems; for the Director of the Institute of Biomedical Engineering and Nanotechnologies – Artis Kromanis; for the Director of the Institute of Civil Engineering – Pēteris Druķis.

October 3

The event «Startup Rocket Fuel», organized by RTU SIC is taking place, where startups and innovation enthusiasts have the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the support opportunities offered by RTU and the European Institute of Innovation & Technology for the development of startups.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-zinatnes-un-inovaciju-centrs-aicina-jaunuznemejus-uz-informativu-pasakumu-startup-rocket-fuel>

IAD Lecturer Mg. arch. Anita Anteniške's solo exhibition of watercolors «Skices un gleznas – dabā un dejā» (Sketches and Paintings – in Nature and Dance) is opened at the premises of the Latvian Association of Architects at 11 Torņa Street.

<https://www.latarh.lv/anitas-anteniskas-akvarelu-personalizstade-arhitektu-nama>

October 4–6

The first Baltic artificial intelligence hackathon «Baltic AI Hackathon» is taking place at RTU.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/norisinaties-vel-nebijis-baltijas-maksliga-intelekta-hakaton-baltic-ai-hackathon>

October 9

Minister Inga Bērziņa is visiting FEEM, meeting with faculty management and students, and introducing the current directions of activity and industry challenges of the Ministry of Smart Administration and Regional Development.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/ievff/ievf-par-mums/ievf-zinas/atvert/ministre-inga-berzina-vieslekcija-iepazistina-rtu-ievf-studentus-ar-varam-aktualitatem>

October 10

The eighth RTU History Day is taking place.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/muzejs/muzejs-par-mums/muzeja-zinas/atvert/notiks-astota-rtu-vestures-diena-un-zinatniska-konference>

October 11

IAD students and graduates win prize-winning places in the «Dizaina arēna 2024» (Design Arena 2024) competition organized by the Latvian Designers' Society. In the category «Vides dizains» (Environmental Design) the 1st place is won by the 3rd year students of the Bachelor's Study Program «Materials Technology and Design» Marina Ļvova, Dmitrijs Jeršovs, Arina Domkova, Ksenija Kumareva, Diāna Vasiljeva for the developed vision of the RTU History Museum (supervisors I. Gudro, A. Broks); in the category «Lietu dizains» (Design Objects), the 1st place is won by Zanda Senkova, a graduate of the Bachelor's Study Program «Materials Technology and Design» with her Bachelor's Thesis – Modular Seating Furniture Collection With Hidden BDSM Function (supervisor I. Gūtmane); 3rd place in this category is won by graduate Oskars Ralfs Vanags for the «FikaStandart» coffee table, equipped with a rotating part of drawers and organizers (supervisor I. Gūtmane); in the category «Communication Design», the 3rd place goes to graduate Olga Čerņavska, who created a board game in chemistry «Chemistry Board Game for Grades 8–12 «Chemical elements»» (supervisor I. Gudro); in the «Design Research» category, Beatrise Santa, a graduate of the Bachelor's Professional Study Program «Clothing and Textile Technology», who developed a smart mattress for monitoring the condition of a sleeping patient, won the 3rd place (supervisor U. Briedis).

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/adi/par-mums/af-zinas/atvert/rtu-arhitekturas-un-dizaina-instituta-studenti-un-absolventi-pluc-laurus-latvijas-dizaineru-savienibas-organizetaja-konkursa-dizaina-arena-2024>

October 14

Celebrating the 162nd Anniversary of RTU, RTU awards are traditionally presented: the title «Scientist of the Year 2024» will be awarded to FNST Tenured Professor Sergejs Gaidukovs, «Young Scientist of the Year 2024» – FNST Researcher Oskars Platnieks, «Young Female Scientist of the Year 2024» – FNST Researcher and RTU Doctoral School Head Anda Gromova. This year, for the first time, the «RTU Scientific Article of the Year» Award is presented, it is received by FEEM Professor Inga Lapiņa and Researcher Gaļina Robertsons.

The Academic Excellence Award is traditionally presented to teaching staff who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in teaching work. In the «Best Lecturer» category, the award goes to FEEM Assistant Professor Uldis Kamols, FCME Leading Researcher and Assistant

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Professor Ernests Jansons is recognized as the best new teaching staff, FCSITE Associate Professor Aleksejs Jurenoks is awarded the award for promoting the excellence of the academic environment.

RTU also presents honorary doctora diplomas at the plenary session of the 65th International Scientific Conference. According to the decision of the RTU Senate of 30 September 2024 (Meeting Minutes No. 20), this year Professor Lucio Tommaso De Paoli of the University of Salento (Italy) receives it.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-gada-balvas-zinatne-sanem-materialzinatnieki>

October 14–18

During the week of RTU's birthday – from 14 to 18 October – the RTU International Teaching Week will be held for the first time, during which dozens of lecturers from our cooperating universities in Finland, Germany, Romania, the Czech Republic, Lithuania, France, Ukraine, Jordan, Kenya, Peru, Nigeria, Morocco, etc. will visit the university.

https://files.rtu.lv/public/SAD/InternationalWeek_Program.pdf

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720321279496/>

October 15

During the week of RTU's 162nd anniversary, RTU management and family representatives traditionally honour the founders and former rectors of our university.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/muzejs/muzejs-par-mums/muzeja-zinas/atvert/tradicionali-godinam-rtu-dibinatajus-un-bijusos-rektorus>

October 16

«Tomega» 3D printer island is opened in RTU SIC «SkyLAB» workshop.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/16-oktobri-rtu-atklas-tomega-3d-printeru-salu>

October 17

The IAD Advisory Board gathers for the first meeting.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/adi/par-mums/af-zinas/atvert/darbu-sak-rtu-arhitekturas-un-dizaina-instituta-padomnieku-konvents>

October 21

Katrīna Marta Peizuma, a graduate of the IAD Master's Study Program «Architecture», becomes the winner of the competition «BAUA Awards 2024» organized by the Baltic Architects Union Association (BAUA).

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-absolventes-katrinas-martas-peizumas-diplomprojekts-gust-uzvaru-baltijas-arhitekturas-skolu-konkursa>

October 23

RTU and the Ministry of Education and Science signed an agreement on the introduction of institutional funding.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-un-izm-paraksta-ligumu-par-institucionala-finansejuma-ieviesanu-1>

A new Chief Accountant, Baiba Stepanova, is starting work at the Accounting Department of RTU.

October 25

In order to discuss possible cooperation in the field of drones and aviation, representatives of OSTIM Technical University (Turkey) visit RTU – Dean of the Faculty of Engineering Professor Dr. Hasan Erbay, Language Centre Director Hüsameddin Demir and Executive Secretary Ali Osman Karci. RTU Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs Elīna Gaile-Sarkane introduces the guests to RTU's goals, structure and various initiatives in science and innovation. The delegation visits the RTU Ķīpsala Student Campus and meets with FCME Vice-Dean Marina Čerpinska and Director of the Institute of Aeronautics, Space Engineering and Transport Aleksejs Klokovs.

October 28

According to Articles 6 and 23.1 of the Senate Regulations (approved at the meeting of the RTU Constitutional Assembly on 31 August 2021; minutes No. 32) specified in sub-section; taking into account the re-election of the Chairman of the Senate and at the suggestion of the Chairman of the Senate, the RTU Senate elects Oskars Krievs as the Deputy Chairman (minutes No. 686).

October 30

In the series of events «Readings by RTU Academicians», BFCME Professor, Academician Andrejs Krasņikovs reveals how to create a durable structure.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/akademikis-andrejs-krasnikovs-lekcija-atklas-ka-izveidot-ilgizturigu-konstrukciju>

Professor Yordan Kyosev of the Technical University of Dresden is visiting RTU, visiting the RTU Personal Protective Equipment Laboratory and highly appreciating the performance of RTU scientists and the established laboratory for testing a wide range of personal protective equipment, textile materials, and textile products.

In October

FEEM Professional Bachelor's and Master's Study Programs «Customs and Tax Administration» have been awarded the prestigious European Commission Recognition Certificate in the customs sector, confirming the high quality of the study programs.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/ievf/ievf-par-mums/ievf-zinas/atvert/rtu-ievf-studiju-programmam-muitas-un-nodoklu-administresana-pieskirts-nozare-prestizais-ek-atzisanas-sertifikats>

November 1

An exhibition of products created by RTU's new designers opens in the exhibition space of innovation and scientific achievements, «Future Stop of RTU and Origo».

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/ekspoziciju-telpa-rtu-un-origo-nakotnes-pietura-bus-apskatami-universitates-jauno-dizaineru-darbi>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtuaf/albums/72177720321699680/with/54116743609>

RTU Olaine College of Technology is celebrating its 60th anniversary.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-olaines-tehnologiju-koledza-60-jubilejas-svinibas-sanem-sirsnigus-pateicibas-vardus-un-laba-velejumus>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720321735589/>

Sandra Eldmane, who was the Senior Project Manager until now, is taking over the duties of the Head of the Project Implementation and Coordination Unit (PICU). Marija Nikipelova, the former Head of PICU, will continue to lead RTU strategically important Consolidation Project.

November 2-3

FEEM student Dāvis Pavlovs, competing in the second team of the Latvian National Team together with Arturs Rudņikovs and Artūrs Spalis, wins 3rd place in the «SynotTip» Baltic Table Tennis Championship.

November 4

Laura Zaķe starts her work as the Director of the RTU Study Department.

November 7

Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT; Australia) Cyber Security Centre Director Matthew Warren and Deputy Director Laki Kondylas are visiting RTU to continue talks on expanding cooperation between RTU and RMIT.

