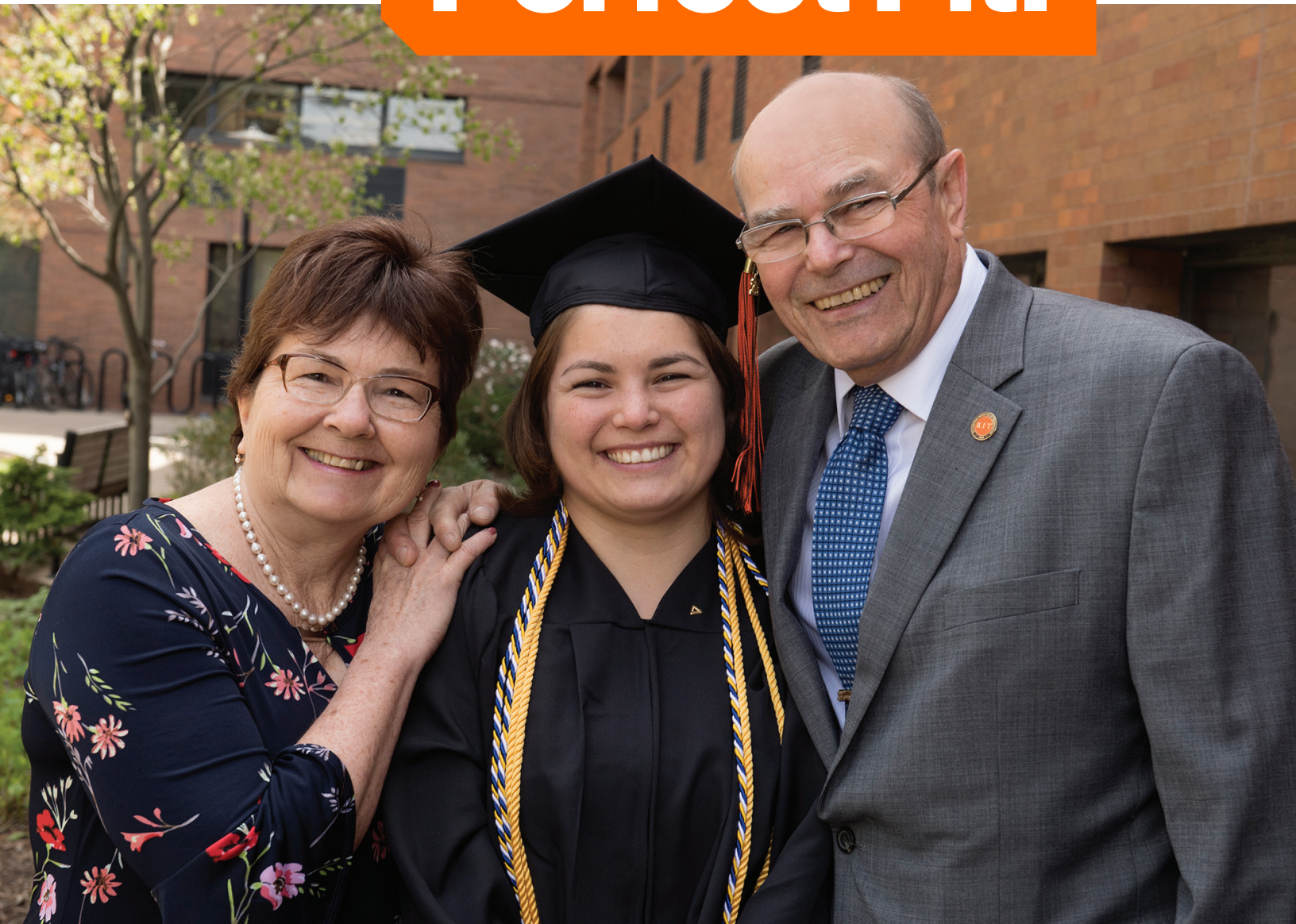


**Exceptional Value.  
Perfect Fit.**



**RIT**

**An Outstanding Investment**  
For Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Students





RIT is a vibrant learning environment where imagination, creativity, and innovation create outstanding academic, social, and personal development opportunities for deaf and hard-of-hearing students that are unmatched by any other university in the world.



