



FROM OUR HANDS TO YOURS

College of Health and Human Sciences

December 2015



"This will be the last newsletter of this semester. For everyone who has aided me in any way, thank you. You all are a wonderful help to the newsletter and the ASL Program. I hope you all have a wonderful winter break and Happy Holidays."

-Rebekah Thompson, ASLS Student Worker

Community Spotlight

There are many things that make a great student, but there is no student like Roxanne (Roxxi) Mclean. She has been committed to ASLS and ASLO for 4 years now.

Roxxi joined ASL in Fall 2012. She originally started ASL classes only for the general education requirement with her sister, Rachel, but quickly she fell in love with the language and the people surrounding Deaf Culture. This month we dedicate our community spotlight to Roxanne Mclean as she is finishing up her last year in the program.



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If you would like more information about Roxanne or the other Lab Workers, please click [here](#).



American Sign Language Organization



During November's ASLO meeting, members were able to tie-dye their ASLO T-shirts! The night was blast! Students were dying their shirts all night long and they look amazing! Thank you to everyone who came out and to the amazing board members for coming up with such an awesome idea!



Did you know that Deaf Culture has had a big impact on sports? Paul Hubbard, a deaf football player, created the tradition of using the football huddle. He did this so that the other team would not be able to see what they were signing during the game.

Click on the pictures below to keep up with ASLO over the break:



Through an email with Rachel, Roxxi's twin sister, she spoke on how much passion Roxxi has for the program, "She quickly fell in love with ASL and Deaf culture. She has made friends for life among other students as well as the Deaf in the local community. I know many students who would be lost without her! She is the mother of us all!"

Many students and faculty have seen and experienced the impact Roxanne has had on the program, but it was not easy for her to get where she is today. In an interview with Roxanne, we discussed how much hard work she has done to reach this position she is in now.

When she joined ASLO, she worked hard to be a part of every committee that she could. Holly Bean, an ASLS faculty member, discussed with Roxxi about how she should run for a board position. Roxxi was voted in as the secretary and then quickly advanced to Vice President.

When Roxxi was almost finished with the minor, she realized that she did not want to leave the program. So, Roxxi applied to be a peer mentor, but she unfortunately did not

achieve this position. Roxxi commented as she looked back on this, "At the time, I didn't

have the confidence I needed to achieve what I wanted in life." This encouraged her to work harder on her confidence and apply for the open lab worker position: "I was offered the job the day I applied." Later on, when Holly became a teacher, Roxxi became the Lab Manager.

Dr. Ashley Fox, the ASLS coordinator, stated, "It's our job as faculty to hone in on the strengths of our students and encourage the students to strive for more. When Roxxi applied for the lab worker position, Holly and I saw her strengths and we knew where she would flourish."

Being a part of the ASLS program and ASLO gave Roxxi many things to take with her as she leaves the program: "I've gained so much from being a part of ASL. I have confidence and leadership skills from working in the lab and being on ASLO board, but I have also gained a family who has been there for me during all the struggles and triumphs in college. Without this program, I wouldn't be the person that I am now."



Upcoming Events

December

2nd: Mall Food Court

6:00pm-9:00pm

3rd: Signing Bee

7:30pm- 9:30pm

6th, 13th, 20th, 27th: First Baptist Church

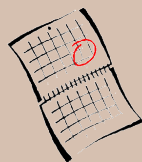
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January

7th: Spencer's Coffee

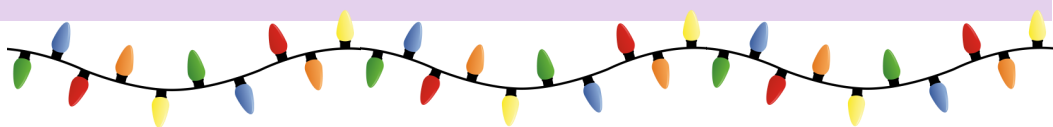
6:00pm-8:00pm

Click on the calendar to the right for more information on upcoming events.



Learn to sign!

C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S



For more information on events and updates follow us on our social media pages or check out our website! Click on the pictures below for links to our pages. We hope you all have a wonderful winter break and

Happy Holidays!

