RIT Presidential Awards for Outstanding Staff

Congratulations to the 2019 Nominees!



College of Art & Design - Academic Advising Team

Laurie Alexander, Lauren Cannon, Kris DePalma '09, Kristie Gross '13, Paul Muenzer, Stephanie Solt '09

The CAD Academic Advising Team exhibits innovative and uniquely student-centered practices for student advising and consistently demonstrates exemplary service to the College. In addition, the team always provides meaningful interactions with students and faculty that foster an environment for nurturing collaboration, communication, and cooperation.



College of Art & Design - Tech Support Team

Brad Coudriet '06, Bob Fleck '81, Rob Henderson '06, Erich Lehman '99, Jay Sullivan '04

It's clear the CAD Tech Team loves what they do and loves our community. They show empathy for our students and place all of their effort and ability in solving even the smallest of problems. The entire team exemplifies the RIT spirit and is squarely at the core of the community we have built within MAGIC Spell Studios.



Diversity Dashboard Team

Dan Cosper, Julie Hawk, Jessica Johnson, Timothy Rupright '19

The ability of the RIT Diversity Dashboard to share data in a coherent fashion for purposes of discussion, strategic planning and monitoring progress is an exceptional contribution to the university at many levels. The Diversity Dashboard Team collectively turned a long standing RIT vision into reality, resulting in greater clarity about RIT's progress towards strategic goals.



Enterprise Web Apps - Agile Coaches

Michelle Guerrieri-Poysa '00, Caitlin Nairn '04

Michelle and Caitlin have been true change agents in ITS to drive Agile processes and tools and the results are remarkable for those teams embracing Agile in ITS. Michelle and Caitlin have truly enabled a more responsive culture for ITS to meet partner needs.



Golisano College Computer Science Staff

Jennifer Burt, James Craig '95,'99, Peggy Decker, Don Denz, Jordan Gates '17, Jason Harrison, Rebecca O'Connor, Mina Pulcini '04,'05, Susan Quatro '17,'19, Christina Rohr '05, Mark Stamer, Arnela Stupac-Catello, Sam Waters '13, Cindy Wolfer

The team continues to be an example of what support, kindness, consideration and fun look like in a working environment. The office staff are student-focused and dedicated to helping our students receive a good education and begin a successful career.



Government & Community Relations — Special Events and Conferences Staff

Denise Acton, Lori Gentile, Michelle Lanphear, Michelle Lezette '00,'02, Lynn Rowoth, Jeanne Stauss, Lisa Stein, Melissa Taylor '89,'90

This team is widely recognized and appreciated throughout the university and externally for the way in which they manage each event and community relations initiative with the same attention to detail. The events the GCR staff plan provide a lasting impression of RIT for the campus community and beyond.



Multi-Factor Authentication Deployment Team

Lars Avery '03, Clay Cooper, Scott Mitchell, Logan Thompson '15, Omar Philips, Ben Woelk '07

This highly-dedicated team of individuals has been diligently working to better protect RIT information assets and reduce potential breaches. They continue to elevate the security posture of the university. Because of their unwavering commitment, dedication and hard work, the RIT community is better protected.



NTID Office of the Associate Dean of Research

Stephanie Beiter '19, Nikki Cherry, Nancy Forand, Laurie Furibondo, Mary Lamb, Bob Pollard (Faculty), Susan Roethel '12, Nick Rogers '06

The individuals in this office exemplify teamwork at its best. To work personally with one of them is to work subliminally with the entire team and to seek advice from one is to gain access to the wisdom of all. The OADR team has created a unique vision that addresses the best practices of Principal Investigators in terms of seeking grants and managing the complexities of funding awards.



Office of Career Services and Cooperative Education

Maureen Arquette, Mindy Blake, Jim Bondi '97, Gretchen Burruto '97, Kate Caliel, Bridget Callari, Carolyn DeHority '84, Morgan Faas, Dan Greenebaum '15, Stefanie Griffin, Emily Hake, Julian Huenerfauth, Jill Jablonski (Retired), Taylor Lincoln '19, Diedra Livingston '09, Michelle Magee '05, Nicole Martinez-Anderson '18, Lindsay McGloon, Lisa Monette '04, Shauna Newcomb, Maria Pagani Wiegand '94, Deborah Resch, Maria Richart, Janine Rowe, Stephanie Ryan, Cathy Slocum '02, Kris Stehler, Annette Stewart, Mary Lynn Sturnick, Amanda Thau

Employer partners have recognized this team for personalized high-level service, exceptional relationship building, and ability to provide up-to-date knowledge of best recruiting practices. RIT students recognize the staff for offering individualized support and a genuine care for their career success, while securing both co-op employment/experiential education, and full-time positions. The impact is felt not only on campus but also by prospective students and parents as they consider RIT.



RIT Archives Staff

Jennifer Roeszies'19, Jody Sidlauskas, Becky Simmons (Retired), Ella von Holtum

The RIT Archives Staff always offers exemplary service whether it is working with alumni or with internal constituents. Without their work, RIT's alumni would not be able to recount their past and we would not be able to retell their stories. The team showcases our university's rich history while cultivating stories for the future.



RIT Web Presence Hosting and Redesign Team

Megan Bastian '05, Joe Bellavia '01,'18, Raman Bhalla '02, Thad Billig '04, Mikel Brown, Matt Campbell '03,'12, Kevin Carpenter, Laura Cummings '09, Jay Davis '13,'16, Harry Groover '07, Khanh Ho, Joe Hoeltke, Gage LaFleur '10, Elizabeth Lamark '00, Marie Lang, Jared Lyon '01, Jim Matasovsky, Mark Marcello '05,'07,'15, Eric Meddaugh, Rick Myles, Caitlin Nairn '04, Jason Pitoniak '00, Gabrielle Plucknette-Devito, Mike Redmond, Marla Roberts, Mike Toczek '06, Brian Wetherby, Mike Young

A cross-functional team of highly-talented and dedicated individuals from Marketing & Communications and ITS worked tirelessly for months to deploy leading-edge web technologies in conjunction with a new and progressive rebranding of RIT to deliver a web presence that is not only visually appealing, informative, and convenient to use but emphasizes RIT's unwavering commitment to being a leader in all facets of higher education, student success, and the student experience.



Student Conduct Interpreting Team

Hannah Cameron, Deb Cooper, Nicole Crouse-Dickerson, Wendi Gammon, Monique Harris '10,'13,'19, Carolyn Kropp, Kristi Love-Cooper '17, Gayle Macias '07, Cheryl Reminder'16, Sarah Schneckenburger '01, Todd Thieu'13

The team members are not only incredibly skilled at ASL and communication, they are passionate about the work. Each participant and situation is treated with respect and sensitivity. This group of interpreters value the ability to aid in the fostering of student growth in order for them to reach higher levels of achievement.