Youth Day

The Georgia Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing hosted a Youth Day for high school students in Atlanta last week. The students had a great time learning about topics such as work ethic, the value and responsibility of hard work, skills needed for employment, and more. There were mock interviews (Nolan Johnson was an expert interviewer!) that were fun and also helped students with feedback on how to improve their interview answers. There was also a presentation about the Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (TEDP), which provides FREE communication and alerting devices. More information about TEDP is being sent home with students. A representative from Hamilton Relay shared information about a scholarship they offer and there was a presentation about domestic violence awareness. Many thanks to GCDHH for hosting this great event for our students!

Executive Director Jimmy Peterson and Youth Day coordinator Ericka Lipscomb welcome everyone.

Ericka walks Nolan through a job interview.

David said, “Of course!” he would work hard if hired.

Yovanni pays careful attention to the question.

Cheryl Beard wins the prize for Worst Interviewee Ever!

Miracle gets feedback on her interview.

Rusia next to an original and huge TTY!

Jimmy Peterson gives a tour of GCDHH’s offices and services.

Everyone enjoyed the pizza lunch.

Come one, come ALL to our 175th Anniversary ASL Festival on Friday 15 April! Join us for a BBQ dinner and a fantastic performance by Visual Vernacular master Justin Perez! More details on the back page of the newsletter, www.gsdweb.org, and Facebook. SPECIAL LOW PRICE for GSD families—$10 per person for both dinner and the show! Contact Marie at mdickinson@doe.k12.ga.us or 706.331.6314 to get the link to pay online or you can send cash with your child. Deadline to buy tickets for the dinner & show is Monday 11 April. If you only want to attend the show, it is $5 and you can pay at the door. Invite your family and friends to this special event. Let’s all celebrate 175 years together!
Helping Hands for the Deaf

Helping Hands for the Deaf, an organization that provides skills training and resources for Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals, recently visited GSD and made a generous donation of “blessing bags” filled with toiletries and other necessities for all GSD students! The students were excited to get their bags. Many thanks from all of us at GSD!

High School Leadership

The last regular meeting of High School Leadership (organized by the Rome Floyd County Chamber of Commerce) last week focused on community and nonprofit groups. Raul and Trell learned about housing and food needs in the area, as well as the work of PAWS (animal shelter) and learned some history about Cave Spring!

Miss GSD Pageant

It is almost time for the Miss GSD Pageant! The girls have rehearsed this week, learning how to walk, turn, answer interview questions, and smile, smile, smile! They are all very excited to be in the pageant, so we hope you will come out to see them on Tuesday 12 April at 5 pm!

Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

In Jackie Blanchard’s elementary and middle school SEL groups, the students drew pictures of their friends, which shows that not everyone sees a person the same way and often see us differently than we see ourselves. It’s important to understand perceptions and that not all people’s perceptions are the same.
**Upcoming Events**

- **Deaf History Month 3/13-4/15**
- **4/1–8 Spring Break**
- **4/10 Residential transportation to GSD**
- **4/12 Miss GSD Pageant 5 pm**
- **4/12 & 4/13 Dorm shopping at DG**
- **4/14 Rome HS Leadership Graduation Dinner**
- **4/15 National ASL Day—wear your ASL gear!**
- **4/15 ASL Festival! (dinner 5pm; show 6:30 pm)**
- **4/17 Easter**

**ASL Festival Schedule (Friday 4/15/22):**

- 9:00 am-10:15 am: Performance for all students and staff
- 10:15 am-11:15 am: Workshop for all Middle School and High School students and staff
- 1:00 pm-3:00 pm: Workshop for all teachers
- 5:00 pm-6:30 pm: 175th Anniversary BBQ Dinner (cafeteria—catered by Local Joe’s BBQ in Cave Spring)
- 6:30 pm-7:30 pm: Performance for community (Will be family friendly) (gym)
Events 2022

April 16: ASL Day at the Atlanta History Center
April 30: ASL Day at Zoo Atlanta
May 7: DeafNation Expo
May 15: Deaf Awareness Day at Atlanta Braves
June 11: Co-ed Softball Tournament Fundraiser
July 7: GCDHH Birthday Celebration
July 17 - 22: Camp Juliena
August 6: ASL Night with Atlanta United
September 18 - 24: Follow the Sign 5K Fundraiser
October 8: Wild Adventures at Valdosta
October 22: ASL Day at Six Flags
November 5: ASL Day at the Georgia Aquarium

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ENGRAVED TUMBLERS

Straws: Large tumblers only. Limited availability. First come, first serve.

EAT SLEEP SIGN REPEAT (and tumbler) ORDER FORM

Round 1 deadline: Monday, March 21
Round 2 deadline: Monday, April 4

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- Cash
- Check out to GSD with “GSD Apparel” on the memo line.
- See Jennifer to pay using credit card.

Please turn this form and $/proof of payment to the front office at GSD.

| Engraved Tumbler Drink in ASL | $10 | $12 | $15 | | |

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Thank you for supporting GSD PTDA!

Any questions?
Please contact any of the following GSD Apparel students: Nolan, Raul, Trell, Kantavius, Rusia, or Miracle, or email Mr. Loren Frick at LFrick@doe.k12.ga.us.
Justin Perez: Visual Vernacular
4.15.2022
Performance: 6:30P
175th Anniversary BBQ Dinner: 5:00P

GSD ASL Festival

Tickets and More Info at www.gsdweb.org
Everyone Welcome! English Interpretation Provided.