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Edison Career and Technology High School Students to Premiere Alzheimer's Documentary at Innovation Square

Who:

Students from Edison Career and Technology High School

What:

Screening of a student-produced documentary

When:

Thursday, June 12, 2025, 12 p.m.

Where:

The Theatre at Innovation Square
131 Chestnut Street
Rochester, NY 14604

Details:

Students at Edison Career and Technology High School will debut their latest original film, *In Silence of Memory, We Speak*, a 15-minute student-produced documentary exploring the human and societal impact of Alzheimer’s disease. The film highlights the disproportionate effects the disease has on Black and Brown communities across the United States.

The Alzheimer’s Association of Rochester and the Finger Lakes Region generously volunteered their time to present to Edison’s teachers involved in the project, helping them deepen their understanding of Alzheimer’s and better prepare students to tell this important story.

This project represents a true interdisciplinary effort, involving students from 11 different disciplines. Students from multiple English classes, Math, Science, Art, Music, Physical Education, and Digital Media Arts programs all collaborated to create this experience.

Produced entirely by students enrolled in Edison’s Career and Technical Education (CTE) Digital Media Arts program, the documentary blends storytelling, research, and civic awareness. From concept development and scripting to filming and post-production, students led every phase of the project.

Featuring interviews with caregivers, community leaders, and healthcare professionals, *In Silence of Memory, We Speak* invites audiences to confront the emotional toll of memory loss and examine the systemic inequities influencing the experience and treatment of Alzheimer’s disease.

The documentary will be submitted for consideration in the 2025 Rochester Teen Film Festival, a juried international competition sponsored by WXXI Public Media and the Little Theatre. Edison’s student filmmakers are no strangers to recognition: their 2022 student documentary, *The Unattainable Dream: Redlining in Rochester*, earned the Philip Seymour Hoffman Award for “Best of Fest.” This honor, created in memory of the late Academy Award-winning actor and Fairport native, celebrates outstanding achievement in youth filmmaking.