

Interpreting Student Wins Outstanding Scholarship Award

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Julie Kramer of Indianapolis, Ind., a fourth-year student in the American Sign Language-English Interpretation program at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, a college of Rochester Institute of Technology, has received the Outstanding Undergraduate Scholarship Award from RIT.

Recipients must have a GPA of 3.85 and have completed at least 125 credit hours of college work. Community service, employment, and research activities also are considered.

Kramer, formerly an audiology and speech pathology major at Purdue University, transferred to RIT to study interpreting when she realized that she preferred “the linguistic side of deafness instead of the medical.”

“Julie is an exceptional student,” said Dr. Linda Siple of the interpreting program. “She has superior interpersonal skills and cares intensely about interpreting as a profession.”

NTID established the world’s first interpreter education program in 1969 and since has trained more than 700 interpreters. The bachelor’s degree program in American Sign Language-English Interpretation trains interpreters to work in elementary, middle/secondary, and postsecondary schools. The program also provides training and experience in working with oral deaf and deaf-blind people.

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