CITIGROUP AWARDS \$20K TO NTID

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ROCHESTER, N.Y., April 22—Citigroup has awarded \$20,000 to the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, a college of Rochester Institute of Technology, to support deaf and hard-of-hearing business students.

Citigroup has been supporting NTID students for more than 20 years. As a result, more than 150 students enrolled in NTID business programs have received financial assistance. In addition, Citigroup has hired 115 deaf and hard-of-hearing students for cooperative work experience and 21 permanent employees as computer operators, accounting clerks, data entry, and other general business-related jobs.

This year, 12 students each received \$1,000 from the Citigroup Endowed Scholarship Fund.

"We are proud to be a long-term supporter of NTID and gratified to know that our contribution increases educational opportunities for deaf and hard-of-hearing business students with financial need," said Kristen Fries, program officer for Higher Education at the Citigroup Foundation.

"We are very grateful for Citigroup's support through financial assistance and employment opportunities year after year," said Dr. T. Alan Hurwitz, vice president of RIT and CEO/dean for NTID. "We look forward to a continued partnership for many years to come."

NTID is the first and largest technological college in the world for deaf and hard-of-hearing students. One of eight colleges of RIT, NTID offers educational programs and access and support services to its 1,100 students from around the world who study, live and socialize with 14,400 hearing students on RIT's Rochester, N.Y., campus. Web address: http://www.rit.edu/NTID/.

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