# Proven Success for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Students

95%

Placement rate within one year of graduation for deaf and hard-of-hearing students seeking employment

9,500+

Deaf and hard-of-hearing RIT/NTID graduates working across the country and around the world

180

Co-op assignments last year for deaf and hard-of-hearing students

45+

Employers who attend annual Career Fair for deaf and hard-of-hearing students

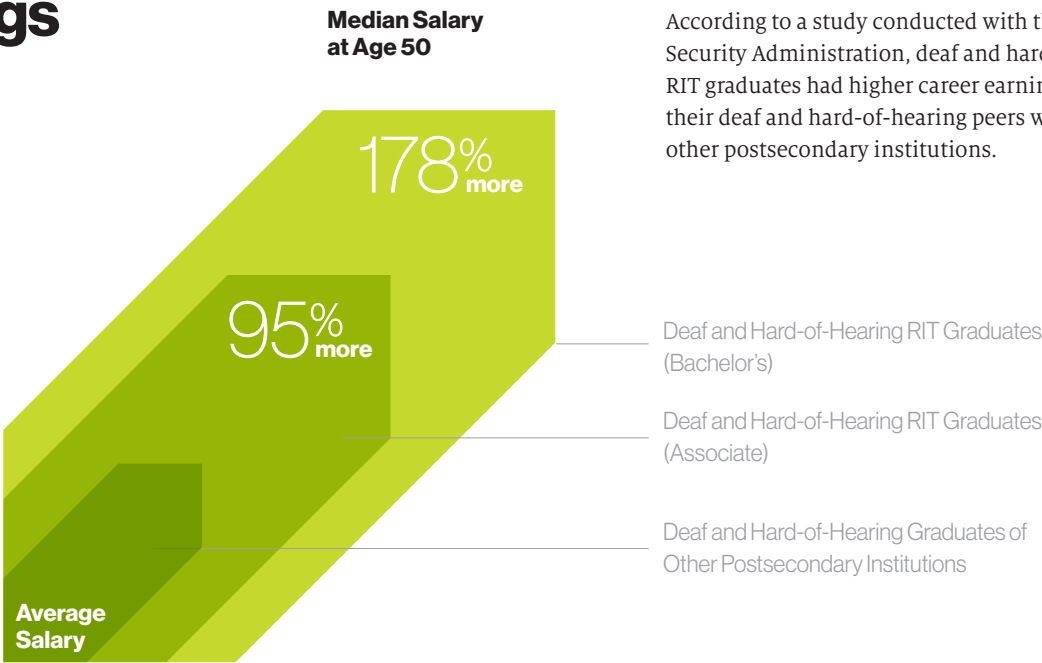
3,000

Hours of employment advising annually by NTID Center on Employment

72%

First-year persistence rate for deaf and hard-of-hearing students

## Higher Earnings

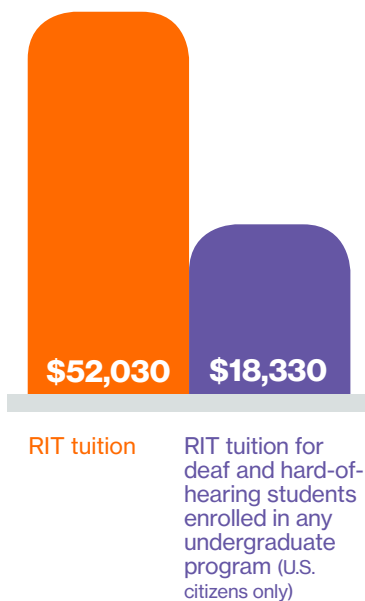


### Deaf and hard-of-hearing RIT graduates are competitive in the marketplace

According to a study conducted with the Social Security Administration, deaf and hard-of-hearing RIT graduates had higher career earnings than their deaf and hard-of-hearing peers who attended other postsecondary institutions.

