Welcome Spring!! Welcome at last!! This will be our last newsletter until we start back up again in September. This year has flown by me so quickly that I think it has blown my hair.

I hope all of our members who attended the Scholarship Luncheon in April with Dr. Munson, had as much fun as I did. We rocked the house with sixty people in attendance and the food was delicious. The venue, of course, was at Liberty Hill and we thank Dr. Munson and Nancy for inviting us all into their home and for their gracious hospitality.

In this newsletter we have highlighted our scholarship winners. We will go into more detail of each of these individuals in future newsletters, including photos.

Please make a plan to bring a friend to our next meeting this May and support our efforts with RIT. And remember, be the difference you would like to see in the world.

I’ll be with you all at the May meeting!

Warmly,

Cindy Cooper

MISSION: The Women’s Council has an impressive history of supporting RIT since 1955. Through its programs, the members of the Women’s Council will learn about RIT and be ambassadors for RIT in the larger community. The Women’s Council will raise funds to provide scholarships to RIT’s women students. The Women’s Council will actively seek to enhance the academic and campus life of RIT.
Millions of people around the world living with limb-loss do not have access to prosthetic care. LimbForge™ is a nonprofit that provides tools and training for clinicians to quickly provide patients with high-quality and cost effective 3D printed prosthetics.

Jade Myers has been working with the Access Technology Prototyping Lab at RIT, as well as within a partner clinic in Haiti that uses 3-D Printer technology to manufacturer custom limbs for amputees in Third World countries where no such replacement limb would ever be available. She helps trains clinicians to fit and print the limbs, returning people to a more normal life. Her work is heartwarming and inspiring.

When asked to speak to WCRIT, Jade was especially interested in the mission of the WCRIT and was thrilled to speak because, in her words: “I am especially excited after becoming better informed of the amazing work your group does to actively support and promote the activities of women at RIT. Without the hard work of groups like yours, I wouldn’t be where I am today. Scholarships as these are often the difference between degree or no degree for many students who want nothing more than simply an opportunity. Thank you for working so hard to give students that opportunity-- it means so much!”

Footnote: As program chair, I can’t think of a more rewarding response to an invitation to speak!

APRIL MEETING OVERVIEW

Once again, the Women’s Council of RIT had the honor of being hosted at Liberty Hill, this year by Dr. & Nancy Munson. While our spring has been anything but lovely, Liberty Hill, with its oversized windows, is always lovely.

Dr. Munson gave an overview of the future of RIT under his leadership. The unique vision that Dr. Munson brings to RIT is the understanding that technical people often have a real artistic side (who can forget Dr. Destler’s banjo display) and now students will be encouraged to develop both talents.

The other change around campus will be a new transparency in construction—literally! RIT’s MAGIC Spell Studio, for example, will feature large glass venues to stimulate an interest in the activities going on inside. So, look for more sparkle in “brick city” in future construction. This was one of our best attended events as the recipients of the WCRIT scholarships were awarded. We were honored to have six out of the seven awardees and their guests were in attendance. Each of the recipients are women of character and strength, and to realize that these young women will be leading the way in the future is a real boost to anyone who wonders what the future will hold. It was a joy to see these young women ask Dr. Munson for a selfie with them. Truly, a mark of the world today!

The Munson’s received their first glass pumpkin as our traditional thank you gift for accepting the WCRIT speaking invitation. We hope that this is the first in the beginning of a whole pumpkin patch collection for them.

BRIDGING THE GAP

Under Marianne Goff’s leadership the Women’s Council established the “Bridging the Gap Endowed Emergency Fund.” We are proud to announce that after only two short years the fund has been successfully endowed! Two years is incredibly quick and we can all be proud of ourselves for this accomplishment!!

Thank you to all of our membership for helping make this happen. Now that’s “Girl Power”!!

GLASS PUMPKIN SALE: SAVE THE DATE

Please save the date for this year’s Women’s Council of RIT’s annual Glass Pumpkin sale. This year it will be on Saturday September 29, 2018 and will go from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM (or until sold out).
WCRIT MEMBER, DR. TWYLA CUMMINGS EARNSTHE FOUR PRESIDENTS
DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

The Alfred L. Davis Public Service awards were held on Thursday, April 12 at
the Vignelli Center for Design Studies under the “Spaceborne” photography of
Astronaut Donald R. Pettit.