November 8

RTU and LTD «Rīgas ūdens» sign a memorandum of cooperation, agreeing to cooperate in the development of education, science, and innovation, especially focusing on the preparation of young specialists for work in the company.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-paraksta-sadarbibas-memorandu-ar-sia-rigas-udens>

FCSITE Institute of Photonics, Electronics and Electronic Communications Leading Researcher Lilita Ģēģere receives an award from the engineer Jānis Linters Foundation for her merits in the development of Latvian electronic communications, student preparation, and investment in science.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-vadosa-petniece-lilita-gegere-sanem-lintera-fonda-apbalvojumu>

<https://www.olaine.lv/lv/jaunumi/rtu-docente-vadosa-petniece-lilita-gegere-sanem-lintera-fonda-apbalvojumu>

November 9

The cycle of classes for pupils «Universitāte nākotnes inženieriem» (University for Future Engineers) or UNI in four content areas: architecture and design; natural sciences; engineering; economy and innovation are opened.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-atklas-nodarbibu-ciklu-skoleniem-universitate-nakotnes-inzenieriem>

November 11

On Lāčplēšis Day, in a solemn event, remembering and commemorating the students and graduates of our university – participants in the Latvian War of Independence, on 6 A/B Ķīpsalas Street, 3rd floor, the renewed exhibition of RTU history and the express exhibition «160 Years for the Higher Education of Mechanical Engineers in Latvia» created by RTURCEH, was opened in cooperation with the colleagues of the Scientific Library.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/muzejs/muzejs-par-mums/muzeja-zinas/atvert/lacplesa-diena-notiks-astotas-rtu-vestures-dienas-pasakumi>

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/muzejs/galerija-2/kategorija/atklata-rtu-vestures-ekspozicija-un-ekspresizstade-inzenieru-mehaniku-augstakajai-izglitiba-latvija>

November 13

The European Space Agency Business Incubation Center is opening at the RTU Science and Innovation Center.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/atklas-eiropas-kosmosa-agenturas-biznesa-inkubatoru>

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November 14

The conference «Digital Transformation in Public Administration and the Involvement of Universities in Its Implementation» is being held at the RTU Auditorium Centre «Domus auditorialis», the aim of which is to identify what has been achieved so far in the field of digital transformation in Latvian public administration, assess digital transformation plans and their implementation plans, analyse future perspectives and strategies for promoting digital transformation, emphasizing the role of universities in this process.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/konferences-digitala-transformacija-valsts-parvalde-un-universitasu-iesaiste-tas-istenosana-prezentacijas-un-video>

RTU Rector Tālis Juhna and the CEO of the Latvian-Estonian defence technology company «Frankenburg Technologies», former State Secretary of the Estonian Ministry of Defence Kusti Salm sign an agreement on cooperation in promoting technical education in the field of missile technology, attracting and implementing international projects, as well as in the development of innovative products and the development of young talents.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-un-uznemums-frankenburger-technologie-liek-pamatus-gaisa-aizsardzibas-industrijai-baltija>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720321922231/>

November 15

The RTU Senate is holding a ceremonial meeting dedicated to the Proclamation Day of the Republic of Latvia in the RTU auditorium centre «Domus auditorialis». The recipients of RTU's highest award – the RTU Badge of Honour – are being honoured at the ceremonial event. For special merits to the university, the RTU Badge of Honour is being received by Professor Jānis Grundspenķis of the Faculty of Computer Science, Information Technology and Energy and long-time Dean of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Transport and Aeronautics Ēriks Geriņš. The recipient of the title «RTU Honorary Alumni 2023» – Agnis Klans, Head of the engineering team of the company «RK Machinery» – is also being honoured at the event.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/cildina-rtu-goda-zimes-ieguvejus>

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-goda-absolventu-pulkam-pievienojas-agnis-klans>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720322029501/>

November 19

RTU, Liepāja Special Economic Zone Authority, Liepāja City Council, the Investment and Development Agency of Latvia (LIAA) and several large companies sign a statement on the establishment of the Liepāja Sustainable Industry Centre, bringing together several strategically important private investment projects based on green energy, smart manufacturing and innovation.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/paraksta-pazinojumu-par-liepajas-ilgtspejigas-industrijas-centra-izveidi>

November 20

Edīte Barkāne starts her work as Director of the Project Support Department.

November 21

Bringing together entrepreneurs, policymakers, scientists and students, the second international conference on future transport and mobility «Look at the Future of Mobility 2024» is taking place at the RTU auditorium centre «Domus auditorialis», with the agenda including innovations, safety and the railway infrastructure project «Rail Baltica». During the conference, RTU and the Ministry of Transport sign a memorandum of cooperation to promote the use of research results in the sustainable and competitive development of the transport sector.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/kalendars/atvert/konference-look-at-the-future-of-mobility-2024-innovations-collaboration-and-safety>

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-un-satiksmes-ministrija-paraksta-sadarbibas-memorandu-par-petijumu-rezultatu-izmantosanu-transporta-nozare>

The plenary meeting of the Latvian Academy of Sciences (LAS) elected new LAS academicians, corresponding members, foreign members and honorary members, among whom FNST Tenured Professor Dr. sc. ing. Sergejs Gaidukovs and FNST Professor Dr. phys. Gita Rēvalde were elected as full members (academicians) of the LAS, while FCSITE Tenured Professor Xiaodan Pang was elected as a foreign member of the LAS.

<https://www.lza.lv/aktualitates/jaunumi/2089-latvijas-zinatnu-akademijas-2024-gada-jauno-loceklu-velesanu-rezultati>

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/vairaki-rtu-profesori-ieveleti-par-lza-akademikiem>

November 22

The Cēsis Concert Hall is hosting the TEDxRigaTechnicalUniversity event organized by the Estonian Institute of Technology, which this year is dedicated to the theme «YOU 2.0» and features 12 speakers, inspiring students not to be afraid of change.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/ievf/ievf-par-mums/ievf-zinas/atvert/pasakuma-tedxrigatechnicaluniversity-sogad-runas-par-personigajam-parmainam>
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720322157916>

November 23

RTU Open Day.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-atverto-durvju-diena-toposie-studenti-uzzinas-aktualitates-studijas>

November 27

The Latvian Museum of Architecture and architect Jānis Lejnieks are opening an exhibition «Divi ģēniji», (Two Geniuses) in the IAD atrium, dedicated to two of the main architects of the city of Riga in the 20th century – Edgars Pučiņš (1924–2009) and Gunārs Asaris (1934–2023), both of whom are celebrating their anniversaries this year: Pučiņš – 100, Asaris – 90.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/adi/par-mums/af-zinas/atvert/rtu-arhitekturas-un-dizaina-instituta-skatama-izstade-divi-geniji>

The RTU International School of Science and Technology Open Day is underway.

<https://isst.rtu.lv/open-doors-day/>

November 28

Diplomas are being presented in the Portrait Hall of the Latvian Academy of Sciences to 27 national emeritus scientists who have made significant contributions to both theoretical and applied sciences during their lives and have obtained the status of emeritus scientist in 2024. Among them are also RTU scientists Gundars Mežinskis, Antans Sauļus Sauhats, Ruta Švinka and Visvaldis Švinka.

<https://www.lza.lv/aktualitates/jaunumi/2092-notiks-diplomu-pasniegsana-valsts-emeritetajiem-zinatniekiem>

November 29

RTU is being visited by the University of Technology Sydney's Vice-Chancellor for Research, Christian Turney, and the Dean of the Graduate Research School, Héléne de Burgh-Woodman, to discuss potential areas of cooperation and agree on concrete steps to initiate a closer partnership.

RTU students win first place in the European startup program «JumpStarter».

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-studenti-iegust-pirmo-vietu-eiropas-jaunuznemumu-konkursa-jumpstarter>

In November

LTD «Mikrotīkls» donates 1.5 million euros to RTU.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/sia-mikrotikls-rtu-ziedo-1-5-miljonus-eiro>

Competition of the Chancellery of the President of Latvia for 5th to 12th pupils in which young people were invited to imagine themselves in the position of the President of the State and to prepare a festive address to the nation on 8 November, in group 10th to 12th grade, the 11th-grade student of RTU EHS Ilja Polis wins the competition.

<https://www.president.lv/lv/jaunums/noskaidroti-latvijas-republikas-proklamesanas-106-gadadienai-veltita-skolenu-radoso-darbu-konkursa-laureati>

To strengthen the Latvian innovation ecosystem, the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) is opening a second «EIT Community RIS Hub Latvia» office at the premises of RTU.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/eiropas-inovaciju-un-tehnologiju-instituts-eit-paplasina-savu-parstavniecibu-atverot-jaunu-eit-ris-hub-latvia-biroju-rtu>

December 3

Marking the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, highlighting environmental accessibility issues and promoting the formation of an inclusive society, an international conference «Universal Design in Architecture and Urban Environment» is taking place in the IAD atrium, organized by VAS «Valsts nekustamie īpašumi» together with the public organization «Apeiron» and RTU.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/adi/par-mums/af-zinas/atvert/starptautiska-konference-universalais-dizains-arhitektura-un-pilsetvide-aktualizes-vides-pieejamibas-dazados-aspektus-un-diskutes-par-ieklausosas-sabiedribas-veidosanu>

A meeting of microchip initiative partners is taking place at RTU, where several large foreign companies or their subsidiaries in Latvia will join the national microchip initiative by signing an agreement.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/latvijas-mikrocipu-iniciativai-pievienojas-starptautiski-uznemumi>

December 5

RTU Tenured Professor Oskars Ozoliņš talks about innovative and energy-efficient data transmission solutions in his academic lecture «High-speed modulators for short-range optical communications».

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December 6

RTU swimmers win prizes at the Latvian XXXV Universiade swimming competition, which takes place in the swimming pool of the Sports House of the Latvian University of Biosciences and Technology. In the overall standings, RTU swimmers win 1st place in the men's competition, and RTU female athletes – 3rd place.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/sports/sporta-centra-jaunumi/atvert/rtu-sportisti-izcina-godalgotas-vietas-latvijas-xxxv-universiade-peldesana>

December 7–8

FEEM student luge racer Anda Upīte and her partner Zane Kaluma win a bronze medal at the second stage of the Eberspächer World Cup in Innsbruck (Austria).