# A Worthwhile Investment

## 2021-2022 Tuition Comparison



## Average financial aid per domestic deaf and hard-of-hearing student

\$19,429

90%

of undergraduate deaf and hard-of-hearing students receive financial aid

## Exceptional Value and Affordability

RIT is committed to ensuring that a quality education remains within the financial reach of deaf and hard-of-hearing students. Because RIT receives special federal support, **deaf and hard-of-hearing students pay less than one-half of RIT's regular tuition rate.** The reduced cost makes RIT a truly exceptional value.

In addition to the substantial tuition reduction, a variety of financial aid options are available, including scholarships, grants, loans, state Vocational Rehabilitation support, and Supplemental Security Income assistance.

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## Real-World Work Experience Before Graduation

RIT's cooperative education program provides students tremendous opportunities to gain valuable experience in their field before graduation. A co-op offers students a taste of the world of work and practical experience to include on their resume when applying for employment after graduation. Co-ops also help students finance a portion of their education, give them opportunities to make professional contacts in their field, and foster personal growth and independence.

[rit.edu/ntid/coop](http://rit.edu/ntid/coop)

## Specialized Job Search Assistance

Your student's career success is supported by our employment specialists, who travel coast to coast meeting with employers, building relationships and educating the marketplace about the value of hiring deaf and hard-of-hearing students and graduates. RIT enjoys great success in working with employers to fully integrate deaf and hard-of-hearing employees in all aspects of work life and to model the benefits of a diverse workforce to others.

The job search and interview preparation services available to your student also are a major reason behind career success. Each year, students receive thousands of hours of employment advising. Your son or daughter also can take advantage of valuable interviewing experience during practice job interviews conducted by faculty, staff, and community volunteers. Additional job search assistance includes help with resume and cover letter writing, job application completion, and access to a variety of resources that students can use to find employers to contact about possible jobs.

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## Graduates in Demand

A degree from RIT commands attention in the marketplace. Employers know that our graduates have high-caliber qualifications and work experience that prepares them to deliver results on the job. RIT enjoys one of the highest rates of employment for its graduates of any comprehensive university in the country. This is apparent as on-campus recruiters from major industries snap up RIT students even before they graduate.

## Selected national and international companies that have hired **deaf and hard-of-hearing RIT students and graduates**

- > BNY Mellon
- > Caterpillar, Inc.
- > Defense Finance and Accounting Service
- > Dow Chemical Company
- > General Electric
- > Google
- > Honda
- > IBM
- > Lockheed Martin
- > Merck
- > Microsoft
- > Monroe County Medical Examiner's Office
- > NASA
- > National Institutes of Health
- > Naval Supply Systems Command
- > Solar Turbines
- > Tesla Motors
- > Texas Instruments
- > Toyota
- > Tufts University
- > U.S. Department of Defense
- > Whirlpool
- > Yahoo!





## Michaela Mullin

Hometown  
**Alameda, California**

Major  
**Architectural and Civil Drafting Technology  
(formerly Computer Aided Drafting  
Technology)**

I didn't have a lot of knowledge about the deaf world growing up. So, when I was in high school and struggling with my self-identity, one of my goals was to learn more about my "deaf side." I decided to attend a community college first because I didn't know what I wanted to study. That college had a deaf program, and I fully immersed myself into the deaf community. This greatly influenced my decision to continue my education at RIT. RIT bridges the gap between the deaf and hearing worlds, so I can socially grow in both, and challenges me to step out of my comfort zone and try new things.



## Miko Arayata

Hometown  
**Quezon, Philippines**

Major  
**Design and Imaging Technology**

Traveling more than 8,000 miles from home was necessary for me to get my degree because there are very few programs offered for deaf students in the Philippines. When I arrived at RIT, the deaf community made me feel comfortable right away, and today I feel like RIT is my second home. Coming to RIT has given me the opportunity to return home with a degree I wanted and the skills necessary to pursue a successful career in graphic design.



