

## Office of the County Executive

**Cheryl Dinolfo** *County Executive* 

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To Members of the National Technical Institute for the Deaf,

It is an honor to congratulate all of you at National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) on providing 50 years of unparalleled education to students who are deaf and hard of hearing. Students have come from all 50 states and more than 60 countries to be a part of this singular institution at the heart of the Rochester Institute of Technology.

We are fortunate that many NTID alumni have made Monroe County their permanent home. In doing so, NTID alumni and students contribute to the vibrancy of our community. By developing access technologies for people with disabilities, as well as cultivating deaf poetry, theatre, dance, painting, and supporting start-ups by or for deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals, NTID helps make Monroe County a community of innovators, artists, and entrepreneurs.

As County Executive, I am proud of our mentor partnership with NTID, which has led to collaborations with our Medical Examiner's Office, and I am honored to count NTID alumni as part of our staff. All of us in Monroe County pause to celebrate this milestone of 50 years of excellence in education, research, access, and outreach. You have transformed this community in many ways and made the whole world a brighter place because of your dedication to encouraging, educating and helping others.

On behalf of all of us in Monroe County, Happy 50th anniversary, NTID!

Sincerely,

Cheryl Dinolfo

Monroe County Executive