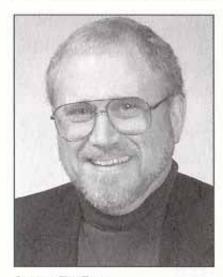
NTID's DeCaro to be honored by Tiajin premier

NTID professor James DeCaro, director of the Postsecondary Education Network International is being honored with the Hai He Award of Friendship granted by the



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premier of the city of Tianjin, China. The award is presented to foreign nationals who have worked in Tianjin and have made "outstanding contributions for the betterment of the city." DeCaro will receive the

award from the city's mayor at a banquet in Tianjin the evening of Sept. 30, celebrating China's "National Day."

Tianjin University of Technology is one

of the original partners of PEN-International, a multinational collaborative that began in 2001 and is funded by grants from The Nippon Foundation of Japan. PEN-International's goal is to network colleges and universities all over the world that educate people who are deaf and to share educational and technical expertise with those colleges.

DeCaro draws upon his 34 years of experience educating deaf people and directs his effort with one goal in mind—to help other countries meet their own needs.

"Each country is at a different stage in the education of deaf people at the university level," says DeCaro. "Each has its own set of goals. PEN-International collaborates with universities across the globe to meet their needs by applying state-of-the art instructional technologies to deaf education, and updating their technical curriculum and their computer hardware and software."

Former winners include the CEOs of Motorola, Samsung and Toyota as well as foreign experts and educators.

For more information about the organization, visit PEN-International's Web site at www.pen.ntid.rit.edu.