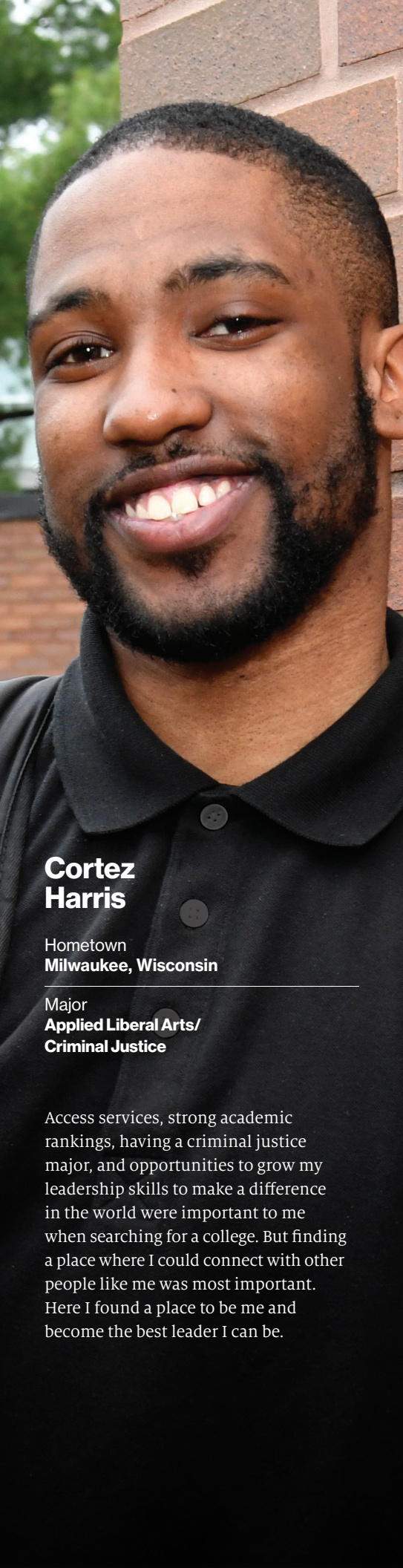
## Kendell Charles

Hometown  
**Opelousas, Louisiana**

Major  
**Applied Computer Technology/  
Management Information Systems**

I wanted to attend a university with a diverse campus, and during my college search I discovered RIT's community included people from many cultures, and a mixture of deaf and hearing individuals along with interpreting students and interpreters. I also wanted to work in the medical field and saw how the MIS program could bring me there. RIT is the right fit for me because of the large spectrum of creative arts, accessibility, cultural diversity, social life, and opportunities for professional growth.



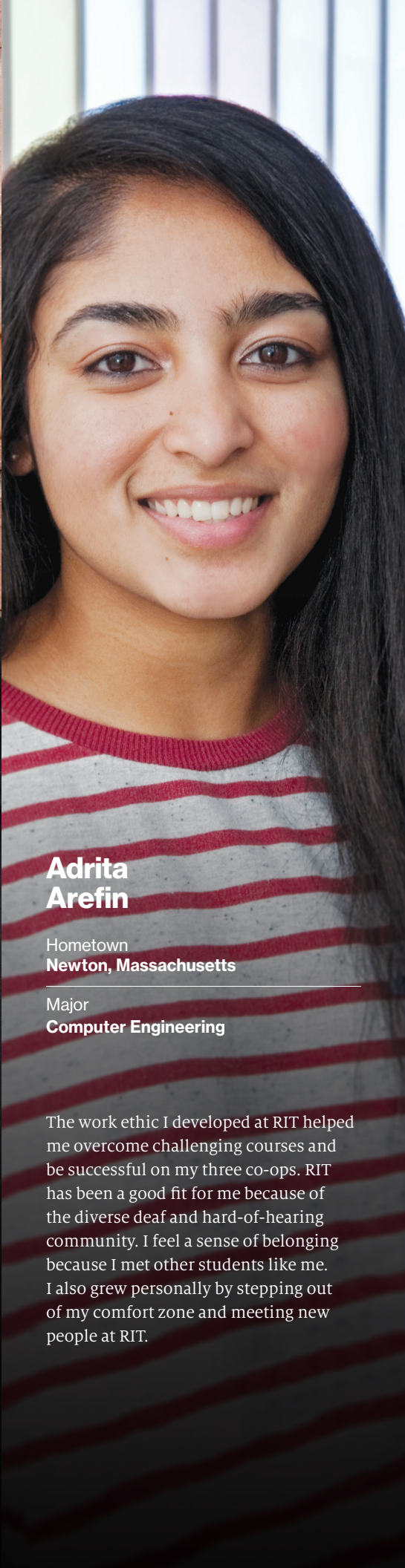


## **Cortez Harris**

Hometown  
**Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

Major  
**Applied Liberal Arts/  
Criminal Justice**

Access services, strong academic rankings, having a criminal justice major, and opportunities to grow my leadership skills to make a difference in the world were important to me when searching for a college. But finding a place where I could connect with other people like me was most important. Here I found a place to be me and become the best leader I can be.