<https://kamanas.lv/lv/articles/1585-latvijas-kamaninu-sportistes-anda-upite-un-zane-kaluma-izcina-bronzas-medalu-pasaules-kausa-posma-insbruka>

December 9

RTU, together with partners, is launching a two-year cybersecurity education project, during which students will gain practical knowledge in the digital security sector and invest their skills in strengthening the cybersecurity of companies in the regions of Latvia.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-ar-partneriem-kiberdrosiba-izglitos-studentus-un-latvijas-regionu-institucijas-un-uznemumus>

RTU publishes its first report on climate impact and progress towards achieving climate neutrality – climate impact reduced by 17 % in one year.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-publice-pirmo-zinojumu-par-klimatneiralitates-progresu-samazina-ietekmi-uz-klimatu-par-17>

December 12

The unique silicon photonics technology created by scientists at the FCSITE Institute of Photonics, Electronics and Electronic Communications, which ensures fast and energy-efficient data connections in future communication networks, wins first place in the «Competitive and Smart Europe» category of the «Regional Star 2024» competition. The ceremonial award ceremony takes place in the «Spīdola» chamber hall of the VEF quarter, symbolically marking Latvia's 20th anniversary in the European Union.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-zinatnieku-veikums-fotonikas-attistiba-klust-par-regionu-zvaigzni-2024>

<https://www.fm.gov.lv/lv/jaunums/godina-izcilakos-es-fondu-projektus-pasakuma-regionu-zvaigznes-2024>

December 13

The Latvian Academy of Sciences presents the Annual Awards to outstanding scientists in the energy sector. The Latvenergo and LAS Professor Alfrēdis Vītols Annual Award for Outstanding Contribution to Energy is received by FCME Professor Egils Dzelzītis, the Annual Award for Significant Contribution to Energy is received by FCSITE Leading Researcher Deniss Stepins, and the award for young scientists is received by RTU Young Researcher Roberts Lazdiņš and RTU graduate Kārlis Gičevskis.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/gada-balva-par-izcilu-devumu-energetika-pieskirta-rtu-profesoram-egilam-dzelzitim>

<https://www.lza.lv/aktualitates/jaunumi/2105-as-latvenergo-un-lza-gada-balva-par-nozimigu-devumu-energetika-dr-sc-ing-sofja-negrejevai>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720322565944/>

December 15

At the XXXV Latvian Universiade table tennis competitions, RTU athletes won 2nd place in both the women's and men's overall standings.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/sports/sporta-centra-jaunumi/atvert/rtu-galda-tenisisti-izcina-2-vietu-latvijas-xxxv-universiades-kopvertejuma>

<https://www.tt.esit.lv/#/competition-group/284>

December 18

The student innovation festival «UNICORN» is underway.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/18-decebri-notiks-studentu-inovaciju-festivals-unicorn>

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/aeef/par-mums-aeef/aeef-aktualitates/atvert/ka-ar-hpc-un-citiem-digitaliem-rikiem-risinat-nozimigus-uznemumu-izaicinajumus-studenti-iepazistina-ar-saviem-risinajumiem>

December 21

Students, along with faculty and staff, gather for the RTU Winter Ball «Starry Night», which takes place at the BT1 Ķīpsala Exhibition Hall.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/kultura/par-mums-kultura/jaunumi-kultura/atvert/21-decebri-notiks-rtu-ziemas-balle-zvaigznata-nakts>

In December

In the green policy and sustainability ranking «GreenMetric World University Rankings 2024», RTU ranks 40th in the world.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-kluvusi-par-40-zalako-universitati-pasaule-licina-greenmetric-reitings>

January 4-5

First-year student of the Faculty of Engineering Economics and Management (FEEM) luger Marta Robežniece and her partner Kitija Bogdanova won the bronze medal at the fourth stage of the «Eberspächer» World Cup, which is taking place in Sigulda.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/sports/sporta-centra-jaunumi/atvert/rtu-kamaninu-sportiste-marta-robezniece-ar-parinieci-izcina-bronzas-medalu-eberspacher-pasaules-kausa-ceturtaja-posma-sigulda>

January 6

The sketch exhibition «4D6V» is opened in the atrium of the Institute of Architecture and Design (IAD), featuring works by the Institut's students, faculty, and art enthusiasts.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/adi/par-mums/kalendars-2/atvert/izstades-4-d-6v-atklasana>

Judīte Andersone-Svara starts working as the Head of the Occupational Safety Unit of the Human Resources Department.

January 11

The graduation of the RTU Latvian Maritime Academy (RTU LMA) is taking place at the RTU Auditorium Centre «Domus auditorialis», where 58 graduates receive diplomas.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-latvijas-juras-akademijas-diplomus-par-jurniecibas-izglitibas-iegusanu-sanems-58-absolventi>

January 12

FEEM first-year student luger Marta Robežniece, together with teammates Kitija Bogdanova, Kendija Aparjoda, Mārtiņš Bots, Roberts Plūme and Kristers Aparjods, wins the gold medal in the team relay at the fifth stage of the Luge World Cup, which is taking place in Altenberg (Germany).

<https://sports.tv3.lv/ziemas-sports/kamaninu-sports/latvijas-kamaninu-izlase-izcina-zeltu-altenbergas-komandu-stafete/>

January 14

In order to promote more effective and modern assessment of the quality of higher education, based on the best practices of the European Higher Education Area, the Government of the Republic of Latvia approves the conceptual report developed by the Ministry of Education and Science (MES) on the transition to cyclical accreditation of higher education institutions and colleges – a new model of cyclical accreditation of higher education institutions and colleges. The model will be gradually implemented from 2025 to 2027.

<https://www.researchlatvia.gov.lv/lv/plano-ieviest-musdienigu-akreditacijas-modeli-augstakas-izglitiba-kvalitates-uzlabosani>

In order to promote the preparation of new doctors of science oriented towards excellence, as well as to continue to develop the previous successful cooperation in the development of science and innovation, RTU and the Latvian Institute of Organic Synthesis sign a cooperation agreement on the implementation of doctoral studies.

January 15

The opening event of the «Zināšanu pārneses barometrs» (Knowledge Transfer Barometer) is taking place in the «The Moon» space, where RTU and the Employers' Confederation of Latvia (LDDK) present the first-ever study conducted in Latvia on cooperation between universities and companies.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/zinasanu-parneses-barometrs-aplicina-universitatu-un-industrijas-gatavibu-intensivak-sadarboties-zinatne-un-inovacijas>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720323204748/with/54267122327/>

January 17

Ieva Ose, the Head of the RTU Culture Centre, begins to fulfill the duties of the Director of the RTU Sports Centre, combining both positions in the future.

January 18–19

First-year student of the FEEM Marta Robežniece and her partner Kitija Bogdanova won a silver medal at the European U-23 Championship, which is also the sixth stage of the «Eberspächer» World Cup and takes place in Winterberg (Germany).

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/sports/sporta-centra-jaunumi/atvert/rtu-kamaninu-sportiste-marta-robezniece-ar-parinieci-izcina-sudraba-medalu-eiropas-u-23-cempionata>

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January 20

The new building of the Baltic Biomaterials Centre of Excellence (BBCE) in Ķīpsala, 3, k-1 Paula Valdena Street, is being ceremonially opened, where scientists will research and synthesize biomaterials for bone regeneration, facial, oral and maxillofacial surgery, orthopedics and other fields. During the event, the RTU Honorary Doctorate diploma is being presented to Professor Mauro Alini, Emeritus Scientific Advisor of the AO Research Institute, and Professor Aldo Roberto Boccaccini, Director of the Biomaterials Centre at the Friedrich-Alexander University of Erlangen-Nürnberg in Germany, for their significant contribution to the development of RTU and the creation of scientific capacity, as well as their active participation in the establishment of BBCE at RTU.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/svinigi-ver-durvis-baltijas-biomaterialu-ekselences-centra-jaunajai-ekai>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720323292041>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720323185022/>

January 21

Bringing together RTU colleagues who have joined the university family relatively recently, the Human Resources Department organizes the RTU New Employee Day, which provides the most important information about aspects important in daily work, RTU's strategy, values, as well as the organization of the work environment.

January 23

To inspire students for master's level studies, the first event of the cycle «A Bachelor's Degree is not Enough» – the brunch «Taste Master's Studies at RTU FCSITE» – is being held at «The Moon» by RTU and the RTU Alumni Association.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/notiks-pasakumu-cikls-kapec-ar-bakalauru-nepietiek>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720323366068>

January 24

Upon the end of the probationary period, Chief Accountant Baiba Stepanova will terminate her employment with RTU. Until a new Director of the Accounting Department is found through a competitive process, the department's daily processes will be managed by Deputy Chief Accountants Ilze Zinberga and Edgars Liepiņš.

January 25

The dances created by the Artistic Director and Choreographer of the RTU Folk Dance Ensemble «Vektors» Dagmāra Bārbale have won awards at the XXIV Creative Dance Competition, which is taking place in Valmiera. «Vektors» performance in Group A won 1st place, two 2nd places, and 3rd place, while the dance school «Dzirnas» performance in Group B won 1st place and 2nd place.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/kultura/par-mums-kultura/jaunumi-kultura/atvert/vektora-horeografei-panakumi-jaunrades-deju-konkursa>

January 30

The Ministry of Education and Science, RTU and Rezekne Academy of Technologies (RAT) sign a cooperation agreement on the inclusion of RAT into the RTU ecosystem.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rezeknes-tehnologiju-akademijas-ieklaušanas-rtu-stiprinās-studijas-zinatni-un-inovācijas-latgale>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720323510950>

Ahmed Adel Sobhy, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Latvia, is visiting RTU, meeting with employees of the International Cooperation Department, and discussing future cooperation opportunities.

