

# Graphic Enterprises Donates Printer to RIT's National Technical Institute for the Deaf

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To support the development of electronic publishing skills at the world's largest technical training program for deaf and hard-of-hearing students, Graphic Enterprises of Ohio, Inc. recently donated a unique large-format printer.

The Graphic Setter 1824C, a digital printer used to output documents up to 18 x 24 inches in size, was contributed to the High Technology Center for Electronic Publishing and Printing. The Center is part of the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID), a college of Rochester Institute of Technology, based in Rochester, New York.

"The donation of the Graphic Setter 1824C provides students with access to large format, high-resolution output, which will enhance and extend their skills in producing publications up to 18 x 24 inches," said Michael Kleper, Professor and Industry Liaison for the NTID High Technology Center.

The Center is totally supported by industry contributions, which approach \$2.5 million as of April 1997. These contributions make possible the preparation of deaf students in numerous majors, including electronic publishing and printing, applied art and computer graphics, and imaging technology. Many of the students go on to find employment in areas related to electronic publishing, such as desktop publishing, digital scanning, and digital proofing.

The Center is a unique electronic environment where learning and research activities are conducted in imaging and digital publishing technologies. As such, the Center provides students with access to technologies that are not universally available in the technical laboratories of academic programs because of the high cost. The environment is totally digital and contrasts with other laboratories that use more conventional production processes.

"The Graphic Setter 1824C will provide students with skills in building large-format publications, and the capability to print them without tiling pages together or printing them in reduced sizes. The printer will be the only device of its kind at the Center," said Kleper.

Graphic Enterprises, in business since 1970, manufactures copying and printing equipment as well as develops prepress software solutions and services. The company is based in North Canton, Ohio.

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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