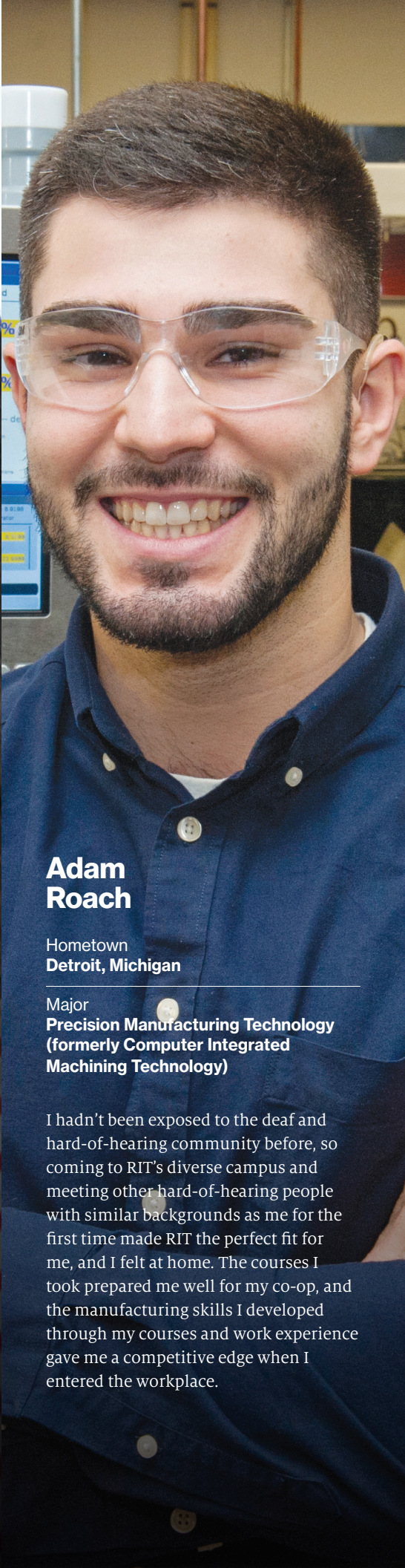


## **Adrita Arefin**

Hometown  
**Newton, Massachusetts**

Major  
**Computer Engineering**

The work ethic I developed at RIT helped me overcome challenging courses and be successful on my three co-ops. RIT has been a good fit for me because of the diverse deaf and hard-of-hearing community. I feel a sense of belonging because I met other students like me. I also grew personally by stepping out of my comfort zone and meeting new people at RIT.



## **Adam Roach**

Hometown  
**Detroit, Michigan**

Major  
**Precision Manufacturing Technology  
(formerly Computer Integrated  
Machining Technology)**

I hadn't been exposed to the deaf and hard-of-hearing community before, so coming to RIT's diverse campus and meeting other hard-of-hearing people with similar backgrounds as me for the first time made RIT the perfect fit for me, and I felt at home. The courses I took prepared me well for my co-op, and the manufacturing skills I developed through my courses and work experience gave me a competitive edge when I entered the workplace.



# First-Class Career Education

At RIT, we recognize one size does not fit all. We offer more than 200 academic programs so your student can discover the one that suits him or her best. RIT offers creative learning approaches and practical experience to prepare students for their career, graduate school or entrepreneurial pursuits.

## Bachelor's Degree Programs

Students can choose from more than 90 programs in art and design, business, computing and information sciences, engineering, health sciences and technology, liberal arts, and science. Students who are unsure which program fits their interests may apply to enter University Exploration to explore various bachelor's degree programs.