In January

In the latest «Eduniversal» business school reputation assessment, RTU Faculty of Engineering Economics and Management (FEEM) and RTU Riga Business School (RBS) receive the highest rating in Latvia, entering the four-palm league in the global ranking of the most prestigious business schools.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-dubultpanakums-prestizaja-biznesa-skolu-reitinga>

The Latvian Academy of Sciences (LAS) has named a high-speed data transmission system with directly modulated quantum cascade laser technology for long-infrared free-space optical communications, developed by a team of scientists from the Faculty of Computer Science, Information Technology and Energy (FCSITE) in collaboration with foreign partners, as a significant achievement of applied science in 2024.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/starp-nozimigakjiem-latvijas-zinatnes-sasniegumiem-2024-gada-rtu-veikums>

<https://www.lza.lv/aktualitates/medijiem/2116-latvijas-zinatnu-akademijas-nosauc-2024-gada-nozimigakos-sasniegumus-latvijas-zinatne>

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The Ministry of Education and Science is publishing the calendar «Zinātne Latvijai 2025» (Science for Latvia 2025), in which 12 outstanding scientists from Latvian universities present their work, including Sergejs Gaidukovs, Tenured Professor at the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Technology (FNST) of RTU.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-tenurprofesors-sergejs-gaidukovs-savu-darbu-prezente-kalendara-zinatne-latvijai-2025>

February 2

FEEM graduate (2021) Poļina Rožkova, together with Agris Lasmanis, wins second place in the wheelchair curling tournament in Italy – the final preparation stage for the Latvian pairs team before the 2025 World Championships in Scotland.

https://www.leta.lv/news/para_sports/BDA74D83-873F%E2%80%914498-A325-20E924%2009FF9F/

February 3

Japanese Ambassador to Latvia Kensuke Yoshida is visiting RTU, meeting with RTU Rector Tālis Juhna and Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs Elīna Gaile-Sarkane and discussing the current cooperation between Latvia and Japan in technology development, student mobility, and the new exchange program, which will soon allow students and graduates of specific fields to gain experience in Japan.

https://www.lv.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_ja/11_000001_00429.html
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720323621599/>

Zane Aumale will temporarily assume the duties of Director of the Personnel Management Department, and will also continue to head the Labour Relations Management Department.

The RTU management team is joined by Operational Director Inga Bratēna, who is responsible for quality management, risk management, and sustainability, with special attention to strategic human resources management and talent development.

February 4

Inese Muzikante is confirmed as the Director of RTU Riga Business School.

February 5

To strengthen the connection between science and business, the Science and Innovation Center (SIC) organizes an informative breakfast, «Life Sciences Breakfast», which is organized as a satellite event of the start-up and technology conference «TechChill».

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/informativas-brokastis-life-sciences-breakfast-stiprinas-saikni-starp-zinatni-un-uznemejdarbibu>

The event «Cooperation Opportunities with RTU» is taking place in the SIC space «The Moon», where company representatives can learn about various cooperation opportunities with the RTU Career Centre, RTU Alumni Association, RTU Development Fund, and RTU SIC and go on excursions to RTU laboratories to learn how to more effectively support students, get involved in hackathons or implement new ideas together with RTU scientists and students.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-aicina-uznemumus-vel-aktivak-sadarboties-ar-universitati>

February 6

To get acquainted with RTU and discuss cooperation opportunities, Matthew Hulver, Vice President of Knowledge Enterprise Initiatives at Arizona State University in the USA, and Brian MacCraith, Senior Advisor to the President of the University of Arizona, are visiting RTU, meeting with Acting Vice-Rector for Research Gatis Bažbauers, Director of the FCSITE Institute of Information Technology Jānis Grabis, and Head of the International Partnership Unit Laura Štāle.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720323738888/with/54318722435>

February 11

As part of the event series «Readings by RTU Academicians», a lecture by Andris Šutka, Academician of the Latvian Academy of Sciences (LAS) and Tenured Professor at the Faculty of Physics, is held, providing an insight into triboelectrification

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/akademikis-andris-sutka-akademiskaja-lasijuma-sniegs-ieskatu-triboelektrizacija>

February 12

To introduce pupils and their parents to the learning opportunities offered by the RTU International School of Science and Technology (ISST), an Open-Door Day is organized.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-aicina-skolenus-un-vinu-vecakus-uz-starptautiskas-zinatnu-un-tehnologiju-skolas-atverto-durvju-dienu-1>

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February 13

Representatives of the Nicolaus Copernicus Academy (Poland) are visiting RTU, introducing the RTU management and students to the contribution of the well-known astronomer N. Copernicus (1473–1543) to the science of astronomy and opening the exhibition «Nicolaus Copernicus. Pilgrimage to the Stars» at 6B Ķīpsalas Street, 1st floor lobby. At the end of the visit, a cooperation agreement between the two institutions was signed.

<https://www.rtu.lv/en/university/for-mass-media/news/open/rtu-signs-cooperation-agreement-with-the-nicolaus-copernicus-academy>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720323945103/>

February 14

IAD is hosting a high-level expert forum «Quality of the Living Environment and Housing Accessibility for Climate Neutrality and Competitiveness of Cities. Future Outlook and Possible Scenarios», which brings together experts from various fields – scientists, architects, urban planners, social anthropologists, financiers, entrepreneurs, local government representatives, and politicians.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/augsta-limena-ekspertu-foruma-diskutes-par-majoklu-pieejamibu-un-dzivojamas-vides-kvalitates-uzlabosanu-1>

A seminar, «Drone Technologies,» is taking place in the SIC Hall, «The Moon,» presenting the achievements and future plans of RTU scientists.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/industrijas-parstavjus-petniekus-un-studentus-aicina-uz-seminaru-par-dronu-tehnologijam>

February 19

Minister of Smart Administration and Regional Development Inga Bērziņa is visiting RTU, praising RTU's achievements in the field of high technology.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/viedas-administracijas-un-regionalas-attistibas-ministre-atzinigi-noverte-rtu-sasniegumus-augsto-tehnologiju-joma>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720323934712/>

February 20

The exhibition «Housing Accessibility and Improving the Quality of the Living Environment in Large-Scale Residential Areas in Latvia» is opened at the IAD atrium.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/adi/par-mums/af-zinas/atvert/atklas-izstadi-majoklu-pieejamiba-un-dzivojamas-vides-kvalitates-uzlabosana-lielmeroga-dzivojamos-rajonos-latvija>

February 21–23

The international education exhibition «School 2025» is taking place at the International Exhibition Centre in Ķīpsala, where RTU students and RTU Student Parliament activists are waiting for visitors at the RTU stand to introduce them to study opportunities at RTU and its structural units in Olaine, Liepāja, and Rēzekne.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-aicina-visitus-studetgribetajus-apmeklet-rtu-stendu-izstade-skola-2025-1>

February 25

The SIC Hall «The Moon» is hosting a brunch «Why is a bachelor's degree not enough?», in which Anda Penka, a graduate of the FEEM master's study program and co-owner of the company «Fermentful», shares the experience that motivated her to pursue higher-level studies at RTU and how it helped her develop personally and professionally.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/turpinas-pasakumu-cikls-kapec-ar-bakalauru-nepietiek-25-februari-inzenierekonomikas-un-vadibas-fakultate>

February 26

Celebrating the 10th anniversary of the RTU Engineering High School (EHS), an EHS appreciation dinner is being held.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720324141099>

February 27

RTU presents an adaptive mathematics learning platform for high school students «ALEKS PPL» (Assessment and Learning in Knowledge Spaces for Preparation, Placement and Learning), which uses artificial intelligence algorithms to adapt learning content to each user who is ready for a self-guided learning process.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-piedava-adaptivo-matematikas-macibu-platformu-ka-risinajumu-matematikas-papildu-apguvei-vidusskoleniem>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720324103336/>

February 27–March 2

FEEM first-year student lugger Marta Robežniece and her partner Kitija Bogdanova won the gold medal at the Junior World Cup stage, which is taking place in Sigulda.

<https://kamanas.lv/lv/articles/1629-latvijas-tresais-zelts-sigulda-robezniece-un-bogdanova-triumfe-junioru-pasaules-kausa-posma>

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February 28

RTU scientists receive awards for the most significant scientific achievements of 2024.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-zinatnieki-sanem-balvas-par-2024-gada-nozimigakajiem-zinatnes-sasniedzumiem>

In order to promote knowledge exchange between the financial industry and academia, as well as to promote cooperation in the fields of academic research, innovation, and technology development, SEB Bank is entering into a five-year cooperation agreement with RTU.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-un-seb-banka-apvieno-spekus-inovaciju-un-petniecibas-attistibai>
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720324102396/>

RTU Student Parliament (SP) receives awards in six nominations of the Student Union of Latvia (SUL) «Annual Awards 2024», including two main awards – «Best Student Self-Government of the Year» and «Most Socially Responsible Self-Government of the Year». The award in the nomination «Annual Contribution to Promoting Social Life» is won by the campaign «Augšup!» (Up!) created by the RTU Development Fund; FCSITE graduate and Research Assistant Aija Monika Vainiņa receives the «Young Scientist of the Year» award; the event «Guide to Opportunities and Inspirations" organized by the Head of the Department of Studies Laima Adijāne was recognized as the «Annual Contribution to Promoting Academic Life»; the congratulatory video created by RTU SP in 2024 on International Women's Day receives the award in the nomination «Visual Material of the Year». The award ceremony takes place simultaneously with the 30th Anniversary celebrations of the SUL.

<https://www.lsa.lv/sakusies-balsosana-par-latvijas-studentu-apvienibas-gada-balva-2024-nominantiem/>

In February

Professor Mārtiņš Vīlnītis of the Institute of Civil Engineering at the FCME has been elected to the Administrative Council of the European Civil Engineering Education and Training Association (EUCEET) for the period until 2027.

