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.

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 weight-lifting 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.”

The total number of RIT alumni reaches a new peak

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<th>Alumni by years:</th>
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<td>1900–1925: 72</td>
<td>College of Applied Science and Technology: 31,400</td>
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<td>1926–1950: 2,429</td>
<td>College of Imaging Arts and Sciences: 23,147</td>
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<td>1951–1960: 3,433</td>
<td>E. Philip Saunders College of Business: 17,887</td>
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<td>1961–1970: 6,999</td>
<td>Kate Gleason College of Engineering: 12,604</td>
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<td>1971–1980: 17,382</td>
<td>College of Science: 6,361</td>
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<td>2001–2007: 23,014</td>
<td>College of Liberal Arts: 3,290</td>
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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

Countries and Continents where at least 10 RIT alumni reside:

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