The Four Presidents Distinguished Public Service Award Fund was created by Alfred L. Davis on the
occasion of the 65th year of his association with RIT, to commemorate the dedication of the four RIT presidents
with whom he worked, in their service to the Rochester community. The purpose of this award is to honor the four
presidents, Mark Ellingson, Paul Miller, M. Richard Rose, and Albert Simone, with whom Mr. Davis served at RIT,
and to recognize a current member of the faculty or staff who, through his/her public service, mirrors the lives of
the four presidents, who have been not only outstanding professionals but also caring members of the community.

We are looking for members to volunteer to be on this year’s Scholarship Selection Committee. It is a prestigious and rewarding committee to serve on. We would like to see new/ more faces on this committee. Contact Cindy Cooper or Nita Genova for more information.

WCRIT member, Dr. Twyla Cummings received The Four Presidents Distinguished Public Service Award for her contributions to RIT and the Rochester Community.

Gifts in Dr. Cummings’ name will be made to YWCA
of Rochester and Monroe County, Rochester’s Women’s Network, Rochester Area Business Ethics Foundation and the African American Women’s Gospel Choir AKOMA (Akoma means patience, endurance, consistency and faithfulness). AKOMA performed at Louise Slaughter’s funeral. Each organization has been as big an influence on Twyla’s life in Rochester as she has been on them.

We know Tywla to be a humble woman of dignity and grace in all that she does, and a more deserving recipient
would be hard to find. Congratulations, Twyla.

WOMEN’S COUNCIL OF RIT 2018-2029 SLATE OF OFFICERS

President
Past President
Recording Secretary
Treasurer
Assistant Treasurer
Scholarship Committee
Corresponding Secretary
Membership Chair
Membership Co-Chair
Program Chair
Hospitality Co-Chairs
Special Events Chair (Pumpkin Patch)
Communications Co-Chairs
Nominating Co-Chairs
Margaret’s House Liaison
Historian
Members-at-Large
RIT Liaison
Development Liaison
Cindy Cooper
Marianne Goff
Lorraine Fusare
Brenda Beal
Kathleen Lowe
Cindy Cooper, Marianne Goff
Gail Wilder
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Nita Genova
Maxine Morse, Mary Jane Thomas
Marianne Goff
Debbie DiBacco, Joyce Johnson
Joanne Zelazny, Jo Anne Smith
Barbara Elliott
Becky Simmons
Norma Snyder, E. Cassandra Jordan
Karen Barrows
Marisa Psaila

Scholarship Selection Committee
2018-2019

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Membership Chair person

We are looking for a volunteer to hold this position. Please come see Joanne Zelazny or Jo Anne Smith for more information on this position.

Please review the Slate as this will be voted on at the May meeting. Nominations from the floor will be taken for the Membership Chair if the vacancy is still open.
Margaret’s House Shoes for Service Project

Boxes to drop off your shoes for service can be found at Margaret’s House and outside room 1040 in the campus center.

Margaret’s House
SHOES FOR SERVICE

Bring in your used shoes, boots, slippers or sandals

Donations will benefit
Veterans’ Outreach Of Rochester

Collecting through
May 11, 2018

Collection boxes at
Margaret’s House

Summary of the 3/21/18 Board Meeting Minutes

It was decided at the April Board meeting that an abbreviated report of the approved WCRIT Board Meetings would be included in the newsletters. Here is the recap:

Fifteen out of 19 members of the Board present. Hospitality update by Maxine Morse:
- 26 Members/guests RSVP’d / There is still concern that an appropriate timeline be established to accommodate deadline for reservation at Oak Hill.

Discussion regarding communication on many levels regarding meeting, declining attendance, menu, deadlines for reservations, deadline posted at bottom of form; flyers on table with next meeting info, meal choices announced early. Need ways to encourage new membership.

Ad hoc committee formed to discuss solutions to ongoing issues to report in April or May meetings. The following people volunteered: Cindy Cooper, Kathleen Lowe, Maxine Morse, Marianne Goff, Marisa Psaila.

Student Scholarship Update Scholarship by Cindy Cooper: Over 30 hours spent reviewing applications, narrowed down to top 7 out of 56 applications. Verification to be by Darcy regarding GPA, financial aid. Top 2 outstanding seniors to be decided after endowed applicants have been selected. Darcy reported $18,000 available for the endowed scholarship recipients. Due to time constraints, board will vote electronically.

Margaret House scholarship recipient will be invited to participate in luncheon. Recipient chosen by Deanna LaManna via Margaret House selection process. Procedures for inviting recipients being developed by Marianne, Cindy, Maxine. Add glass student scholarship to invitation list.