RTU design program students win awards in the Association of Textile Universities (AUTEX) souvenir ideas competition. IAD study program «Clothing and Textile Technologies» students Alina Sivak and Kateryna Shushura win 2nd place in the competition category «Bag Design». In the open category, 2nd place is shared by FCME study program »Industrial Design» student Ernests Liepiņš and World University of Design student

Pourush Jindal. IAD study program «Materials Technology and Design» students Daniela Neila Lopenova and Jana Bulatova win 3rd place in this category.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/adi/par-mums/af-zinas/atvert/rtu-dizaina-studentu-idejas-atzinigi-novertetas-tekstila-universitatu-asociacijas-izsludinataja-suveniru-ideju-konkursa>

RTU Children and Youth University is launching classes called «Little Engineers», offering an introduction to the STEAM field for the youngest – kindergarteners.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/kekava-sakas-rtu-nodarbibas-mazie-inzenieri-bernudarznikiem>

March 7

IAD is holding an architectural graduation ceremony and opening an exhibition of diploma projects «re: generate», where one can get acquainted with the handwriting and creative ideas of young architects.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/adi/par-mums/af-zinas/atvert/jaunie-arhitekti-rtu-absolventi-sanem-magistra-diplomus-un-apskatei-piedava-savus-diplomprojektus>

RTU scientists receive the Latvian Security and Defence Industry Annual Award in the «Research» nomination, the award ceremony takes place at the XII Latvian Members' Meeting of the Federation of Security and Defence Industries of Latvia. RTU Vice-Rector for Innovations Liene Briede is elected to the Federation Council.

<https://www.lza.lv/aktualitates/jaunumi/2176-pasniegtas-latvijas-drosibas-un-aizsardzibas-industriju-federacijas-gada-balvas-2025>

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-zinatniekiem-pasniedz-latvijas-aizsardzibas-un-drosibas-industriju-gada-balvu>

March 8

The RTU STEAM exhibition «From Curiosity to Inventions: Interest-Based Education for the Whole Family» opens in the exhibition space «RTU and Origo Future Stop».

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/pirmo-reizi-notiks-rtu-steam-jomas-izstade-visai-gimenei>

March 10–14

An event for pupils «Follow the Student!» is taking place, giving them the opportunity to get to know the RTU study environment, learn how studies are conducted, participate in laboratory work, and attend lectures, the RTU Scientific Library, the official hotel, the sports complex, and see the Student Campus in Ķīpsala.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/norisinaties-aktivitate-seko-studentam-lai-skoleni-uzzinatu-par-studijam-un-dzivi-rtu>

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An exciting and educational STEAM day camp, «Journey into Engineering», is taking place at the RTU Curiosity Centre «Futurimo Riga» during the school holidays to inspire and educate young technology enthusiasts, giving them the opportunity to explore various fields of technology and science in an exciting and interactive way.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/skolenu-brivlaika-rtu-zinatkares-centra-futurimo-riga-norisinaties-steam-jomas-nometne>

The «FCME Open Lab Week» is taking place, where pupils can get to know the practical working environment of scientists and meet experts.

March 11

As part of the event series «Readings by RTU Academicians», a lecture «How to Measure Time?» by LAS Academician and FNST Professor Dr. phys. Gita Rēvalde is taking place, in which the Academician explains the basic principles of atomic clocks in popular scientific language and reveals the role of precise spectroscopic measurements in understanding the structure of atoms and the world.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-profesore-gita-revalde-akademiskaja-lasijuma-stastis-par-kvantu-standartiem-un-precizu-spektroskopisku-merijumu-nozimi>

FCSITE Assistant Professor and Leading Researcher Academician Andris Ozols receives a Certificate of Appreciation from the LAS Senate for active participation in the work of the Senate and a creative approach to the events of the Department of Physics and Technical Sciences and their organization.

<https://www.lza.lv/aktualitates/jaunumi/2177-pasniedz-lza-senata-atzinibas-rakstus>

March 14

The largest career development event, RTU Career Day, is taking place for the 22nd time at the International Exhibition Hall in Ķīpsala

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-aicina-apmeklet-lielako-studentiem-veltito-karjeras-izaugsmes-pasakumu-karjeras-dienu-2025>

March 20

The SIC hall, «The Moon», is hosting a networking event for researchers and industry «BioPhoT radar» to jointly develop innovative products and create new collaboration ideas.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/notiks-petnieku-un-industrija-tiklošanas-pasakums-biophot-radars>

RTU Vice-Rector for Development and Finance Artūrs Zeps has been elected to the Council of the Employers' Confederation of Latvia, where his term of office will be three years.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-attistibas-un-finansu-prorektors-arturs-zeps-ievelets-lddk-padome>

March 25

Laura Kalniņa starts work as the Director of the RTU Human Resources Department.

To inspire students to pursue a master's degree at FCME, a branch called «A bachelor's degree is not enough!» is being held, in which Kaspars Rimkus, the founder and CEO of the company «WEMPS», shares his experience.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/tiekoties-branca-rtu-iespeja-uzzinat-par-bmf-magistra-studiju-programmam>

Representatives of the State Space Agency of Ukraine are visiting RTU, meeting with Rector Tālis Juhna, Vice-Dean for Innovation at FCME Ivo Vaicis, and Director of the Aeronautics, Space Engineering, and Transport Institute Aleksejs Klokovs, and planning cooperation in the field of space technology research.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-un-ukraina-varetu-sadarboties-kosmosa-tehnologiju-petnieciba-un-izstrade>

In March

The Professor Ivars Srautmanis (1932–2017) Latvian Regional Architecture Scholarship is awarded to IAD graduate (2025) young architect Tabita Ozoliņa for her master's thesis «Adaptive Reuse and Circular Economy in the Revitalization of Industrial Heritage: Regeneration of the Limbaži Felt Factory Territory».

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/adi/par-mums/af-zinas/atvert/profesora-ivara-strautmana-latvijas-regionalas-arhitekturas-stipendiju-sogad-ieguvusi-jauna-arhitekta-tabita-ozolina>

IAD 4th year student, aspiring product designer Elīza Vilciņa wins 1st place in the «Business Sketches» competition group of universities organized by the «Swedbank». E. Vilciņa's «DéPôt» furniture collection with a deposit storage function also receives the «Caffeine LV» sympathy award for the development of the most sustainable product.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/adi/par-mums/af-zinas/atvert/toposas-produktu-dizaineres-elizas-vilcinas-ideja-atzita-par-labako-swedbank-organizetaja-konkursa-biznesa-skices>

April 1

Developing studies, innovations and science in the Latgale region, Rēzekne Academy of Technologies joins RTU, while maintaining its autonomy and characteristic study areas. The new name of the university is RTU Rēzekne Academy.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/stiprinot-latgale-izglitibas-un-inovaciju-jomu-rezeknes-tehnologiju-akademija-1-aprili-pievienosies-rtu>

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April 2

Ieva Jāgere, Director of the Investment and Development Agency of Latvia, is visiting RTU to discuss RTU's role in the development of the innovation ecosystem and a knowledge-intensive economy.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-viesojas-liaa-direktore>

April 3

At the spring plenary session of the LAS, the LAS presents the LAS honorary awards to several young scientists from RTU; FNST researcher Kristaps Valkovskis receives the Award named by Emīlija Gudriniece in chemistry, FCME Researcher Jaymin Vrajlal Sanchaniya receives the Award named by Vitauts Tamužs in mechanics, and the Award named by Edvīns Vedējs in chemistry goes to Anna Lielpētere, who received her doctorate at RTU.

<https://www.lza.lv/aktualitates/jaunumi/2195-ivars-kalvins-lza-apzinas-savu-misiju-augstakas-izglitiba-zinatnes-un-inovaciju-attistibas-veicinasana>

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-jaunie-zinatnieki-sanem-lza-vardbalvas>

April 4

The final events of the «Climate Days in Schools» competition are taking place at the «Domus auditorialis» auditorium center – the first Climate Festival for pupils, in which 130 pupils' teams from 26 Riga municipality schools are participating.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/4-aprili-notiks-pirmais-klimata-festivals-skoleniem>

The annual career education event for pupils «Shadow Day» is taking place.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/kalendars/atvert/enu-diena-2025>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720324939639/with/54434781427>

April 5

The XXVI Latvian Student Theatre Day, organized by the RTU Culture Centre, is taking place at the E. Smiļģis Theatre Museum. This year's theme is «Beyond the Frames». The best production of the year was recognized as «Unghost Me» by the RTU International Theatre Group «Whimsical Players».

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/kultura/par-mums-kultura/jaunumi-kultura/atvert/krasni-aizvadita-latvijas-studentu-teatra-diena>

The new SP President and Board were elected at the RTU Student Parliament General Meeting. President – Kārlis Sīmanis (FCSITE, 3rd year); Head of the Academic and Social Department – Ando Paļeļunass (FCME, 2nd year), Deputy Head – Marija Ausmane (FNST, 2nd year); Head of the Foreign Affairs Department – Alise Āboliņa (FCSITE, 2nd year); Head of the Culture and Sports Department – Katrīna Austrīņa (FEEM, 2nd year), Deputy Head – Deniss Jakovļevs (FCME, 3rd year); Head of the Marketing Department – Sanija Linde (IAD, 2nd year), Deputy Head – Žaklīna Ločmele (FEEM, 2nd year); Head of the Self-Government Coordination Department – Kristis Mīlenbergs (FCSITE, 2nd year); Head of the Science and Innovation Department – Ralfs Aizsils (FCSITE, 2nd year). The newly elected SP board will begin work on 1 May.

