



FROM OUR HANDS TO YOURS

College of Health and Human Services

March 2016



"I'm minoring in ASL and I've noticed that as classes progress we develop more as an ASL family. I love the atmosphere that we have and rather much enjoy spending time with everyone who is in the program and who are just taking classes."

-Haley O'Kane, ASLO member

Deaf-Blind Workshop


On Saturday, February 27, students of the ASLS program attended WKU's first ever Deaf-Blind Workshop. This workshop gave students an introduction in how to interact with the Deaf-Blind Community. The Helen Keller National Center for the Deaf-Blind sent Marilyn Trader, who is full of energy and life, to teach us.



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BASKETBALL NIGHT

 On February 18, three lucky students were able to represent the ASLS program and the ASL Organization through signing the National Anthem. "Leading up to this night, I was very nervous. We learned the song in less than a week and we didn't meet the

singer until 30 minutes before he sang," said Lauren Tucker, "but we still felt prepare and we were so excited." Their signing was absolutely beautiful and has been posted on the ASLS Facebook page. We are proud to have such talented students in the program and cannot wait to see what their talents can do for them in the future!



If you would like to watch their video, click [here](#).

How are you going to use ASL in the future?



"As a future special education teacher, I want to use ASL to communicate with students who respond to signing receptively or expressively." -Lauren Tucker

"I'd like to use ASL to be a better orientation and mobility specialist. If my clients are Deaf-Blind, then I will still be able to communicate directly with them in order to do my job."

-Eshe Austin



"I want to be a child psychologist that hearing and deaf children can communicate with easily without an interpreter." -Morgan Moore



American Sign Language Organization

ASLO will be electing the Board members for the 2016-2015 year. The different positions will be described on March 22nd at 8:00pm in DSU during the ASLO meeting. These positions all have different responsibilities. If you are interested in running for the ASLO Board, please attend this meeting to learn about the responsibilities of each position. If you would like any other information, please attend the March meeting.



Did you know that ASL classes have been offered at WKU for almost twenty years? The first ever ASL classes started in 1998 and has caused a ripple effect to bring in more ASL classes and the ASL Organization to the Bowling Green area.

Click on the logos to the right for more information on ASLO.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

February: Pennie Chaney Molly Dawson Joy Perkins
Atexis Smith Madalyn Smith Miranda Kittinger



March: Jessica Coy Emily Sweeney Christine Lowe
Breanna Russell Jesse Vincent Megan Capps

Upcoming Events

March

19th: Signing Saturday

2:00pm

22nd: ASLO Meeting*

8:00pm

24th: ASL Bowling (Advanced Only)

7:00pm-9:00pm

31st: Fellowship Game Night+

6:00pm-8:00pm

*Indicates events that are NOT DCE's.

+Indicates events that are ASLO members only.

April

1st: Deaf Night Out (Advanced Only)

6:00pm

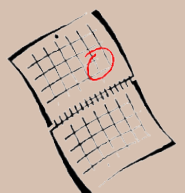
4th: ASLO Meeting*

8:00pm

8th-10th: Deaf/Blind Retreat

All Day

Click on the calendar for more information on upcoming events and updates.





Marilyn is a Regional Representative for the Helen Keller National Center (HKNC). When speaking with Marilyn, she spoke about three key tips to remember when interacting or communicating with people who are Deaf-Blind. First, always remember that people are not the same. Deafness and blindness vary in different degrees of complete

deafness/blindness to partial deafness/blindness. Second, remember to take things slow and be patient. Be willing to repeat yourself as many times as they ask. Lastly, and most importantly, be willing to communicate. The more willingness you have, the better you will interact with them because of the positivity you're portraying. All of the participants who attended

were able to understand these tips and many of them will be attending the Deaf-Blind Retreat in April to visit with the Deaf-Blind community. Everyone here at the WKU ASLS program and the ASL Organization would like to thank the HKNC and Marilyn for spending their time educating us. We hope to see you again soon!



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