Pumpkin Sale Update by Marianne Goff. To be held on Sept. 29, 2018 First glass student scholarship award awarded from pumpkin sale

Treasurer Update by Doreen Haller & Brenda Beal

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Submitted by Lorraine Fusare, Secretary
SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

I was so honored that six of our scholarship award winners came and enjoyed the afternoon with us. Each and every one of these wonderful women have incredible stories to share. These women hold the future, for our tomorrows. Brilliant and talented women walk the halls of RIT. These women have all fought their personal battles with grace and courage. We wish for our winners the best in all of their current and future endeavors.

Outstanding Woman Senior Award winners:
• Jeanetta Pierce, Biochemistry
• Rachel Rabenn, Biomedical Sciences

Endowed Scholarship Award winners:
• Grace Bradford, NTID/RIT, ASL Interpreting

2018 Endowed Scholarship Recipients


Grace joined the Army while still in high school and upon graduation attended basic training to become a medic. After her military experience ended, Grace began working nights as an EMT and going to school full-time at Vincennes University earning an Associate Degree in American Sign Language. Grace built her own “tiny home” which she brought with her to Rochester when as a transfer student she was accepted to NTID/RIT. Grace hopes to interpret for live concerts and historical events and venues upon graduation. Activities: Note-taker, Student assistant in the office of the NTID President, Department of Access Services team member, RIT men’s hockey games wait staff, International Conversation Partner Program, Hands of Fire (Deaf Bible Study), Working Spring Break volunteer at Houston relief effort, Peer mentor

Name: Aye Yi Chan Year: Graduate School Major: MBA Accounting College: Saunders College of Business Grad. Date: Spring 2019 GPA: 3.39 Home: Myanmar

Aye Chan was born in Myanmar and came to the U.S. with her older sister. While learning to speak English, she enrolled at Monroe Community College and earned an Associate Degree in Business Administration in 2015. Activities: Next Generation of Accounts, Women in Business Club, Accounting tutor to RIT’s Higher Education Opportunity, Note-taker for the Disability Services Office, Work as a part-time waitress while carrying 18 credits

Name: Carmyn Gomez Year: Junior Major: International Business & Supply Chain College: Saunders College of Business Grad. Date: May 2019 GPA: 3.67 Home: Bronx, NY

Carmyn Gomez immigrated from the Dominican Republic with her parents. Completing high school in the Bronx, lead her to RIT. She will be a first-generation college graduate which carries the honor of being an example for other members of her family to do the same. When she wasn’t initially accepted at RIT, Carmyn adapted her plan and went to Monroe Community College in the 2+2 program. Activities: At MCC: Member of the Global Union International Student Association, Student Government Association senator and VP, Resident Advisor of the Year At RIT: Global Business Group Social media director, Pledging for Delta Sigma Pi, Marketing and Communications Division Student Assistant

Name: Jasmine Ulger Year: 3rd Major: Accounting College: Saunders College of Business Grad. Date: May 2019 GPA: 3.67 Home: Monticello, NY

Jasmine Ulger is planning to accelerate into the 4 plus 1 program to earn her MBA by 2020 and to earn enough credits to sit for the CPA exam. Activities: Women in Business Club where she served as VP of Finance, Lowenthal Service Group serving as President, Women’s Ultimate Frisbee – VP of Social Media, New student orientation leader, Academic Support Center “Year One” Peer Advisor, Tiger Suite for Clubs Student Assistant, Brick City Ambassador in Undergraduate Admissions
Inaugural Glassblowing Scholarship Recipient - Madeline Rile Smith
Eared a BFA in GLASS from the Tyler School of Art in 2014. Her work has been featured in New Glass Review Volume 35, Adroit Journal, and the Philadelphia Inquirer. Smith's work exhibits nationally and has recently shown at the National Liberty Museum, the Philadelphia Sculpture Gym, the Wayne Art Center and the Gravers Lane Gallery. Her interest in coming to RIT is in expanding her relationship with glass and working it by hand through innovative integrations of technology, engineering resources, and collaboration with art and non-art entities on campus.

2018 Margaret's House Scholarship Recipient - Kristina LaRock
graduated from RIT with a BA in Psychology last year, approximately one month after she had her daughter, Arya...Having a baby while in school as a single parent is challenging for anyone, but Kristina never skipped a beat. She continued on with her education and is currently in the School Psychology master's program at RIT. She hopes to work in an elementary school or with students who have behavioral challenges...In addition to being an amazing mom who has a smile on her face, regardless of how tired she is, she is also a Teaching Assistant for a Cognitive Psychology course and a peer coach through the Spectrum Support Program.