April 7

Discussing current issues in the fields of research, education and start-ups and the involvement of European Innovation Council (EIC) ambassadors in solving various challenges, RTU Vice-Rector for Innovations and EIC Ambassador Liene Briede meets with European Commission Commissioner for Start-ups, Research and Innovation Ekaterina Zaharieva.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-inovaciju-prorektore-liene-briede-tiekas-ar-eiropas-komisijas-jaunuznemumu-petniecibas-un-inovaciju-komisari-ekaterinu-zaharijevu>

April 8

As part of the event series «Readings by RTU Academicians», RTU Leading Researcher Academician Andris Ozols introduces holographic grating spectroscopy.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-vadosais-petnieks-andris-ozols-akademiskaja-lasijuma-iepazistinas-ar-holografisko-rezgu-spektroskopiju>

April 9–11

An International Advisory Board (IAB) is visiting RTU, evaluating RTU's scientific performance and achievements.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720325093887/>

April 10

Minister for Foreign Affairs of Latvia Baiba Braže is visiting RTU to learn about RTU's performance in science and international cooperation.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/arlietu-ministre-baiba-braze-iepazistas-ar-rtu-sniegumu-zinatne-un-starptautiskaja-sadarbiba>

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The award ceremony of the 66th National Chemistry Olympiad, which this year takes place both at the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Technology of RTU and the University of Latvia, is taking place at RTU. Seven RTU EHS pupils are among the laureates.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-izv-skoleni-iegust-godalgotas-vietas-66-valsts-kimijas-olimpiade>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720324993975>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720325083783>

April 11

Minister of Education and Science Dace Melbārde is visiting RTU, learning about scientific excellence, strategic development plans, and discussing state support for strengthening science and innovation on an international scale.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-iepazistina-izglitibas-ministri-ar-strategiskas-attistibas-planiem>

The International Children and Youth University Day is celebrated with a creative activity by the RTU Children and Youth University, which takes place in the exhibition space «RTU and Origo Future Stop» on the 2nd floor of the shopping centre «Origo».

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/radosajas-darbnicas-11-aprili-rtu-svines-starptautisko-bernu-un-jauniesu-universitasu-dienu>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720325064660/>

April 14

To promote the effective exchange of good practices, the use of digital tools and the introduction of innovations in the construction industry, RTU, VAS «Valsts nekustamie īpašumi» and SIA «Latvijas standarts» (LVS) are signing a memorandum of cooperation on the creation of a new construction competition «Digital Construction Excellence Award 2025».

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-vni-un-latvijas-standarts-sadarbosies-buvniecibas-digitalizacijas-sekmesana>

April 24

The RTU Council adopts Decision No. 53 on the future of the RTU Olaine College of Technology (OCT), providing that the first-level professional higher education (college) programs of OCT will be taken over by RTU, the professional secondary education programs by the Riga State Technical School, while the OCT building will be taken over by the Olaine Regional Municipality, which plans to use it for educational purposes. The reorganization is planned to be carried out by 1 September 2026.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-padome-pienem-lemumu-par-olaines-tehnologiju-koledzas-nakotni>

April 24-25

With the participation of a wide range of leading local and international experts, the «Baltic Wood Construction Forum 2025» is taking place at the RTU auditorium centre «Domus auditorialis», the motto of which this year is the competitiveness and sustainability of wood construction.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/24-un-25-aprili-rtu-notiks-sestais-baltijas-koka-buvniecibas-forums>

April 25

The traditional RTU Student Parliament Annual Award ceremony is taking place.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/rtusp/sp-projekti/ks-projekti/parlamenta-gada-balva>

April 26

Caring for environmentally friendly development and a clean and green Ķīpsala, the RTU family participates in the Latvian Great Clean-up.

April 26-27

By opening the co-creation workshop «Makerspace» and offering a special program for children, the RTU Curiosity Centre «Futurimo Riga» celebrates its second birthday.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/atklajot-koprades-darbnicu-un-piedavajot-ipasu-programmu-berniem-otro-dzimsanas-dienu-svines-rtu-zinatkares-centrs-futurimo-riga>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720326208076/>

April 28

The traditional fashion show of RTU students – future clothing designers – is taking place in the IAD atrium. This year, the works are united by a common theme – «Time».

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-toposas-apperbudizaineres-modes-skate-piedavas-musdienigas-un-ilgtspejigas-terpu-kolekcijas>

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April 29

The Indian Ambassador to Latvia is visiting RTU.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720325683446/with/54484559554/>

To inspire master's level studies at FNST, the RTU auditorium centre «Domus auditorialis» is hosting a branch «Why is a bachelor's degree not enough?», in which the head of the «Kinetics» Science Foundation, Dr. sc. ing. Zane Grigale-Soročina, and graduates of master's degree programs share an inspiring story about their path from studies to a leading position in cosmetic chemistry, and share the experience that has encouraged them to choose master's level studies in such areas as chemistry, chemical technology, materials science, environmental engineering, circular bioeconomy, climate neutrality, and sustainability management.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/tiekoties-branca-rtu-iespeja-uzzinat-par-dtf-magistra-studiju-programmam>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720325692197/>

April 30

The final of the Baltic Biomaterials Centre of Excellence (BBCE) erudition competition for students «BIO-GO-Higher» is taking place at the RTU Scientific Library. The winners of the competition are pupils from Sigulda State Gymnasium, who will receive a trip to Switzerland as a prize, where the students will visit one of the world's leading biomaterials research centres – the AO Research Institute in Davos – and get involved in the biomaterials development process.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/siguldas-valsts-gimnazijas-skoleni-biomaterialos-eruditakie-latvija>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720325933806/with/54501838512/>

May 1

Maira Indrikova begins her work as RTU Vice-Rector for Research.

May 4

On the Day of the Restoration of Independence of the Republic of Latvia, the President of the Republic of Latvia Edgars Rinkēvičs presents the country's highest awards at the Riga Castle. Among the awardees is also RTU Assistant Professor and Director of the Riga Art Nouveau Centre, architect Agrita Tipāne, who receives the Order of the Three Stars for her merits in culture, significant contribution to architectural education, and the preservation and popularization of Latvia's architectural heritage.

<https://nra.lv/latvija/riga/490102-sodien-tiks-pasniegti-valsts-augstakie-apbalvojumi-zinams-kuras-personas-tos-sanems.htm>

May 6

The traditional cycle «Readings by RTU Academicians» feature an academic reading by academician and FCSITE Professor Jānis Grabis «Information Technology: Horizontals and Verticals». The reading could also be followed online.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/notiks-profesora-jana-grabja-akademiskais-lasijums-informacijas-tehnologija-horizontales-un-vertikales>

May 8

Evita Ķiršone starts working as the Chief Accountant at RTU.

May 7

For her significant contribution to the implementation of the strategic goals and objectives of the State Fire and Rescue Service, as well as to the promotion of its development and prestige, FCME Professor Inga Dāboliņa receives the SFRS award «Jubilee Badge of Honour «For the Latvian Fire Service – 160»».

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/vugd-apbalvo-rtu-profesori-ingu-dabolinu-par-nopelniem-dienesta-laba>

May 9

RTU is hosting a guest lecture «European Union Economic Changes and Their Impact on Latvia», which is held at the IAD. The EU Commissioner for Economy and Productivity, Implementation and Simplification, as well as a graduate of the RTU Faculty of Engineering Economics (1995, 2007) and patron of the Talent Program, Valdis Dombrovskis, is visiting.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/eiropas-dienai-veltitaja-lekcija-eiromomisars-valdis-dombrovskis-iezime-aktualos-es-izaugsmes-aspektus>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720325981140/>

Romanian Ambassador to Latvia Sergiu Nistor is visiting RTU, meeting with Rector Tālis Juhna and IAD Director Māra Liepa-Zemeša.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720326010724/>

May 9–11

For the first time in Latvia, the defence industry hackathon «EUDIS Defence Hackathon 2025», organized by the RTU Science and Innovation Centre, is taking place at the RTU Rēzekne Academy to promote the development of innovations in the defence sector, focusing on the creation of innovative equipment and software solutions for defence needs, thus strengthening European defence capabilities.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/latvija-pirmo-reizi-norisinasies-aizsardzibas-industrijas-hakatons-eudis-defence-hackathon-2025>

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RTU EHS 12th grade pupil Līva Eglīte wins 1st place in the 31st Baltic Chemistry Olympiad, where the 20 best young chemists from Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia compete in knowledge and which takes place in Vilnius (Lithuania).

<https://www.facebook.com/VIAA.LV/posts/-latvijas-skolniece-izcīna-uzvaru-baltijas-ķīmijas-olimpiādē-viļņāno-9-līdz-1-1-m/1094188309405897/>

May 10

The RTU male choir «Gaudeamus» celebrates the 65th anniversary with a concert in Angārs at the Tallinn quarter.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/kultura/par-mums-kultura/jaunumi-kultura/atvert/gaudeamus-ar-verienu-nosvin-65-jubileju>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/kulturascenrs/albums/72177720326041235>

May 11

FCME 1st year student Daniils Zamkovojs wins 3rd place in the Latvian Junior Epee Fencing Championship, which is taking place in Daugavpils.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/sports/sporta-centra-jaunumi/atvert/rtu-students-daniils-zamkovojs-izcina-3-vietu-latvijas-čempionats-paukosana-ar-spagu>

May 13

The government decides to delegate the right to award doctorate degrees in physics and astronomy at RTU.

<https://www.tvnet.lv/8248177/>

[rigas-tehniska-universitate-pieskirs-doktora-gradus-fizika-un-astronomija](https://www.rtu.lv/lv/tehniska-universitate-pieskirs-doktora-gradus-fizika-un-astronomija)

May 15

RTU Liepāja Maritime College Director Jānis Džeriņš receives a Certificate of Appreciation from the Ministry of Transport for significant professional contribution, strategic leadership, and active participation in the development of maritime education.

