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[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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