
Summit to Create a Cyber-Community to Advance Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing
Individuals in STEM (DHH Cyber-Community)
June 25-27, 2008

<http://www.ntid.rit.edu/cat/summit>

Summit Participants
As of June 25, 2008

Student Group

T. Alan Hurwitz, Student Group Facilitator
CEO, NTID
Vice President/Dean, RIT for NTID
National Technical Institute for the Deaf
Rochester Institute of Technology
585-475-6317(V/TTY)
Alan.Hurwitz@rit.edu

Ellie Rosenfield, Student Group Facilitator
Associate Dean for Student & Academic Services
National Technical Institute for the Deaf
Rochester Institute of Technology
585-475-6202 (V/TTY)
edrdhd@rit.edu

Joshua Beal, Student Group Support
joshua@schwarz-financial.com

Karen Alkoby
alkobykrn7@rcn.com

I am a doctorate candidate in Computer Science at DePaul University and I am scheduled for my defense on May 22nd. I received my BA degree in Psychology at Gallaudet and MS degree in Information System at DePaul University. I was a co-founder of DePaul ASL project and works with the research team there. I also had been a traditional full-time employee including as Technical Analyst and Technical consultant for 15 years.

My main research interest is in using technology to create simulations of ASL linguistics that will help in representing a realistic 3D portrayal of ASL that respects natural human physiology and the linguistics of signed language.

Jessica DeWitt
jndewitt@u.washington.edu

I'm a third year Deaf undergraduate student majoring in Psychology at University of Washington. I've been working with Richard Ladner for three years on various projects such as MobileASL, Deaf/HH Cyber Community, ASL-STEM Forum and the Summer Academy through the Advancing Deaf/HH in Computing program.

Ron Painter

rmpalpha@gmail.com

I am a deaf graduate student in chemistry at Stanford University. I obtained my bachelor's degree in chemical engineering at the University of Washington before moving to sunny California for graduate school. I'm in my fourth year of graduate school, and hope to get my doctorate in two more years.

Raja Kushalnagar

raja.kushalnagar@gmail.com

I am a deaf doctoral candidate in Computer Science at University of Houston. My dissertation is on biomedical image analysis, specifically brain scans. I obtained my bachelor's degree in applied physics at Angelo State University, and my Masters in Computer Science at Rochester Institute of Technology. I also recently graduated from law school and am focused on disability and intellectual property law.

David Fourney

dfourney@ryerson.ca

I am a Ph.D. student in Industrial Engineering at Ryerson University. I have a Masters degree in Computer Science from the University of Saskatchewan as well as a B.A. in Psychology and a B.Sc. in Computer Science. I am hard of hearing.

My research interests are primarily in usability engineering and human factors. Currently, my team and I are developing ways to improve captioning so that emotional and other auditory information can be better represented.

Minoru Yoshida

mxypen@rit.edu

Minoru Yoshida is a graduate student, graduating in 2008 with a Master's degree in Public Policy from the Rochester Institute of technology. He also works full time as Software/Hardware Specialist at PEN-International, NTID/RIT.