



Provost's eZine

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Welcome to the first Provost's eZine, a monthly electronic newsletter that shares information to the campus community about events and accomplishments in Academic Affairs

NTID

NTID is marking the highest enrollment in its 41-year history this year, with 1,450 students. That breaks the previous record of 1,358 set in 1984.

NTID student, Amanda Massab, has been selected to work for the Department of Defense in their Student Training and Academic Recruitment Program, promoting career opportunities and coordinating visiting DOD recruiters and senior leaders.

The Center for Education Research Partnerships at NTID has been awarded a \$50,000 contract from the Irish National Council on Special Education to study education options for deaf and hard-of-hearing students in Ireland.

Submitted by Alan Hurwitz

WALLACE LIBRARY

RIT students and alumni are invited to submit their creative writing to the "[The Promise of Sustainability](#)" contest. An anthology of entrants will be published through [OpenBook@RIT](#)

[Open Access Day](#) is October 14, 2008. RIT Libraries supports [open access](#) journal development and the international movement towards free access to information.

The library, with support from the Provost, the Dean of Graduate Studies and the College Deans, has [KIRTAS Technologies](#) on site to digitize 4,700 archived print theses, which will become part of the [RIT Digital Media Library](#).

Submitted by Chan. McKenzie

ACMT

Over 100 ACMT students, faculty and staff participated in "Dubrovnik Freeze" on Tuesday evening, September 2nd .

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gM6GwSgYV-0> .

ACMT in conjunction with CAST's Department of Environmental, Health and Safety Management will host an Environmental Management Leadership Symposium in Dubrovnik, Croatia on Thursday, October 3rd, and Friday, October 4th.

Submitted by Don Hudspeth

GCCIS

The new Game Design & Development laboratory in the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences, designed with a moveable wall to allow two classes of 30 students or a single class of 60 students, has been an instant hit with the 120 freshmen and 70 sophomore students majoring in the IT department's latest BS program.

Submitted by Jorge Diaz-Herrera

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Registrar

The new final exam scheduling process has been successfully implemented. Students and faculty now receive the schedule two months earlier than was the case with the former scheduling process.

The Registrar's Office launched the National Student Clearinghouse's Student Self-Service, which provides students with the ability to independently obtain enrollment verifications on-line. (<https://registrarapps.rit.edu/clearinghouse/>)

Academic Affairs, continued

Study Abroad

Congratulations to David Kelbe, a student from the College of Science, who studied abroad in New Zealand last spring. David was chosen out of 200 students from various colleges to write an article for National Geographic's Glimpse magazine and received a grant for \$600.

During the summer of 2008, RIT sent a total of 98 students abroad. Students traveled to Italy, Japan, Denmark, England, Croatia, Ecuador, Ireland, Spain, Australia, South Africa, and Turks & Caicos Islands. These students came from CIAS(48) CLA(7), COS(10), GCCIS(6), SCB(8), COE(5), CAST(8), and NTID(6).

Institute Advising Office

Check out the services provided to RIT students through our Internal Transfer Office [Our Internal Transfer Advising](#) and the resources provided by the RIT Advisors Council for faculty and staff who advise our students [The RIT Advisors Council](#)

Honors Program

The Honors Program enrolled the largest freshman class in its history—181 new students.

In keeping with RIT's goal to be an innovation university, the Honors Program is piloting a project-based curriculum called the Collaborative Innovation Program for its students(see http://honors.rit.edu/courses/collaborative_innovation/).

K-12 Partnerships Program

The K-12 Program will host up to 60 students for the RIT fall Open House events and sponsor transportation to the local college fair at Marketplace Mall on September 24th.

Fall programming includes kick off events at East, Franklin, Edison and Rush Henrietta high schools. Tutoring, mentoring, career exploration and Saturday Academy programs begin in October. The Saturday Academy includes workshops facilitated by RIT faculty members and students from the RIT Lead organization.

This summer, the program hosted over 100 K-12 students in a variety of career exploration and skill development camps. RIT faculty, including Gary Skuse, Mike Jackson, Larry Hill, Marla Schweppe, Rebecca Kline, Joshua Faber and Yosef Zlochower conducted workshops for the students on a variety of topics designed to spark their interest in collegiate programs available at RIT. These summer programs were supported by funds from the New York State STEP program, the Governor's Excelsior initiative, and Rochester Works.

Learning Communities

RIT has 53 Learning Communities this fall that involve 49% of all freshman students.

Summer Reading Book

Incoming Freshmen were asked over the summer to read the book, [Deep Economy](#), by Bill McKibben. FYE instructors and other interested faculty are incorporating references to this book in their courses. A faculty and staff implementation committee, headed by Margaret Bartlett meets regularly to plan complementary activities and curriculum ideas. Field trips and out-of-class activities are scheduled for this quarter. Check out the Wallace Library website (<http://library.rit.edu/deepeconomy/>) for a list of brown-bag luncheons and other student activities.

Search for Director of Student Learning Outcomes Assessment

A search is underway to fill the new position within Academic Affairs for a Director of Student Learning Outcomes Assessment. The search committee is chaired by Ron Jodoin, Professor, College of Science. Information on this position is found at <https://mycareer.rit.edu> (IRC #24057).