[rit.edu/ntid/bachelors](http://rit.edu/ntid/bachelors)

## Pre-Baccalaureate Programs

If your student is interested in a bachelor's degree program, but does not fully meet the admission requirements, he or she may qualify for a pre-baccalaureate program. These individualized programs prepare your student to enter a bachelor's degree program.

[rit.edu/ntid/prebac](http://rit.edu/ntid/prebac)

## Associate+Bachelor's Degree Programs

Students can start on the road to academic success by completing an associate degree that provides a solid foundation and prepares them to continue and succeed in an RIT bachelor's degree program.

[rit.edu/ntid/aplusb](http://rit.edu/ntid/aplusb)

## Career-Focused Associate Degree Programs

Your student can choose a fast track to success by pursuing one of our exciting career-focused associate degree programs designed to prepare graduates for immediate employment in today's high-tech fields.

[rit.edu/ntid/associate](http://rit.edu/ntid/associate)

## Career Exploration Program

Some students use their first year to select and prepare for a major. During this time, they develop a better understanding of themselves and their career interests through career, academic and personal counseling and the sampling of various majors.

[rit.edu/ntid/ces](http://rit.edu/ntid/ces)



**Steve and Joanne Murbach**  
**Franklin, Tennessee**  
parents of RIT/NTID graduate Kyle Murbach, BS/MS, computing security

RIT was a super fit for Kyle. He thrived in a technical, scientific setting that matched his desire to learn and be challenged. Being part of a large deaf community provided the perfect balance to be a happy individual. The quality education, co-op experiences and a fulfilling social life made sending Kyle to RIT a smart choice.





# 135

in-house interpreters



# 47

real-time captionists



# 400

trained notetakers



# 118,000+

interpreting hours



# 21,000+

captioning hours

## Extraordinary Support and Access Services

If your student takes courses in RIT's College of Art and Design, Saunders College of Business, Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences, Kate Gleason College of Engineering, College of Engineering Technology, College of Health Sciences and Technology, College of Liberal Arts, College of Science, School of Individualized Study, or Golisano Institute for Sustainability, your student can choose from among:

- > sign language interpreting services,
- > FM systems,
- > real-time captioning services, and
- > notetaking.

Alternative services also may be provided. In addition, your student will have access to a unique array of educational support services, including experienced faculty tutors, personal and career counseling, and academic advising.

If your student takes NTID courses, faculty members will communicate directly with him or her using a variety of strategies, such as:

- > sign language with voice,
- > sign language without voice,
- > spoken language (FM systems are available),
- > fingerspelling,
- > printed/visual aids,
- > web-based instructional material, or
- > individual tutoring.

In cases where a faculty member's communication strategies do not appropriately meet your student's needs, your student can request access services from the Department of Access Services.

An assigned counselor will work closely with your student to help plan his or her collegiate experience and provide personal, social, career and academic advising and counseling services.

[rit.edu/ntid/access](http://rit.edu/ntid/access)

# Audiology and Speech/Language Services

Your student doesn't have to leave campus for audiological and speech/language services. The Communication Studies and Services Department provides services and excellent collaborative educational programs through which your student can broaden and/or strengthen his or her communication competencies.



RIT/NTID audiologists and speech-language pathologists are certified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and are specifically trained to work with deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals.

## Audiology

The Audiology Center offers a variety of free services, including:

- hearing tests;
- consultations;
- FM/Roger loans;
- speechreading and/or listening training;
- hearing aid and cochlear implant adjustments, troubleshooting, repairs, and upgrades.

An additional advantage is discounted pricing for new hearing aids and accessories. Your student also can purchase batteries, custom sound/swim plugs and earmolds, and other supplies.

## Speech/Language

The Speech & Language Center offers individualized services and can focus on a variety of areas such as:

- speech intelligibility;
- grammar and technical/professional vocabulary and practice;
- communication strategies for work-related interactions/job interviews, presentation skill development and practice;
- use of current mobile applications as communication tools.

The Speech & Language Center offers equipment and software that provides visual feedback for production and facilitates conversational practice.



# Inclusive Community. Accessible Facilities.

RIT offers an environment where deaf and hard-of-hearing students can fit in, feel comfortable, pursue their dreams and fulfill their potential. Your student will find a real sense of community at RIT and create connections that last a lifetime.

