

100,000 Strong

The total number of RIT alumni reaches a new peak

Commencement 2007 was a milestone occasion at RIT – for many reasons.

President Bill Clinton was keynote speaker. Retiring RIT President Albert J. Simone presided over his final commencement.

And 4,023 men and women made the transition from RIT student to RIT graduate, pushing the total of living RIT alumni over the 100,000 mark for the first time.

“This is a remarkable event in the life of RIT, and shows that the institute has arrived as a major university on the national and international stage,” says Brian O’Shaughnessy ’81, ’84 (chemistry), chair of RIT’s Alumni Network Board of Directors. “As alumni, we should all take great pride not only in the size of our alumni body, but in its accomplishments, its diversity, and its

global reputation. All of our alumni continue to benefit from RIT’s growing influence and stature, and as such we have a collective obligation to support our alma mater, its educational mission, and its commitment to excellence.”

RIT’s 103,083 alumni live in every state in the U.S. More than 3,000 live outside the U.S. in 110 countries and on every continent except Antarctica. Nearly half have graduated since 1990, which makes sense considering RIT’s tremendous growth in the past 15 years. More than 15 percent hold multiple degrees from RIT. About 31 percent are women.

The statistics paint an interesting picture. Below and on the next page are some of the highlights.



David Blonski '07

Meet Mr. 100,000

David Blonski '07 (B.S./ M.E., industrial and systems engineering) was selected by the Office of Alumni Relations to put a face to the significant number.

“We felt it was important to find one person to symbolize this milestone,” says Kelly Redder, executive director of Alumni Relations. “David is a fabulous example of an RIT graduate.”

Blonski, a native of Grand Island, N.Y., was vice president of Student Government and a member of the lacrosse and weightlifting clubs. He interviewed with five companies and received five offers, accepting a position as a financial analyst for global investment banking and securities firm Goldman Sachs in New York City.

The large and growing number of alumni raises RIT’s reputation, which is good for students and graduates, he notes.

“There’s strength in numbers.”

Alumni by years:

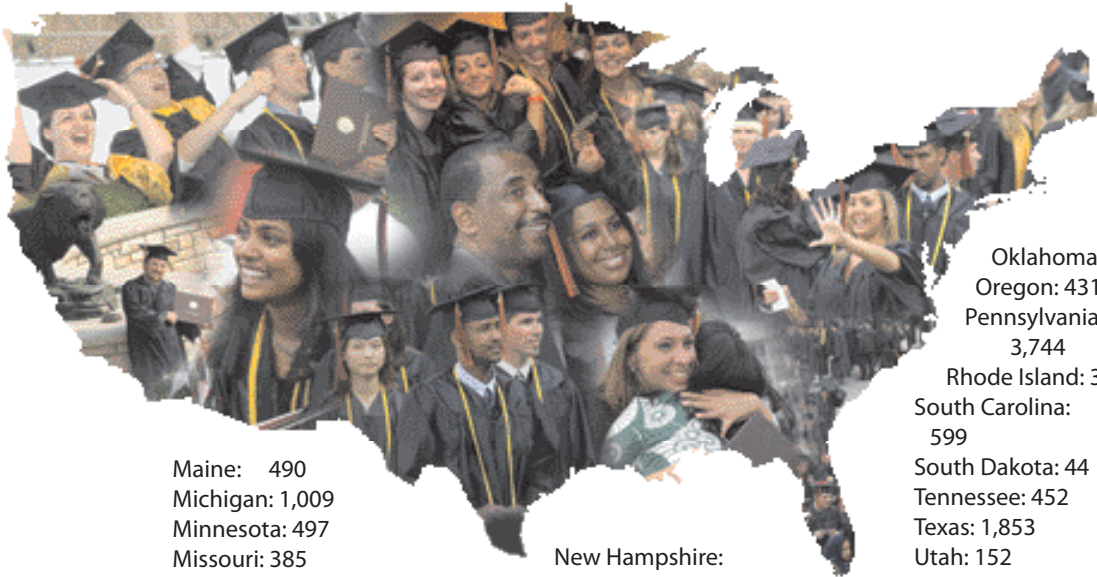
1900-1925: 72
1926-1950: 2,429
1951-1960: 3,433
1961-1970: 6,999
1971-1980: 17,382
1981-1990: 24,988
1991-2000: 24,243
2001-2007: 23,014

Alumni by colleges:

