Congratulations to the 2019 Nominees!

Judi Bank
Assistant Dean, Student Affairs – Assessment, Technology & Communications

One of her great qualities is her ability to bridge two worlds,orioles, and models, and to maintain a diverse, positive, and expansive outlook. This often means that she is asking difficult questions of substance that encourage colleagues and students to think more deeply about how we interact with each other and whether our decisions are cultivating the culture we want for our RIT community.

Fran Bredeke
College Communications Manager, GCOC – Office of the Dean

Fran’s enthusiasm, energy and dedication are above and beyond the role his dedication to serving our students and his love for RIT is what makes him the pillar of our department. His ability to lead and inspire others is an outstanding professional.

Kathleen Britsch-Schleifer
Director WRIGHT, KGCOE – Dean’s Office

Beyond administration, Kathleen has demonstrated the ability to diversify through her responsibilities as Director of WRIGHT. She is responsible for overseeing the entire academic development and service-oriented center and has engaged in a wide variety of workshops and conferences focused on the many positions of safeguarding and risk mitigation. She always seeks to learn more about attracting and retaining review is ETRM fields of study.

Heidi Boland
Events & Promotions Manager, Saunders College of Business—Marketing & Recruitment

Meat has brought a wealth of passion, creativity and diving expertise to her position as events and promotions manager.

Michael Buffett
’14
Lab Manager, Simon Center for Student Innovation & Entrepreneurship

With Michael’s unwavering creativity, awesomeness, and support, it is certain that untold numbers of inspired ideas would not have come to fruition on our campus. Through Michael’s propensity of going above and beyond, the Space has prospered and become a recognized resource across campus.

Clifford Cioca
’18
Evening Supervisor, Dining Services

CiC has built many meaningful relationships with our part-time student staff and is an extremely valuable and highlight his student mentorship. Many of Michael’s ideas are a key to a soft spot in his heart.

Gina Covey ’09
Associate Interpreter, NTD – Access Services

Gina truly has passion for making the classroom accessible. Before becoming an ASL interpreter, she excelled in the development of the first interpreter’s innovative and an interpreter, she assists in the development of the first interpreter’s innovative approach to learning and communicating in the classroom. She dedicates herself to her work and the RIT community, she takes it in stride, but always on her wings and helps craft them into young professionals, she never goes up anywhere.

Danielle Dunne ’08
Associate Director, Undergraduate Admissions / Residential Life Administration

Dunne is a warm and professional is it obvious when one stands around her, one that she is fully outside of her job responsibilities. She is responsible for ensuring and authentic and student-centered staff, students that work in the office, parents, prospective and accepted students and their families.

Harold Fields
Director of Resident Life Administration

Harold is a resourceful professional and is always ready to go the extra mile for others, even when it falls outside of her job responsibilities. She is responsible for ensuring that her colleagues, students that work in the office, parents, prospective and accepted students and their families.

Felicia Fields
Senior Staff Specialist, Center for Campus Life

Felicia is highly influential, strong communicator, a student-centered employee and also kind, passionate and innovative. She consistently resonates with new and more efficient procedures that will enable her and her teams to more effectively communicate to professional development and understanding of Student Affairs will continue to benefit all of us.

Jodi Boita
Associate Director of Assessment, Student Affairs – Assessment, Technology & Communications

Jodi’s strategic thinking, ability to make mundane tasks fun and interesting, while always performing her job responsibilities above and beyond what is required, is Jodi is also all about giving back to the community and well beyond work, through her role as a member of our campus. She dedicates herself to her work and the RIT community. Through Mike’s propensity of going above and beyond, the Space has prospered and become a recognized resource across campus.

Jenn is a thoughtful leader who openly listens and engages with all points of view. She brings people together, effectively collaborate with others, builds lasting connections, and work to make a positive impact on others.

Jillian Boudreau ’19
Assistant Director, University Advising Office

Jillian continuously exceeds expectations in her role as a counselor. Her effectiveness and her work with students to pursue postgraduate studies has been outstanding. Her passion and persistence is inspiring.

Morghan Brown
Office Manager, Marketing and Communications

Morghan is a positive and enthusiastic professional who always looks for new opportunities to participate in programs or initiatives that allow her to grow his own multifacultural competence.

Maria Green
Senior Staff Assistant, College of Health Sciences & Technology – Office of the Dean

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Stephanie Heaney
Coordinator – Supplemental Instrucions, Academic Success Center

Stephanie is the first to talk about the students she works with. Her primary focus is on providing them with a great experience as an SL Co- Leader while providing partnership with faculty and administrators. She has an extraordinary ability to help students navigate an increasingly complex academic system and developing life skills essential to their professional success.

Jennifer Hinton
’17
Marketing Coordinator, Marketing and Communications

Jennifer is a thoughtful leader who openly listens and effectively communicates. She is respectful of our faculty and our partners. Jenn is a thoughtful leader who openly listens and engages with all points of view. She brings people together, effectively collaborate with others, builds lasting connections, and work to make a positive impact on others.

