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NTID News - March 28, 2008

NTID has received a \$150,000 gift from the William Randolph Hearst Foundation to help deaf and hard-of-hearing students who are financially under served.

The donation is in addition to \$200,000 received by RIT/NTID from the foundation in 1994. Since that time, 102 scholarships were given to 40 deaf or hard-of-hearing students.

The \$150,000 is being matched by the federal government, customary for donations to endowed scholarships.

"The generosity of the Hearst Foundation will allow even more deserving students to receive financial assistance to further their educations," said Alan Hurwitz, CEO for NTID and vice president and dean of RIT for NTID. "We certainly appreciate their vision to better the lives of students eager to receive a college education."

More than 25 scholarships are expected to be awarded to students each year. The amount of each scholarship is based on the individual needs of qualified students.

Hearst Scholars from RIT/NTID have earned degrees in industrial technology; digital imaging and publishing technology; applied art and computer graphics; accounting; hotel and resort management; biology; business technology and more. Most have found careers in their fields of study.

The Hearst Foundation, Inc. was founded in 1945 by philanthropist William Randolph Hearst. In 1948, he established the California Charities Foundation. That name was changed to the William Randolph Hearst Foundation soon after Hearst's death in 1951. Both Foundations are independent private philanthropies operating separately from The Hearst Corporation.

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