

NTID's Explore Your Future Program

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Summer plans for high school juniors: NTID's Explore Your Future program Deaf and hard-of-hearing students in their junior year of high school who want to learn about the challenges and requirements of a college education are invited to attend the Explore Your Future (EYF) program this summer. EYF, a week-long program offered for the 14th consecutive year by the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID), one of the seven colleges of Rochester Institute of Technology, focuses on career and personal awareness. As a public service to high school juniors and their parents, EYF offers the opportunity to determine which is an appropriate choice for life after high school--college or the world of work.

During EYF, students are exposed to careers in the arts, business, computers, engineering, sciences, and the helping professions. In the overview of each career area, students participate in hands-on experiences as well as understand the preparation required for success in each field. Students are assigned to counseling groups led by career development counselors, who promote personal development, clarification of interests and values, and decision making. Faculty members and residence advisors introduce EYF students to deaf culture and promote college life (interacting with others, studying, managing time, attending classes, and being away from home).

The career and academic components of EYF are complemented by a variety of experiential education and extracurricular activities. These activities promote confidence, leadership, independence, trust building, and self awareness.

Parents may choose to participate in a transition workshop that explores and encourages effective communication and the development of a more autonomous relationship between parents and their deaf adolescent.

Two EYF sessions are available: July 19-25 and July 26-August 1. Each session can enroll up to 100 students, and the program costs \$500 per student. Scholarships are available. For more information about EYF, contact Jean Bondi-Wolcott, (716) 475-6705 (Voice/TTY), (716) 475-5623 (FAX).