## **DPG Award of Excellence**

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The Deaf Professional Group (DPG) Award of Excellence (AoE) is presented annually to a hearing member of the NTID/RIT professional community. This award was established as a means of recognizing our colleagues for their dedication, persistence, and commitment to improving the quality of life for all deaf people.

The DPG has selected Bill Moore, admissions counselor in NTID's Recruitment and Admissions Department, as this year's recipient of the Award of Excellence.

When Bill began working at NTID in 1979, he knew no sign language and had no exposure to the deaf culture or community. Today, he is often observed at the Commons eating lunch and chatting with deaf colleagues, using his excellent sign language communication skills. He exhibits a great degree of sensitivity by always signing in both public and private places regardless of whether or not deaf people are present. He participates in activities with deaf people both inside and outside of NTID/RIT, especially in NTID-sponsored activities which involve students and in the deaf golf league. Students have thoroughly enjoyed and benefitted from their association with him.

The Award of Excellence selection committee feels that Bill is a valuable member of the NTID/RIT community and truly is a model for many faculty and staff members.

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