



**RIT & Wyoming C.F Discuss the Criminal Justice System
March 10, 2014**

On Friday, February 28, 2014 Wyoming Correctional Facility (Wyoming County) welcomed a group of deaf and hard of hearing students from the National Technical Institute of the Deaf (NTID), one of the nine colleges at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT). NTID is the first and largest technological college specifically for deaf and hard of hearing individuals.

The purpose of their visit was to engage in a dialogue with DOCCS staff and deaf and hard of hearing inmates to explore new ways for students to contribute to the criminal justice system. Professor Stein, of RIT/NTID spoke about the benefits of teaching American Sign Language and basic skills to deaf inmates.

Deputy Superintendent for Programs Akinyemi Awopetu reminded the class that they must always explore opportunities to learn and he is pleased to support and encourage such a worthwhile module.



Group shot with all the members of the correctional facility and RIT



Clockwise from bottom left – Gideon Samara, RIT Student; Kyle Morris, RIT Student; Robert Raffiani, Brandon Pulley, Jerry Gillard, Graham Forsey, RIT Student; Gary LaRocca, David Foust, RIT Student.



Kyle Morris, RIT Student and Robert Raffiani