

*Welcome*

**2016-2017 NTID Retirement  
Celebration**

*Tuesday, May 2, 2017*

# John Panara



- ▶ 42 years of service
- ▶ Assistant Professor, Department of Liberal Studies
- ▶ 1975-1998: Captionist with Instructional Television Department
- ▶ 1982: Began teaching English
- ▶ 1998: Became Assistant Professor, English Department
- ▶ Taught all the writing courses from Level B up to Writing Seminar
- ▶ Always had full sections; courses were in demand
- ▶ Son of renowned Robert F. Panara, first deaf faculty member at RIT, who also taught English to deaf/hoh students



# Michael (Mike) Stinson



- ▶ 39 years of service
- ▶ Professor, Master of Science in Secondary Education
- ▶ Began development of C-Print in 1989
- ▶ 17 major external grants and foundation funding from 1993-2017 totaling \$7.59 million
- ▶ Member of the RIT Sponsored Research Million Dollar Principal Investigator Club 2005
- ▶ 2015 National Science Foundation grant valued at nearly \$500,000 to study the challenges of how hearing, deaf, and hard-of-hearing STEM students effectively communicate with each other and understand common subject material



# Jeanette Tydings



- ▶ 39 years of service
- ▶ Senior Staff Assistant, Master of Science in Secondary Education
- ▶ Worked in Continuing Education and Math Learning Center in 1980s
- ▶ Worked in Dean's Office from 1986-1992
- ▶ Notetaker Coordinator for CIAS Support in 1998
- ▶ Captioning Specialist for ITV from 1998-2003
- ▶ BS degree in social work from RIT
- ▶ BITP 1983
- ▶ Sister of now-retired Lisa Markidis



# Mary Beth Parker



- ▶ 36 years of service
- ▶ Associate Professor, Business Studies Department
- ▶ Served as the Administrative Support Technology team leader for the past 10 years
- ▶ Lead person for outcomes assessment, resulting in an award from RIT for best outcomes report (AAS degree)
- ▶ Mentored most of the lecturers in her department
- ▶ Involved with NCC and ICC
- ▶ Developed AAS Business Administration degree
- ▶ Wrote concept paper for proposed Culinary Arts degree



# Valarie Randleman



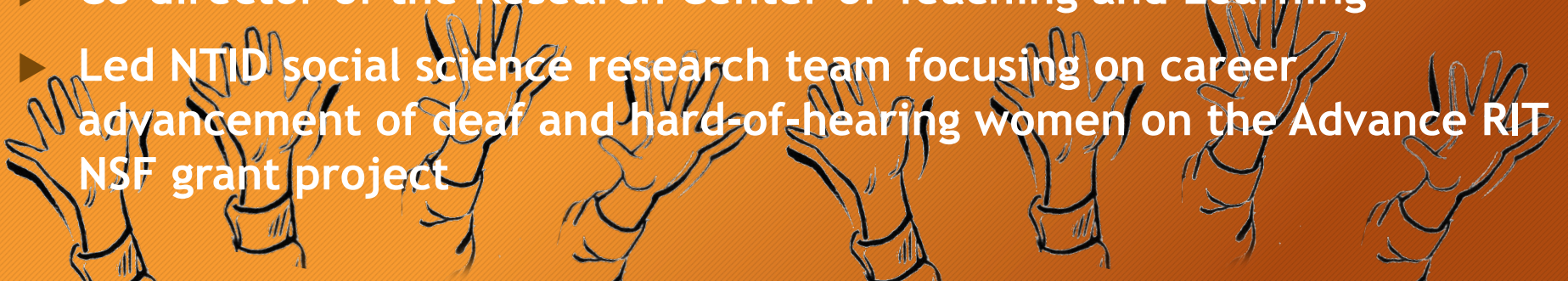
- ▶ 36 years of service
- ▶ Associate Interpreter, Liberal Arts Interpreting Team
- ▶ Initially worked for Campus Safety monitoring south entrance of LBJ, where she met interpreters signing in and out
- ▶ BITP 1985
- ▶ Earned AAS degree in interpreting from NTID in 1987
- ▶ Earned BS degree in Continuing Education from RIT in 1990
- ▶ Beloved in DAS for her collegiality, high ethical character, and stylishness