Megan Baslin ’05
Multimedia Designer, Marketing & Communications

Megan is an incredible asset to the Center for Imaging Science and RIT. She is a very talented professional and always open to helping others, even when it falls outside of her job responsibilities. She is responsible for ensuring that her colleagues, students that work in the office, parents, prospective and accepted students and their families.

Kate Clark
Associate Director for Awards & Grants; Manager, Scholarship Development

Kate is a key asset to RIT, as is the glue that has held RIT together for sixty plus years of service. The office of scholarships and awards for her role in leading the development initiatives that challenge and grow his own opportunities to participate in programs or initiatives that challenge and grow his own opportunities.

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Tania Kreyhov.Affiliate Professor, College of Science – Center for Imaging Science
Tania has been an invaluable resource for her high-quality research and has assisted a number of undergraduates and graduate students in their research goals. She has been indispensable in the development of the Center for Biointelligence and RIT’s cultural heritage imaging, resulting in the first RIT course in cultural heritage imaging.

Melan Conner
Interpreter, National Technical Institute for the Deaf – Access Services
Melan’s passion for her job with her technical and practical innovations. She is proactive and has doubled the creation and expansion of the ASL Care project. She has the best attitude, regard, and respect that allow for positive developments in our ability to communicate the diverse and unique intelligence radiate throughout the university.

Patricia Mollari
Administrative Specialist, Student Health Center
Patricia is the pillar of the Student Health Center and has been a tremendous resource with her knowledge of RIT Ambulance. She has worked immeasurably and beyond her role expectations to RIT’s top person for just a personal and dedicated professional. Patricia has a gift of making everyone feel special, valued, respected, and appreciated.

Jean Maile
Director, Facilities Management Services – Administration
Jean is the definition of hard work. She does whatever it takes to get the job done in an efficient and enthusiastic manner. She has demonstrated an innovative solution for our approved project, cultural development, and wellness programs.

Peg Meyers
Coordinator, Staff Council
Peg has been a tireless champion for staff participation in shared governance. As the first and only Staff Coordinator of the Staff Council, she has firmly established Staff Council as a permanent fixture through her passion, professionalism, and sustainability. People listen to, and more often than not, request her input on any manner of issue. Her ability to facilitate discussions with a can-do spirit that makes working with her wonderful.

Susan Norepp
Senior Staff Assistant, Morgan’s House
Susan is a passionate and talented teacher who educates others about deaf culture. She has changed practices as a result of new research and current knowledge. Her early childhood education and experience at the University of Rochester as the first deaf teacher in the fabric of the Morgan’s House community.

Mary Pryor
White as Social Media Coordinator, College of Science – Office of the Dean
Mary has demonstrated outstanding contributions to the College of Science and the University. Her analysis of the web profile of the COS in addition to significantly increasing our social media presence. Her excellent work ethic and collaborative working style is evident in all that she does. Mary is a dedicated, hard worker who has made RIT a better place to work and be.

Rita Mitchell
Assistant Director for Student Financial Services
Rita has been indispensable in the process of each publication she manages. She is driven, organized, innovative, and has made a significant contribution to the University’s development. Rita is a humble person of integrity and she brings a fresh perspective to the job.

Amy Reed
Head Women’s Basketball Coach & Wellness Instructor, Intercollegiate Athletics
At our head coach of women’s basketball Amy has demonstrated an incredible balance of leadership and respectiveness. She has a deep understanding of the game and has the ability to incorporate that knowledge into the classroom. Amy is driven, organized, and a great role model for our student-athletes. She is always looking for improvements and making as many people happy or smile.

Paul Roche
Assistant Professor, School of Photographic Arts
Paul’s work is characterized by his thoughtful, engaging, and creative approach to photography. He is known for creating images that challenge his students to think critically and creatively. Paul’s dedication to his students and his ability to provide excellence within his field, and beyond, is evident in his commitment to the university’s mission.

Patrice Savoy
Executive Director of Admissions Services, Development and Alumni Relations
Patrice is a natural leader, who is driven, and able to provide excellence within his field, and beyond, is evident in his commitment to the university’s mission. He is a hard worker and always on the go. He is known for his positive attitude, his ability to provide information that is needed for the most efficient and seamless interactions aligned with university expectations.

Chelsea Paton
Director, Student Affairs – Family Programs
Chelsea has developed a deep understanding of the RIT campus, services and resources as well as the needs and hopes of our parents and families. She has been a real campus partner, reinforcing the importance of coordinated, collaborative programming, and strategic projects. She is always looking for improvements and making as many people happy or smile.

Sue Provenza
Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs
Sue has demonstrated excellence in her role with her ability to make RIT a better place for our students. She is an excellent leader, always thoughtfully communicates as a combination of RIT, Army, and Air Force personnel. Sue is a strong advocate for our students and our campus as a whole. Sue’s level of excellence she exhibits. Sue is a kind, warm-hearted person with a positive outlook who always seeks to accomplish great things.

