Linda Bement presented DPG Award of Excellence

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NTID's Deaf Professional Group (DPG) presents its Award of Excellence each year to a hearing member of the NTID/RIT professional community. This award was established as a means of recognizing hearing colleagues for their dedication, persistence, and commitment to improving the quality of life for all deaf people. The DPG has selected Linda Bement, audiologist in NTID's Audiology Department, as this year's recipient of the Award of Excellence.

Bement has demonstrated her commitment to the interests of deaf faculty and staff members and students in a number of ways. She has served as a member of NTID's Sign Communication Proficiency Interview (SCPI) team and coordinated the co-curricular activities for NTID's First Year Experiences program this academic year, among other activities.

"Linda is willing to communicate in a variety of modes," says Sam Holcomb, lecturer in NTID's American Sign Language and Interpreting Education Department. "She always signs whereever she is, as a natural part of her life at NTID. She shares information with everyone, deaf and hearing, and doesn't leave anyone out. She's very good about promoting access for deaf students and faculty and staff and is willing to take the time to explain in more detail. She's open and warm about channeling and receiving feedback on any issue."