# Susan (Sue) Foster



- ▶ 33 years of service
- ▶ Professor, Master of Science in Secondary Education
- ▶ Published two books: *Deaf Persons in Post-secondary Education*, co-edited with Gerard Walter, Routledge, 1992, and *Working with Deaf People: Accessibility and Accommodation in the Workplace*, Charles C. Thomas, 1992
- ▶ Developed Project Access workshops for access and inclusion of deaf/hoh students in classrooms
- ▶ Co-director of the Research Center of Teaching and Learning
- ▶ Led NTID social science research team focusing on career advancement of deaf and hard-of-hearing women on the Advance RIT NSF grant project



# Cathleen (Cathy) Chou



- ▶ 33 years of service
- ▶ Assistant Professor, Visual Communication Studies
- ▶ Tutored Graphic Design and New Media Design
- ▶ Began as an artist in the Instructional Design & Evaluation Department
- ▶ Gifted illustrator: created beautiful annual report covers for NTID for many years among many other artistic works
- ▶ Joined VCS in 2001 as faculty member
- ▶ Earned MS in Multidisciplinary Studies from RIT





# Nancy “Abie” Abrams



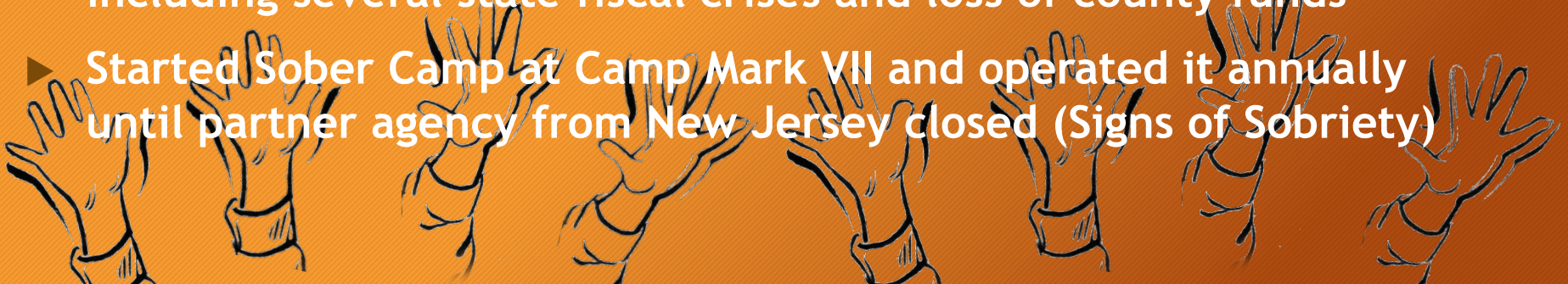
- ▶ 26 years of service
- ▶ Associate Interpreter, Science and Engineering Interpreting Team
- ▶ Worked in research labs at Yale, Columbia, and Mt. Sinai Hospital before becoming an interpreter
- ▶ Served as Property Master for the Joseph Papp Theater on Broadway, working with several famous actors
- ▶ Cousin of Michael Bolton the rock singer; interpreted his local concerts
- ▶ Interpreted various performances including *Les Miz*, Sheryl Crow, Nancy Wilson, Roberta Flack, and David Copperfield



# Jeff Rubin



- ▶ 17 years of service
- ▶ Director, Substance and Alcohol Intervention Services for the Deaf (SAISD)
- ▶ Presented workshops regionally, statewide and nationally on various topics related to serving Deaf/HH individuals in the prevention, treatment and recovery from alcohol, tobacco and other drugs
- ▶ Maintained funding via grant from NYS-OASAS renewed annually including several state fiscal crises and loss of county funds
- ▶ Started Sober Camp at Camp Mark VII and operated it annually until partner agency from New Jersey closed (Signs of Sobriety)



# Virginia (Ginny) Fisher



- ▶ 12 years of service
- ▶ Captionist, Department of Access Services
- ▶ Formerly worked at Eastman Kodak as an Equal Employment Specialist
- ▶ Also worked for BOCES #1 as coordinator for Parent Education and Student Activities
- ▶ Coordinator of Notetaking and Scribe Services for BOCES #1
- ▶ 1996 recipient of Robert F. Panara Award given by ESSP (Educational Support Service Personnel)
- ▶ Support Services Coordinator at Hobart and William Smith Colleges

