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RIT Students, Staff to Appear on Law + Order

April 2, 2007

A group of eight RIT/NTID community members will make guest appearances on the NBC drama Law & Order: Criminal Intent April 3.

The group, which includes five students from the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, several NTID alumni, NTID assistant professor Luane Davis Haggerty and Public Safety Senior Officer Idalia Vazquez, served as "extras" in the episode, which will deal with numerous deaf issues.

The opportunity arose when Davis Haggerty was contacted by an agent who said that the show was seeking deaf or hearing actors who could sign. The agent called to hire Davis Haggerty, who offered the services of her students, as well.

The group drove to New York City Feb. 15 and was on the set for nearly 14 hours.

"There were many things that were different than what I expected," said Martina Bell, one of the students who participated. "Acting on film is very different than acting on stage."

The other students who participated Ruthie Jordan, Ayaz Ali, Karriefh Norman, Karla Martinez and alum Troy Chapman.

Each member of the RIT group is expected to get camera time when the show airs at 9 p. m., Eastern time, April 3 on NBC.

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