2018 Women Outstanding Senior: Jeanetta Pierce
Major: B.S. Biochemistry Nominated By: Associate Professor, Dr. Lea Vacca Michel, School of Chemistry & Materials Science

Recommendation Letter: Last year, I assigned Jeanetta and one other student a tricky project that involved growing bacteria in the presence of multiple additives. Sterile techniques were of the utmost importance during this experiment, and cultures were very easily contaminated. Jeanetta and her partner accomplished the experiment in record time (I had thought it would take all semester, but it took them a mere few weeks to collect all of the data, reproducing their work three times). I was highly impressed with Jeanetta's care and precision during these experiments, and equally important, her commitment to getting things done right. Jeanetta came in at 5 AM to start growths, when needed, and stayed until late at night, if necessary. In addition to collecting beautiful data, Jeanetta did so with a positive attitude and one of the warmest smiles I have ever seen. For this work, Jeanetta earned a co-authorship on my most recent publication. Last year, Jeanetta experienced a tremendous personal loss. Her mother died in a tragic car accident on her way home from work. In one heartbeat, Jeanetta lost her mother and half of her support system. Although devastated, Jeanetta continued to study for her finals and ended up finishing the semester without requesting any special treatment. She hadn't even thought of asking for extensions for her work, she knew she needed to get things done, and she followed through on her commitments. Jeanetta continues to persevere and is one of the most committed students I know at RIT. Just this year, I made Jeanetta a team leader on her research project—she is managing other undergraduate student researchers and making sure her project moves forward quickly. I am confident she will be credited with a second co-authorship on a publication within the next year. Jeanetta likes to say she grew up with "Army morals." She plans to join the Air Force after graduation and to eventually attend medical school.

2018 Women Outstanding Senior: Rachel Rabenn
Major: B.S. Biomedical Sciences, Minor: ASL & Deaf Culture Nominated by: Camille Ouellette & Jacqueline McClive, NTID Science & Math Lecturer. GPA: 3.85

Recommendation Letter: Rachel is one of the kindest students that I have the privilege to work with. She is often seen helping her peers in the study area right outside of my office. She has served as an organic chemistry teaching assistant, an American Sign Language tutor, and a peer tutor for English courses. Rachel has also volunteered with helping Deaf refugees acclimate and assimilate into American culture. She has completed two summer research co-op experiences even though her major does not require co-ops. In addition, she has shadowed health care practitioners at Strong Memorial Hospital. Rachel has also been actively involved in her sorority, Alpha Xi Delta, and participated in activities with the Premedical Students Association here at RIT. Her ultimate career goal is to become a genetic counselor, and as I write this, she is away at her first graduate school interview... One would never know from meeting Rachel what she deals with on a daily basis, as she never complains about her physical conditions. When she was an infant, her parents were told that she would never walk, due to a genetic muscular myopathy disorder. Not only did Rachel walk and run, she went on to compete competitively in gymnastics. In addition to her muscle myopathy, Rachel also has ankylosing spondylitis, an autoimmune disease causing her immune system to attack the joints in her spine, and over time, those joints will fuse together. Both of those conditions are incredibly painful, yet I have not once heard Rachel complain, or even groan as she moves. On top of those two conditions, she also has progressive autoimmune deafness. As I mentioned earlier, she arrived at RIT/NTID knowing no sign language, but she has become fluent in her four years here. Many people deafened at a later age like Rachel shun the Deaf community, but she chose to embrace it as part of her identity.
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION
Annual Dues are $35. If you are interested in joining, contact: Brenda Beal, 2470 East Avenue #403, Rochester, NY 14610. Email: bealb1849@gmail.com
Dues help support the Council Notes and operating expenses, Margaret’s House, the Outstanding Female Senior Student Award, and the RIT Ambulance Corps.

Additional gifts are tax deductible and may be directed to the Women's Council Endowed Scholarship of RIT or you may direct your gift where it is most needed to support the Women's Council of RIT.

If you wish to send a gift to the Endowed Scholarship, please contact Marisa Psaila, Executive Director of the Fund for RIT, at mxpdar@rit.edu or 585.475.4932.

VISION
The Women’s Council will support the mission of RIT by supporting the success of RIT women students, faculty, and staff.

2017-2018 Meeting Calendar

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