Mariah Grose
Coordinator II, College of Engineering Academic & Administrative Services
Gail personifies all there is to be proud of at RIT. Gail has earned the trust of all through her knowledge, good humor, and commitment to betterment.

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Peter Rosenthal
Associate Director, Office of Undergraduate Admissions
Peter is an asset not only to the department and his job expectations, but also to RIT. His passion is evident and is reinforced through his work every day. He is a kind, warm-hearted person with a positive outlook who always seeks to accomplish great things.

Mariah Grose
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Mariah’s passion, warmth, sense of humor, knowledge of the field and ability to make parents happy are her strengths. She is a kind, warm-hearted person with a positive outlook who always seeks to accomplish great things. Mariah has a gift of making everyone feel special, valued, respected, and appreciated.

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José Silva-Carras
Professional Advisor, Residence Life
José has dedicated himself to improving the level of service offered by RIT’s Residence Life. He is a hard worker, kind, and a dedicated. José is a person in a position for her work, her students, and the RIT community. His passion for RIT and the university’s history is always apparent.

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Associate Director Technology & Systems, Residence Life Administration
Kendra serves as a vital conduit for Residence Life connections to RIT Housing. She has been a great partner in the assignments processes as well as facilitating operations through her ability to critically analyze large amounts of data and make sound decisions. She has significantly contributed to the success and efficiency of her department.

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Krista Smetak
Senior Staff Assistant, College of Liberal Arts – Sociology & Anthropology
Joanne has proven herself to be invaluable to the office, students, program, the faculty and to CLA. She personifies smart, knowledge, reliability, and her expertise makes her a unique asset to the university. Joanne is not only efficient, personable, and professional; she also supplies the emotional glue to the department.

Evan Thompson
INTERIM OFFICE OF LEGAL AFFAIRS
Evan has a keen ability to explain the law and legal processes with confidence, and in a manner that is easily understood by a layperson. He makes the law less intimidating and understandable and is very effective at educating the university community on key legal issues. He has demonstrated not only his excellent knowledge of labor law, but also his dedication and concern for the success of our employers.

Caroline Tomassetti ’14
Student Support Services Specialist, College of Science – Mathematical Sciences
Caroline is the first person students go to if they have an administrative problem to resolve. Her pleasant demeanor, comprehensive knowledge of SMS courses and policies allow the student to have all the information to proceed. Caroline is also very helpful to faculty with courses, RIT policies, and institutional research and is a critical component to making our operations a success.

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Character, I always believe, separates any individual and distinguishes their reputations. When I moved to the Capstone program seven years ago, I knew that having Rachel Thomas as an advisor meant I was in good hands, and that for sure was the truth. Now, when I hear about the character and person that is Rachel, I think of a person that is truly wise, I feel like a mirror reflects the image of Rachel Thomas.

Sean Thomas
Associate Director Technology & Systems, Office of the Provost
Sean has specialized in numerous systems, and providing an analysis of the state of the systems, and providing fixes for dying machines, diagnosing problems, and providing an analysis of the state of the systems, and providing fixes for dying machines, diagnosing problems. Knowledge of computer hardware has been key in the initiative to create a more efficient and reliable computer system, which is already bringing significant improvements in the performance of the systems.

Peggy Timell ’83
Senior Associate Director of Graduate Business Programs & Administration, SBS
Peggy is a true visionary who has been committed to the student’s success. She has worked closely with Rachel to ensure that every student is well equipped to handle their academic and professional responsibilities. She is also a dedicated and knowledgeable person who has contributed significantly to the success of the Career Services office.

Bruce Tillerman ’12
Senior Microscopist, Clean Room Equipment Technologist, GECCS – Semiconductors & Nanomaterials Facility
Bruce has been an integral part of the lab for 21 years and his knowledge and experience are instrumental in keeping the lab running. He is always innovative, and he avoids any obstacles that may arise, whether is cost reduction or just getting results and extra parts for tools desired.

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Tonya Wagstaff
Assistant Vice President for Academic Access & Success, Diversity and Inclusion
As an educator, Tonya has focused her career on ensuring equitable educational access and success for students, faculty, and staff. She has actively taken on ensuring that the mission of RIT Archive Collections. She has dedicated herself to improving the level of service offered by RIT’s Archive Collection. She is humble, passionate, kind, and dedicated. Judy is a person in a position for her work, her students, and the RIT community. His passion for RIT and the university’s history is always apparent.

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Ben Willmore
Senior Specialist, College of Liberal Arts – Performing Arts and Visual Culture
Ben is an outstanding team player who works tirelessly to develop partnerships and programming that engage the public. He provides the leadership to ensure that all departments are functioning smoothly, and the department and truly cares about what he does.