President Clinton brings RIT national exposure

The RIT campus is still buzzing from former U.S. President Bill Clinton’s remarks to graduates at our 122nd Commencement. Before people begin to rant pro or con regarding Clinton’s politics, make sure you view the RIT speech first.

RIT streamed the Convocation address live. Nearly 5,000 Web viewers from 37 states and 14 countries watched live off the RIT homepage. Certainly, thousands more have watched the replay, which can still be found at the University News homepage.

An article by The Associated Press, featuring President Clinton’s remarks to this year’s graduates, was posted by dozens of major media outlets, including The Washington Post, The Kansas City Star, The Denver Post, The Los Angeles Times, Philadelphia Daily News, Long Island Newsday, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, etc. The story, with references to RIT, also hit the UK.

Here is the Washington Post version: http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/05/25/AR2007052501764.html

And here’s an interesting story by the American Chronicle: http://www.americanchronicle.com/articles/viewArticle.asp?articleID=28675

No matter what your political allegiances, it would be difficult to argue this was not good national exposure for RIT. Let the arguments begin!

It was also a historic weekend for two other reasons:
1) RIT surpassed 100,000 alumni!
2) It was President Al Simone’s final Commencement, after serving RIT for 15 years. He retires June 30 and Bill Destler takes over July 1. Make sure you check out the Democrat and Chronicle’s final feature story on Simone.

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