A look back at 2011

Here are just a few of University photographer J. Adam Fenster’s favorite photos from 2011. See a slideshow of more notable moments from the past year at www.rochester.edu/news/photos/2011.

1. When people see the color red, they react faster and more forcefully, according to a study published last spring. “Red enhances our physical reactions because it is seen as a danger cue,” explains coauthor Andrew Elliot, professor of psychology at Rochester and a lead researcher in the field of color psychology.

2. Eastman School sophomore Katie Weber has a laugh with fellow orientation team members Ellen Shinogle, Tara Fayazi, and Nicole Heinen during move-in day at the Eastman Commons Student Living Center.

3. A prototype device developed by Jannick Rolland, Brian J. Thompson Professor of Optical Engineering, can take high-resolution images under the skin’s surface without removing the skin. Researchers say that in the future it may eliminate the need for many biopsies to detect skin cancer.

4. Danielle Julian Norton, an artist and faculty member at Columbus College of Art and Design, assembles her installation, “Clear,” at the Memorial Art Gallery. The piece is part of the Extreme Materials 2 exhibition, which runs through Jan. 15, 2012. The installation, which took seven days to assemble on site, is made up of approximately 14,000 Neutrogena Amber Facial Cleansing Bars totaling more than 3,000 pounds.

5. Ironworkers weld beams on Raymond F. LeChase Hall, future home of the Warner School of Education, earlier this month.

6. Bill Clinton, the founder of the William J. Clinton Foundation and 42nd President of the United States, addressed a packed Kodak Hall for the Meliora Weekend keynote address, which was also streamed to standing-room-only simulcast venues and a University-only webcast.
7. “The history of our University is the history of Ever Better,” President Joel Seligman said in announcing the University’s $1.2 billion fundraising initiative in October. “We accept The Meliora Challenge because our University, our faculty, students, staff, alumni, and friends have never settled for good enough.”

8. Medical Center CEO Bradford Berk, Rochester entrepreneur Thomas Golisano, and University President Joel Seligman celebrate in Flaum Atrium after Golisano announced a $20 million pledge in July to build a new children’s hospital.

9. Bob Snider ’93E, assistant professor of jazz studies and contemporary media at the Eastman School, performs songs by legendary jazz guitarist Wes Montgomery during the Rochester International Jazz Festival in June.

10. The student-run UR Biodiesel Program, launched in 2009, continues to fuel a campus bus. Chemistry major Ellen Sadri ’13 and a team of students and volunteers produce about one batch of 25 to 40 gallons of biodiesel every week and a half.

11. Edward Atwater, professor emeritus of medicine at the Medical Center, poses with a small sampling of his collection of AIDS education posters in Rush Rhees Library. The collection of more than 6,200 posters spanning 30 years and 100 plus countries, which he donated to the library’s department of Rare Books and Special Collections, was recently released to the public as an online exhibit.

12. Yellowjacket swimmers were photographed for the newly redesigned Athletics website, www.urathletics.com, which launched earlier this year.

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