College of Applied Science and Technology: 31,400
College of Imaging Arts and Sciences: 23,147
E. Philip Saunders College of Business: 17,887
Kate Gleason College of Engineering: 12,604
College of Science: 6,361
National Technical School for the Deaf: 4,203
B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences (created 2001): 3,609
College of Liberal Arts: 3,290

Alumni in the United States

Alaska: 68
 Alabama: 176
 Arkansas: 111
 Arizona: 976
 California: 3,818
 Colorado: 985
 Connecticut: 1,966
 Washington, D.C.: 195
 Delaware: 240
 Florida: 3,894
 Georgia: 1,306
 Hawaii: 133
 Iowa: 133
 Idaho: 113
 Illinois: 1,295
 Indiana: 451
 Kansas: 167
 Kentucky: 259
 Louisiana: 118
 Massachusetts: 3,213
 Maryland: 1,923



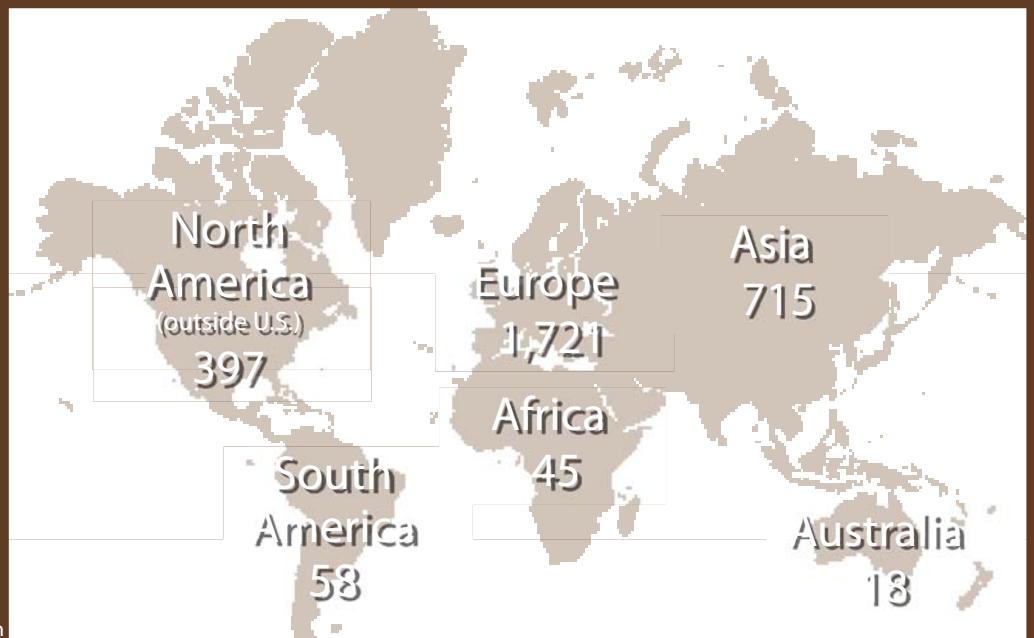
Maine: 490
 Michigan: 1,009
 Minnesota: 497
 Missouri: 385
 Mississippi: 47
 Montana: 44
 North Carolina: 2,242
 North Dakota: 29
 Nebraska: 70

New Hampshire: 814
 New Jersey: 2,985
 New Mexico: 229
 Nevada: 265
 New York: 47,467
 Ohio: 1,613

Oklahoma: 76
 Oregon: 431
 Pennsylvania: 3,744
 Rhode Island: 322
 South Carolina: 599
 South Dakota: 44
 Tennessee: 452
 Texas: 1,853
 Utah: 152
 Virginia: 2,447
 Vermont: 495
 Washington: 765
 Wisconsin: 368
 West Virginia: 87
 Wyoming: 23

Countries and Continents where at least 10 RIT alumni reside:

Australia: 18	North Korea: 14
Bosnia-Herzegovina: 83	South Korea: 27
Brazil: 20	Malaysia: 33
Canada: 292	Mexico: 28
China: 13	Netherlands: 12
Colombia: 13	Saudia Arabia: 10
Croatia: 972	Serbia and Montenegro: 33
Czech Republic: 231	Singapore: 24
Dominican Republic: 44	Spain: 47
France: 18	Sweden: 14
Germany: 43	Switzerland: 11
Greece: 24	Taiwan: 113
Hong Kong: 26	Thailand: 98
India: 158	Turkey: 30
Israel: 10	United Kingdom: 45
Japan: 99	Yugoslavia: 104



To find other alumni in your area, or to locate an individual RIT graduate, check the Online Community at www.rit.edu/alumni.