<https://ljk.lv/par-koledzu/aktualitates/>

[koledzas-direktoram-janim-dzerinam-pieskirts-satiksmes-ministrijas-atzinibas-raksts](https://www.rtu.lv/lv/direktoram-janim-dzerinam-pieskirts-satiksmes-ministrijas-atzinibas-raksts)

May 15-16

The largest deep technology conference in the Baltics, «Deep Tech Atelier 2025», is taking place, where conference participants discuss innovations and challenges in space and defense technologies, and which is co-organized by RTU SIC.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-zinatnes-un-inovaciju-centrs-aicina-iepazit-kosmosa-un-aizsardzibas-tehnologiju-inovacijas-konference-deep-tech-atelier-2025>

May 16

RTU, Tallinn University of Technology (TalTech) and Kaunas University of Technology (KTU) sign a memorandum on strategic cooperation in defence and security research and innovation.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/baltijas-tehnologiju-universitates-vienojas-sadarboties-aizsardzibas-tehnologiju-attistiba>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720326149716/>

A delegation from the Polish National Research and Development Centre is visiting RTU.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720326295293/with/54535929398/>

May 17

The closing event of the RTU educational program «Universitātes nākotnes inženieriem» (Universities for Future Engineers; UNI) is taking place.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720326234799/>

May 19

The traditional event «Robotics and Electronics Day 2025» organized by the Latvian Electrical Engineering and Electronics Industry Association (LETERA) and FCSITE is taking place, which includes several activities: the electronics competition «New Electronician 2025» for children and young people, the final stage of the Latvian Robotics Championship – RTU Robotics Championship, as well as a professional competence development seminar and practical training for teachers.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/jaunie-elektronikas-un-robotikas-talanti-pulcesies-pasakuma-robotikas-un-elektronikas-diena-2025>

May 21–23

For the first time, RTU is organizing the international scientific conference «CompTest2025», bringing together internationally renowned composite materials researchers and industry leaders.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/latvija-pulcesies-pasaules-vadosie-kompozitmaterialu-petnieki-un-nozares-uznemumi>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720326637640/with/54569285163/>

May 23

The RTU New Employee Day is taking place in the conference hall of the RTU Scientific Library, where colleagues who have recently joined the RTU family can learn the most important information about aspects important in daily work, RTU's strategy, values, work environment organization, and other issues in an informal atmosphere.

By solemnly signing a memorandum of cooperation with Riga Technical University (RTU), VSIA «Latvijas Valsts ceļi», the Latvian Concrete Union, and the Association «Latvijas ceļu būvētājs» conclude a memorandum of cooperation for the development of road construction innovations, which will help RTU develop progressive and sustainable concrete and asphalt technologies and materials that meet market needs.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/progresivu-betona-un-asfalta-tehnologiju-un-materialu-izstrade-zinatnieki-sadarbosies-ar-industriju>

In accordance with the decision of the RTU Council of 23 August 2022 (minutes No. 8) «On the distribution of powers of the Council and the Rector in the formation of the structure of Riga Technical University» and the decision of 24 April 2025 (minutes No. 53) «On the reorganization of structural units», by the order of the Rector No. 01000-1.3-e/16 «On the reorganization of the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs Office», structural changes have been made to the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs Office, establishing new structural units from 1 June 2025 – the Lifelong Learning Department and the Welfare and Career Support Centre, eliminating the Continuing Education Unit and the Career Support and Services Unit.

In accordance with the decision of the RTU Council of 23 August 2022 (minutes No. 8) «On the distribution of powers of the Council and the Rector in the formation of the structure of Riga Technical University» and the decision of 24 April 2025 (minutes No. 53) «On the reorganization of structural units», by the order of the Rector No. 01000-1.3-e/15 «On the reorganization of the Vice-Rector for Innovation Office», structural changes have been made to the Vice-Rector for Innovation Office, establishing a new structural unit – the Defence Technology Centre – under the Innovative Product Development Department from 1 June 2025; the existing Sports Technology Centre and Space Technology Centre will be transferred under the Innovative Product Development Department.

May 24

The RTU women's choir «Delta» celebrates its 65th anniversary with a festive concert «Deltas laiks» in the IAD atrium.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/kultura/par-mums-kultura/jaunumi-kultura/atvert/sieviesu-koris-delta-aicina-uz-65-jubilejas-svetkiem>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/kulturascentrs/albums/72177720326543249>

May 28

Celebrating one year since the founding of the Drone Coalition, the Ministry of Defence, in collaboration with RTU, is organizing an international defence innovation summit «Drone Summit 2025», bringing together high-level political leaders, military experts, scientists, and industry representatives from Drone Coalition member states to discuss global security issues and the challenges of modern warfare.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-kopa-ar-aizsardzibas-ministriju-organize-dronu-samitu>

In the SIC room, «The Moon», exhibits from the RTU History Museum – the RTU Life-Time Book and the Micromuseum, created in collaboration with the RTU Research Centre for Engineering History by IAD students under the guidance of Assistant Professor Ilze Gudro, is opened.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/muzejs/muzejs-par-mums/muzeja-zinas/atvert/telpa-the-moon-atklaj-rtu-vestures-muzeja-eksponatus>

June 1

In accordance with the RTU Rector's Order No. 01000–1.3-e/17 of 28 May 2025, by reorganizing the Infrastructure Development Department, the Infrastructure Department, the Service Hotels Department and the Property Investment Department, a new structural unit has been established under the Administrative Director's Office – the Infrastructure Management and Development Department, including the Service Hotels Department, the Operation and Energy Efficiency Department and the Infrastructure Maintenance and Development Department.

June 2

Valters Šteinbergs starts his work as the Head of the Procurement and Order Centre at RTU.

June 5

At a ceremonial event in the «Sporta 2» quarter, the winners of the «Latvian Design Award 2025» are announced; in the category «Young Designer», the winner is Zanda Senkova, a student of the Institute of Architecture and Design, with her diploma project «Modular seating furniture collection with a hidden BDSM function «Randevu»». The work was created in the study program «Materials Technology and Design», supervisor – Ilze Gūtmane.

<https://dizainabalva.lv/darbi/modularu-sedmebelu-kolekcija-ar-sleptu-bdsm-funkciju-randevu/>

<https://jauns.lv/raksts/zinas/658199-foto-apbalvo-latvijas-dizaina-gadabalvas-2025-ieguvejus>

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June 5–6

Starting a new tradition and gaining their first experience in sailing in open waters, eight young helmsmen from RTU Liepāja Maritime College are embarking on a 30-hour voyage on the sailboat «Libava» from Liepāja to Riga, which allows future shipmasters and ship mechanics to complete part of their internship and get acquainted with the specifics of a sailor's work in real conditions.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-liepajas-jurniecibas-koledzas-studenti-gust-praksi-merojot-juras-celu-no-liepajas-uz-rigu>

<https://www.liepajniekiem.lv/zinas/sabiedriba/foto-un-video-libavai-lidz-rigai-vel-paris-stundas/>

June 7

The RTU Employees' Active Recreation Day is taking place at the RTU Stadium in Riga, where the combined FCME and IAD team wins, competing in various sports and entertainment activities.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/sports/sporta-centra-jaunumi/atvert/aizvadits-rtu-darbinieku-aktivas-atputas-festivals>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720326755577/>

June 9–13

RTU is hosting an Open HPC Week, where anyone interested can learn how to use HPC in their work or studies.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/atvertaja-hpc-nedela-vares-uzzinat-superdatora-sniegtas-iespejas>

June 11–13

STEM teachers from Latvia, Lithuania, and Denmark are meeting at the Curiosity Centre «Futurimo Riga» in a creative camp, organized by the Zemgale Regional Competence Development Centre in cooperation with the RTU Curiosity Centre «Futurimo Riga» within the «Nordplus» project, bringing together a total of 31 educators.

<https://futurimo.lv/futurimo-riga-radosaja-nometne-uznem-stem-jomas-skolotaju/>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720328480788/>

June 12

Ministers and experts of education from the Baltic States meet at RTU, agreeing on common priorities in the development of artificial intelligence and strengthening closer cooperation in the fields of education, science, and innovation.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720326823861/>

<https://lvportals.lv/dienaskartiba/377394-baltijas-valstu-izglitibas-ministri-riga-vienojas-par-kopigam-prioritatem-maksliga-intelekta-un-profesionalas-izglitibas-attistiba-2025>

June 17

The final branch of this academic year, «Why is a Bachelor's Degree Not Enough?», is being held in the hall «The Moon», organized by RTU and the RTU Alumni Association, in which Rūdolfs Cīrulis, a graduate of the master's study program «Design Engineering», choreographer, actor and event producer, as well as young architects and graduates of the master's study program «Architecture», talk about the advantages of a master's degree in architecture and design.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/tiekoties-branca-rtu-iespeja-uzzinat-par-rtu-arhitekturas-un-dizaina-instituta-magistra-studiju-programmam>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720326962127/>

Representatives of the US Embassy in Latvia are visiting the RTU International School of Science and Technology, also visiting several RTU laboratories and getting to know the school's unique educational approach.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/asv-vestniecibas-parstaves-viesojas-rtu-starptautiskaja-zinatnu-un-tehnologiju-skola>

June 18

By engaging in thematic activities and performing a Midsummer performance based on the motifs of R. Blaumanis' «Skroderdienas Silmačos», the RTU family celebrates Midsummer in Ķīpsala Square.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/kultura/par-mums-kultura/jaunumi-kultura/atvert/rtu-vadiba-un-vektors-gatavojas-rtu-janu-uzvedumam>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/kulturascentrs/albums/72177720326947025/>

Riga City Council approves changes to the local planning of the Ķīpsala complex, which will allow RTU to expand its infrastructure to achieve the goals set in the development strategy – to provide new knowledge and innovations for the Latvian economy.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rigas-dome-apstiprina-izmainas-kipsalas-lokalplanojuma-laujot-rtu-attistit-infrastrukturu>

June 20–21

For the second year, visitors to the RTU Conversation Festival «Lampa» are invited to climb onto the floating stage «Innovation Bridge» in the pond of Cēsis Castle Park, giving them the opportunity to visit several floating tents or innovation bubbles, which transform into thematic discussion spaces during the event.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-jau-otro-gadu-sarunu-festivala-lampa-sevi-piesaka-ar-skatuvi-uz-udens>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720327008732/>

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RTU student brass orchestra «SPO», participating in the 26th International Brass Orchestra Festival, which takes place in Prague (Czech Republic), becomes the best performer of the compulsory piece and wins the highest category brass orchestra group.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/kultura/par-mums-kultura/jaunumi-kultura/atvert/musu-puteju-orkestrim-uzvara-festivala-praga>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/kulturascentrs/albums/72177720327292007>

June 28

The ninth RTU Grand Graduation is taking place in Ķīpsala, at the BT1 International Exhibition Centre.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/studijas/izlaidums>

June 27–29

23 representatives of RTU management and Student Parliament participate in the XXV Estonian Student Summer Sports Games, which take place in the village of Kääriku, Valga County, winning two prize-winning places.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/sports/sporta-centra-jaunumi/atvert/>

[rtu-vadibas-un-studentu-komanda-piedalas-igaunijas-studentu-vasaras-sporta-speles](https://www.rtu.lv/lv/sports/sporta-centra-jaunumi/atvert/rtu-vadibas-un-studentu-komanda-piedalas-igaunijas-studentu-vasaras-sporta-speles)

June 30

The RTU Senate decides (minutes No. 694):

- based on the decision No. 10 of the RTU Liepāja Academy (LA) Council meeting of 17 June 2025, to establish the Promotion Council of the Linguistics and Literary Studies «RTU P-20» and approve its regulations; RTU LA professor Dr. paed. Diāna Laiveniece is approved as the permanent Chairperson of the Promotion Council «RTU P-20», her deputy – RTU LA Professor Dr. philol. Zanda Gūtmane;
- based on the decision No. 01443–2.2-e/27 of the RTU Student Parliament General Meeting of 26 June 2025 (minutes No. 01443–2.1-e/9, §7), to approve the Regulations on study group elders.