Deaf and hard-of-hearing students who attend RIT use various communication modes. They come from across the United States and many different countries and represent a diverse range of ethnic, geographic, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

There are more than 300 RIT student clubs and organizations, NCAA and intramural sports, student government, and performing arts.

Your student will discover an environment that will help him or her build upon strengths he or she already has, explore new options and come into his or her own as a scholar, a leader, and a citizen of the world.

Serving more than 1,100 deaf and hard-of-hearing students, RIT has made sure our campus is accessible.

- > Specially designed dorm rooms include strobe fire alarms and doorbells.
- > Visual emergency warning systems are present in all academic buildings.
- > RIT's Public Safety officers are on duty 24/7 for safety, security, and traffic control.

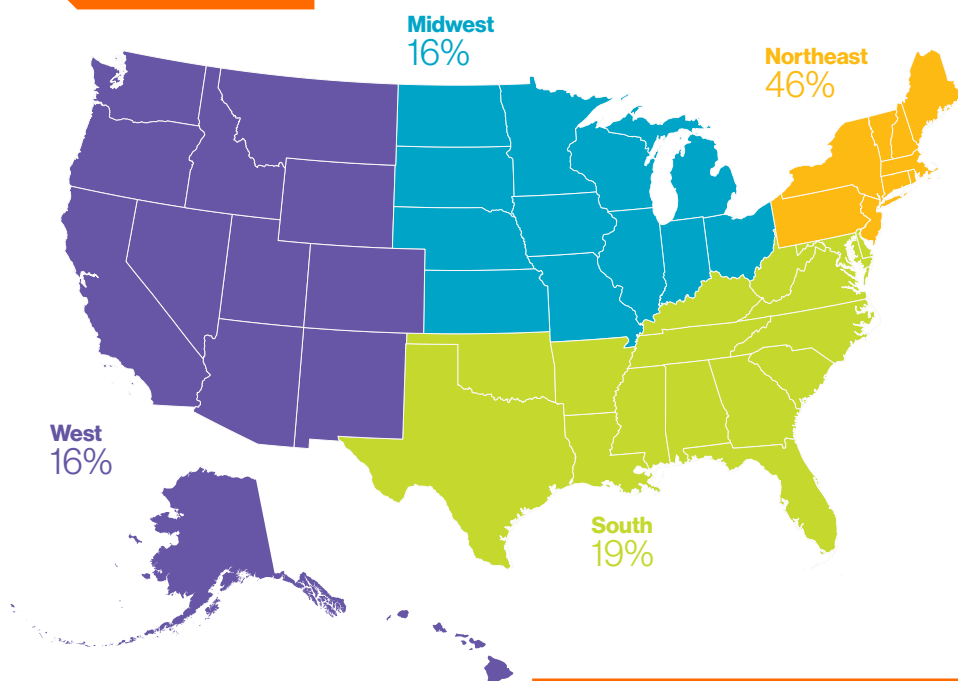
Public Safety is easily accessible by phone, text, email, and blue-light security call boxes located around campus.

- > An emergency notification system is in place for increased campus security.

Beyond campus, your student will find Rochester has one of the nation's largest populations of people who are deaf or hard of hearing. Many restaurants, movie theaters and stores have experience serving deaf and hard-of-hearing people.

## Where are our students from?

**97% U.S.**



**3% international**

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Safety is important to me. The academic buildings and residence halls at RIT accommodate deaf students with strobe fire alarm systems, and public safety officials know how to communicate in sign language. These are factors we didn't find at other colleges.

**Rachel Coleman**  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
parent of  
RIT/NTID graduate  
Liam Coleman

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## Deaf and hard-of-hearing students find their fit and form their future at RIT.

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### Seeing is Believing

The best way to learn more about RIT is to visit. There are many ways to get to know our vibrant campus and inclusive community. Experience the extraordinary at RIT.

[rit.edu/ntid/visit](http://rit.edu/ntid/visit)

#### For more information or to arrange a visit:

Call us today at 585-475-6700, toll free in the U.S. and Canada at 866-644-6843, or by videophone at 585-743-1366. You also can email [visitntid@rit.edu](mailto:visitntid@rit.edu).

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