Summer Camp for Minority Students with Hearing Loss at RIT

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Deaf and hard-of-hearing African-American, Latino American, or Native American students who are entering 7th, 8th, or 9th grade can attend Steps to Success, a career exploration mini-camp August 4-6 at Rochester Institute of Technology.

Through hands-on experiences and information sessions, students can explore career options through hands-on activities—using computers, working with robots, doing science experiments in labs, and more. They also can make new friends to share experiences with as they finish high school and make decisions about what to do after graduation.

Students stay in a college residence hall and all meals are provided. Parents or guardians are encouraged to attend and can get tips to support their student through this time of transition, as well as share experiences and information with other parents of deaf or hard-of-hearing students.

The cost is \$50, and limited scholarships are available based on financial need. Experienced counselors and instructors use both English and sign language. The camp is certified by the New York State Health Department.

To apply online, go to www.rit.edu/NTID/StepsToSuccessNR. For more information, call 585-475-6723 (voice/TTY) or send e-mail to StepToSuccess@ntid.rit.edu. The application deadline is May 31.

Rochester Institute of Technology is internationally recognized as a leader in computing, engineering, imaging technology, fine and applied arts, and for providing unparalleled support services for students with hearing loss. RIT is home to the National Technical Institute for the Deaf and more than 1,100 students with hearing loss from around the world study, live, and socialize with 14,400 undergraduate hearing students on RIT's Rochester, N.Y., campus. U.S. News and World Report has consistently ranked RIT among the nation's leading comprehensive universities.

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