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advocacy group for people with hearing loss.*



Dr. James DeCaro Receives RIT Award

Dr. James DeCaro, a member of HLAA-Rochester's Professional Advisory Committee (PAC), received the 2008 Four Presidents Distinguished Public Service Award at a ceremony on March 18 at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT).

The award is given to a person who personifies exemplary leadership and outstanding commitment and dedication to service not only to RIT but also to the community.

As part of the recognition, a financial gift was made in Dr. DeCaro's name to community organizations of his choice. Gifts were made to Hearing Loss Association of America, Rochester Chapter, the Rochester Hearing and Speech Center, AI Sigl Center, Rochester School for the Deaf.

HLAA members, Mark and Bobbie Hargrave, accepted the gift on behalf of HLAA-Rochester. The chapter is indeed grateful for this generous gift and also for the many other contributions Dr. DeCaro has made through his service on the PAC.

Dr. DeCaro is the director of the Postsecondary Education Network-International (PEN-International)—a multinational collaborative network of colleges and universities serving deaf students that is funded by grants from The Nipon Foundation of Japan. Prior to holding this post he served as dean and acting director of the National Technical Institute for the Deaf at RIT. He holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in civil engineering and a Ph.D. in instructional technology. He has been a Rotary International Scholar in England and a Fulbright Senior Scholar in Sweden. He holds an honorary professorship at Tianjin University of Technology (China) and an honorary doctoral degree from Bauman Moscow State Technical University (Russia). He currently serves as the center director for the NTID Center on Access Technology.

For more than 35 years, Dr. DeCaro has contributed to the betterment of the Rochester community and to RIT. He has been recognized nationally and internationally for his tireless work n behalf of individuals with hearing loss and for his personal and professional contributions.

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Mission

HLAA, Rochester (formerly SHHH) is the Rochester, NY chapter of a national organization. Formed in 1983, we have over 200 members who join together to help themselves and each other live as fully as we can with our hearing loss through education, advocacy, and community support. Our members come from all walks of life. HLAA, Rochester Chapter is a not-for-profit volunteer group.

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Location

Daytime and evening HLAA presentations are located at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 25 Westminster Road, 14607, on the corner of East Avenue and Westminster, across the street from George Eastman House. Enter church at rear, go upstairs, turn right and enter Vestry Room where

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National membership information:

<http://www.hearingloss.org/membership/>
National membership: \$25

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