

Clare Boothe Luce Program grants scholarships to National Technical Institute for the Deaf

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To encourage women to pursue careers in science and engineering, the Henry Luce Foundation has awarded \$93,000 to support three two-year Clare Boothe Luce Undergraduate Scholarships at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID), a college of Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT). The presence of Clare Boothe Luce scholars on the RIT campus will significantly strengthen NTID's ability to continue to attract and retain the best and brightest deaf and hard-of-hearing women from across the country. These scholars will further distinguish the science and engineering programs at RIT as the leaders in the movement to advance deaf and hard-of-hearing women in science and engineering careers.

The scholarships will be awarded to deaf and hard-of-hearing women matriculated in the last two years of a baccalaureate degree program in science or engineering at RIT. Qualified students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or better out of 4.0 as well as 3.2 or better in their principal fields of study. Successful candidates also will demonstrate evidence of leadership qualities through participation in campus activities as well as definitive career goals in their fields of study, especially the pursuit of graduate education.

This new partnership between the Henry Luce Foundation and NTID will further advance each organization's commitment to benefit current and future generations of women in the fields of science and engineering, where women continue to be underrepresented. Clare Boothe Luce, who established the Clare Boothe Luce Program for Women in Science and Engineering through a bequest, was the widow of Henry R. Luce, co-founder of Time Inc., which publishes Time, Fortune, and Life magazines. She was a Renaissance woman, a symbol of women's accomplishments and potential, whose unique career spanned seven decades in the professions of journalism, politics, theater, and diplomacy.

NTID is the world's first and largest technological college for deaf students. NTID represents the first concerted effort to educate large numbers of deaf students within a college campus planned principally for hearing students. Among RIT's 12,000 full- and part-time students are nearly 1,100 deaf students from the United States and other countries.

In addition to the academic programs based within NTID, students also benefit from nearly 200 technical and professional courses of study offered through RIT's colleges of Applied Science and Technology, Business, Engineering, Imaging Arts and Sciences, Liberal Arts, and Science.

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