

Deaf student elected at RIT

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For the first time in its history, a deaf student has been elected president of Rochester Institute of Technology's student government. Elizabeth "Lizzie" Sorkin, 24, a film/video and animation major at RIT, was elected Friday to represent RIT's 15,500 students. She received about 80 percent of the vote.

About 1,100 of RIT's students are deaf or hard of hearing students, attending or receiving services through the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, a college of RIT. RIT first had a student government in 1962; NTID was opened in 1968.

Sorkin, of Elk Grove, Calif., is believed to be the first deaf student to represent a mostly hearing student population of a U.S. college.

