

RIT Title IX Advocate List					
Advocate Name	Email	Job Title / Role on Campus	Office Location	ASL Skill	C27 Advocate?
Christie Russo	crhew@rit.edu	Case Manager, Non-clinical	AUG-2194	Beginner	No
Christine Shank	crspph@rit.edu	Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies-CAD	BOO-2539	None	Yes
Clayton "CJ" Ide	cjince@rit.edu	Faculty- NTID Liberal Studies	LBJ-2237	Fluent	Yes
Daniele Brown	dmccst@rit.edu	Director- Year One Programs	SAU-A510	Beginner	Yes
Donna Sandlin	dmssas@rit.edu	Director- Policies & Compliance	EAS-6042	None	Yes
Jenna Stein	jlsnop@rit.edu	Special Assistant for Interpretation and Special Projects	LBJ-2846	Fluent	Yes
Kathy Ehrlich-Scheffer	keseen@rit.edu	Director -WE@RIT (Women in Engineering)	GLE-2505	None	Yes
Kieran Sommer	kpsiss@rit.edu	International Student Advisor	SAU-2326	Fluent	Yes
Liz Machmer	ejmerp@rit.edu	Audiologist II	LBJ-3837	Fluent	Yes
Michelle Cometa	macuns@rit.edu	Senior Communication Specialist	TPD-2140	None	Yes
Natalie Boice-Pardee	nablde@rit.edu	Spectrum Support Program Specialist	MON-2050	None	Yes
Peggy Tirrell	ptirrell@saunders.rit.edu	Senior Associate Director- Grad Business Prog & Admissions	LOW-A308	None	Yes
Renee Milliken	ramiao@rit.edu	Academic Advisor	CBET 1184	Beginner	Yes
Sandy Whitmore	swwpro@rit.edu	Executive Director for Marketing & Operations	EAS-1124	Conversational	Yes
Zoe Paris	zoe.paris@ppcwny.org	RESTORE Advocate		Beginner	No

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If you do not select a specific Advocate, one will be chosen for

Advocates/Advisor of Choice: Similarities and Differences		
	RIT Title IX Advocate	Advisor of Choice
Automatically assigned when charges are issued		
Receives all case materials directly from RIT	X	X
Helps party prepare for and process outcome of hearing	X	X
Can provide quiet counsel for the party at hearing	X	X
Can participate actively at hearing only during Cross Examination	X	X
Can be a parent, attorney, or other non-RIT member		X
Can accompany party to appointment to listen to recording of original hearing (if preparing for an appeal)	X	X