In June

In the international ranking of RTU «QS World University Rankings 2026», RTU repeatedly receives the highest rating in Latvia and this year ranks 761–770th place. RTU's reputation from the perspective of employers and the ratio of academic staff to students were rated the highest in Latvia.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/>

[rtu-saglaba-lideribu-latvija-prestizaja-qs-world-university-rankings-2026](https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-saglaba-lideribu-latvija-prestizaja-qs-world-university-rankings-2026)

Assessing RTU's performance in implementing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 17 cooperation program, the international ranking «The Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2025» highly evaluated RTU's contribution to renewable energy, ranking it 72nd in the world. Overall, RTU ranks 401–600th place in the ranking.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-ilgtspejas-reitinga-the-impact-rankings-2025-ieklust-pirmaja-simtnieka-atjaunojamas-energijas-nodrosinajuma-vertejuma>

The international foundation «Falling Walls» includes the head of the Design Factory of the RTU Science and Innovation Centre Elīna Miķelsone and the startup «SUBmerge Baltic», created at RTU, among the finalists of the annual competition «The Science Breakthrough of the Year».

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/starptautisks-fonds-rtu-ieklauj-starp-pasaules-daudzsolosakajiem-novatoriem>

July 3

A webinar «I want to start at RTU!» is taking place, where prospective students can learn everything related to admission to RTU on the Zoom platform.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/adi/par-mums/kalendars-2/atvert/gribu-startet-rtu-viss-kas-jazina-par-uznemsanu>

July 4

The eighth graduation ceremony of RTU EHS is taking place.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-inzenierzinatnu-vidusskolu-absolve-jaunie-eksakto-un-dabaszinatnu-talanti>

July 5–14

RTU EHS 2025 graduates Līva Eglīte and Matīss Gercāns win bronze medals at the International Chemistry Olympiad, which takes place in Dubai (United Arab Emirates).

<https://www.viaa.gov.lv/lv/jaunums/latvijas-skoleni-izcina-divas-bronzas-medalas-starptautiskaja-kimijas-olimpiade-dubaija>

<https://www.apollo.lv/8288136/latvijas-skoleni-izcina-divas-bronzas-medalas-starptautiskaja-kimijas-olimpiade-dubaija>

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July 10

The forum «Women in Architecture, Construction, Design», organized annually by the Building Design and Construction Council, honors women who inspire and develop architecture, design and construction with their work, creating a sustainable environment. This year, several RTU colleagues are among the laureates – IAD Lecturer Elīna Elere, Practical Assistant Professor Anna Kalnāja, and Assistant Ilze Gūtmane receive the award «For contribution in 2024. A woman is a promoter of design»; FCME Deputy Nelda Elsiņa – «For contribution in 2024. A woman is a promoter of construction», Assistant Professor Sanita Rubene – «For significant achievements in 2024. A woman is a promoter of construction».

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/bmf/par-mums-bmf/jaunumi-3/atvert/forums-sieviete-arhitektura-buvnieciba-dizaina-2025>

<https://www.buvniekupadome.lv/konkurss/tris-legendas-foruma-sieviete-arhitektura-buvnieciba-dizaina-2024-nosleguma-ceremonija/>

July 14–20

RTU EHS 10th grade pupil Kitija Kampaņa wins a bronze medal at the prestigious European Girls' Olympiad in Informatics (EGOI 2025), which is taking place in Bonn (Germany).

<https://www.viaa.gov.lv/lv/jaunums/>

[latvijas-skolnieces-izcina-tris-medalas-eiropas-meitenu-informatikas-olimpiade-2025](https://www.viaa.gov.lv/lv/jaunums/)

July 20–27

RTU EHS 2025 graduate Līga Blumfelde wins a silver medal at the 36th International Biology Olympiad, which is attended by 77 countries and is taking place in Quezon City (Philippines).

<https://www.viaa.gov.lv/lv/jaunums/>

[cetras-medalas-latvijai-pasaules-biologijas-olimpiade-lidz-sim-labakais-rezultats](https://www.viaa.gov.lv/lv/jaunums/)

July 26–August 1

RTU EHS 2025 graduate Jānis Liepiņš wins a bronze medal at the 21st World Geography Olympiad, which is attended by 179 participants from 46 countries and is taking place in Bangkok (Thailand).

<https://www.viaa.gov.lv/lv/jaunums/>

[latvijas-komanda-atgriezas-no-pasaules-geografijas-olimpiades-ar-tris-medalam](https://www.viaa.gov.lv/lv/jaunums/)

In July

In the 2024/2025 TOP list compiled by the career portal Prakse.lv, RTU ranks 1st among the higher education institutions in Latvia most often recommended by employers.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/>

[darba-deveji-tradicionali-rtu-ierindo-ieteiktako-augstskolu-pasa-spice](https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/)

Anita Straujuma, Executive Director of the RTU Development Fund, has been elected as the Head of the Northern Europe District Cabinet of the education support organization «The Council for Advancement and Support of Education». This is the first time this prestigious position has been entrusted to a representative from the Baltic States, confirming RTU's professional experience and contribution to the development of the education sector, attracting donations and building relationships with alumni.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-attistibas-fonda-izpildidirektore-anita-straujuma-ieveleta-par-globalas-izglitibas-atbalsta-organizacijas-ziemeleiropas-padomes-vaditaju>

August 11-21

RTU EHS 10th grade pupil Aleksandrs Jesiļevskis wins a bronze medal at the 18th International Olympiad in Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA), which is taking place in Mumbai (India) and in which 288 pupils from 63 countries participate.

<https://eztf.lu.lv/par-mums/zinas/zina/t/104844/>

August 15-17

The first-year seminar «Ķīpsala Air Force» organized by the RTU Student Parliament is taking place.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/pirmkursniekiem-bus-iespeja-piedalities-tradicionalaja-jauno-studentu-nometne>

August 16

Offering educational and exciting STEAM activities, RTU participates in the Riga Festival event «Alternative Riga», which takes place in Victory Park.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/piedavajot-steam-jomas-radosas-aktivitates-rtu-piedaliesies-rigas-svetkos>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720328458715/>

August 19-20

For the third year, «Junior Achievement Latvia», an educational inspiration conference «Growth Code» organized by the Investment and Development Agency of Latvia, the Bank of Latvia Money School and RTU, is taking place at the RTU Campus in Ķīpsala, bringing together 700 teachers, school principals, representatives of education boards, and industry experts.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/gada-lielaka-izglitibas-iedvesmas-konference-izaugsmes-kods-rtu-pulce-700-skolotajus-un-izglitibas-nozares-parstavjus>

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August 20

The 22nd meeting of the Foreign Economic Policy Coordination Council is taking place at RTU, chaired by Minister of Foreign Affairs Baiba Braže and attended by Minister of Economics Viktors Valainis. The meeting focuses on cooperation to promote economic growth, emphasizing issues of science and new technologies and the promotion of their commercialization potential, as well as current events in the Latvian space industry.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-notiks-arejas-ekonomiskas-koordinacijas-padomes-sede>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720328502884/>

August 21

US Congressman Andrew Harris, during visits RTU. His visit included a meeting with Rector Tālis Juhna, during which he learned about the achievements of RTU scientists in the fields of innovative data transmission, photonics, digital twins, robotic simulation, and biomedicine.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720328509997>

August 28

The event «Startēšu RTU» is taking place at the RTU Auditorium Centre, «Domus auditorialis», and live on the RTU Facebook platform, where first-year students will gain useful information about the study process, scientific, practical, and extracurricular activities at the university.

August 29

The traditional meeting of the RTU family with the rector, starting the new academic year, and the first session of the newly elected RTU Constitutional Assembly, during which the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, and Secretary of the RTU Constitutional Assembly are elected, are taking place in the RTU Auditorium Centre «Domus auditorialis». FCME Professor Juris Smirnovs has been elected Chairman of the Constitutional Assembly, with IAD Professor Sandra Treija as his Deputy, and Evija Stūrmane, Head of the Document Management Department, as Secretary.

RTU is visited by the Deputy Prime Minister of Montenegro for Foreign and European Affairs, Filip Ivanović.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720328755058/with/54757337342/>

AD Director Māra Liepa-Zemeša has been elected to the Council of the European Association for Architectural Education.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/adi/par-mums/af-zinas/atvert/rtu-arhitekturas-un-dizaina-instituta-direktore-mara-liepa-zemesa-ieveleta-eiropas-arhitekturas-izglitiba-asociacijas-padome>

In August

Confirming the excellence of the education offered, RTU EHS has maintained its leading position for the 10th year in the Latvian school ranking created by the Atis Kronvalds Foundation, which evaluates the success of Latvian school pupils in the national subject Olympiads, national open Olympiads, and the pupils' scientific research conference held in the past academic year.

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