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Milestone Anniversary Reunion Planned for NTID

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More than 6,000 deaf or hard-of-hearing students from across the country have graduated from the National Technical Institute for the Deaf since the college opened its doors 40 years ago. Plans are in full swing for the college's 40th Anniversary Reunion on June 26 to 28, 2008.

NTID was created by Congress to provide post-secondary education in technological subjects for deaf and hard-of-hearing students - a population underserved in those fields, and underrepresented in related careers.

In 1968, 70 deaf and hard-of-hearing students made up the first class of NTID, a college of Rochester Institute of Technology. Today, 1,343 students from 49 states and 13 countries attend RIT/NTID, and study, live and socialize with 14,700 hearing undergraduate students on RIT's Rochester, N.Y., campus.

NTID holds reunions every five years; more than 700 people attended the 35th reunion in 2003. This year's theme is "Remember, Rediscover, Reconnect." A full slate of activities to inform and entertain is being planned by the reunion committee for graduates and their families. A golf tournament, workshops, exhibits and an art and history display are also planned.

"The 40th Anniversary Reunion will be an exciting time for alumni, parents, family and friends as well as RIT/NTID faculty and staff," says NTID Alumni Relations Director Matthew Driscoll.

For additional information or to register for the reunion, visit the [reunion Web site](#). The Web site also features video updates which have the latest reunion information presented in American Sign Language with voice-over and captioning.

Sponsorship of NTID's 40th Anniversary Reunion is provided by Sprint Relay, CSDVRS,



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