Congratulations to senior Rusia Said! Rusia was selected as a finalist for the Noon Optimist Club’s Student of the Year. There are three categories for Student of the Year and Rusia was a finalist for the Fernando Guzman-Ambriz Life Hero award, which is awarded to a student who has overcome obstacles to achieve their goals. Monday night, she attended a dinner at the Palladium in Rome and presented her speech and did an excellent job. She and two other students from Rome and Floyd County schools were named winners! Rusia received a very nice plaque and a $600 scholarship. GSD appreciates the Noon Optimist Club for their student-focused programs and their inclusion of GSD students each year. Hand waves for Rusia!

Students in Julie Burton’s ASL classes celebrated Earth Day by making earth art. They sprayed shaving cream in a pan, added blue and green, paint, then smashed a paper plate in it to make an earth!

About the artist: 58 Creativity is a Deaf-owned digital art and graphic design business. Artist Brittany Castle does amazing still and animated ASL and Deaf graphic designs! Learn about 58 Creativity, admire the beautiful artwork, and support Deaf-owned business by shopping at www.58creativity.com.
Last Saturday, GSD was invited to be guests on Sign1News’s Virtual Chat program. Sign1News (a Google partner and powered by CNN) is an award-winning media production company. They deliver news for the Deaf and hard-of-hearing community in ASL. The chat focused on GSD’s 175th Anniversary and the many different events we have had during the past year. Participants included Loren Frick (175th co-chair), Jamie Herston (175th member and Pageant co-chair), Nolan Johnson (senior and Pageant escort), Rusia Saidi (senior and Miss GSD), Jackie Williams (GSD alum and current RIT student), and Marie Dickinson (175th co-chair). It was a great live event! You can watch a recording on the Sign1News website or YouTube channel. Captions will be added to the recording soon. Thank you to Sign1News for having GSD on the program and for celebrating our 175th Anniversary with us!

CCA

Jeremiah is taking classes at the Floyd County College and Career Academy (CCA) again this semester. He is talking welding and construction. He recently made a wooden star (and painted it), then partnered with a peer tutor to apply his new skills with construction of a small house, complete with shingles! Keep up the great work, Jeremiah!

Upcoming Events

- 5/3 & 5/4 Dorm shopping at DG
- 5/2-6 EOC testing (HS)
- 5/4 Elem/MS Boys dorm trip
- 5/4 Virtual Parent Meeting: intro to YANA 7 pm
- 5/11 HS Boys dorm trip
- 5/17 Graduation 2 pm
- Thursday 5/19 Homegoing
- 5/20 No school
- 5/24 Kindergarten Graduation 1:30 pm
- Wednesday 5/25 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL! Homegoing time 11:45 am
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 Juliana
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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Health Care Careers Exploration Program
July 23-28, 2022

About the Program
- Learn about various careers in health care
- Discover what types of careers fit your interests
- Be part of a hands-on demonstration in biology, exercise science, medical laboratory science, microbiology, nursing, nutrition and more
- Receive medical ad vertised cards
- Make new friends and have fun!

Register today! Deadline: April 30, 2022

GVRA
GROW-Getting Ready for Opportunities in Work

Are you interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math? Do you want to make new friends and have fun learning about STEM?

At camp you will do hands-on activities, give presentations, build leadership skills and learn about empowerment while experiencing college life! REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO 13 STUDENTS ONLY! Hurry and reserve your spot by signing up today!

For more information or questions, contact:
Ericka Lipscomb-Capel at elipscomb@gcdhh.org and

RIT/NTD is offering several camps this summer. Check them all out on their website.
Got Skills?
MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS AND LEADERSHIP CAMP
JUNE 20-27
2022

DESIGN YOUR OWN CAMP!
Academic Bowl • Basketball • Debate • Football •
Choose from a variety of sports and leadership activities:
• Science • Soccer • Stage Building • Volleyball

Program fee: $900
Who can attend? Deaf and hard of hearing students entering grades 7-9 in the fall of 2022.
How to qualify? Two interviews are required from your teachers, counselors, principals, and coaches.

BONUS! SIX FLAGS | GALLAUDET | WASHINGTON D.C.
REGISTER NOW: www.gallaudet.edu/youth-programs

Deaf Youth Pride
EXPLORE AND EMBRACE YOUR IDENTITY!
JUNE 20-27
2022

A camp for deaf and hard of hearing students who identify as a part of the LGBTQIA+ community and want to learn new skills to become an advocate for themselves and others.

Here’s what you’ll do:
• Attend workshops and activities with your peers to learn more about yourself and various identities.
• Meet with deaf people from diverse backgrounds and people from national LGBTQIA+ youth organizations.
• Learn new skills to become an advocate for yourself and others in the community.

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Immerse Into ASL
HIGH SCHOOL ASL IMMERSION CAMP
JUNE 29 – JULY 6
2022

Designed for new signers who are at the beginner or intermediate level; this camp allows deaf and hard of hearing youth to immerse themselves and socialize within an American Sign Language (ASL) environment. Hearing applicants will be accepted if they sign at an intermediate level or above.

Here’s what you’ll do:
• Learn a new language or improve on your budding ASL skills with the help of instructors, camp counselors, and your peers.
• Participate in self-discovery activities designed to help you learn more about yourself.
• Join outdoor activities including a ropes course to help you develop leadership, teamwork, and self-confidence.

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Camp Juliena 2022
Summer Camp for Deaf / Hard of Hearing Youth

Camp Juliena is back for 2022 at a beautiful new location!
Join us this summer for activities, friends, and fun!
- Arts and Crafts
- Canoeing
- Swimming
- Campfire and much more!

This year camp will be on July 17 - 22 in Covington, GA
at the Georgia FFA-FELLA Center
Registration is open for Deaf or Hard of Hearing children ages 6 - 13
Fill out the application on our website: gcdh.org/youthprograms
Questions? Feel free to reach out to us!
Phone: 888-297-9461 | Email: campjuliena@gcdh.org
Georgia School for the Deaf

Georgia Milestones End-of-Course Testing starts May 2\textsuperscript{nd}!

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Be on time for school.
Get plenty of rest.
Eat a good breakfast.
Try your best.
Relax, you got this!
High school families, did you receive the book pictured (left) from author and financial advisor Rick Knight? Mr. Knight was contracted by the State Schools district to offer his book and 4 virtual workshops for our families along with access to his robust online course. **Workshop #1 will be offered twice, with different language options.**

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FIRST WORKSHOP:**
**Wednesday, May 4 at 7-8 PM (English and ASL)**
**Wednesday, May 4 at 10:30-11:30 AM (English and Spanish)**

His work focuses on life-planning, benefits, financial planning and programs for families with members who have disabilities. **The book and course are offered to all GSD families but is strongly targeted at families with children in 8th grade and high school.** Though especially beneficial for those whose children will not live independently as adults, the course has a variety of modules with very useful information for everyone. The links below explain in detail.

Mr. Knight also hosts the YANA (You Are Not Alone) podcast, dedicated to the special needs communities.

YANA Nation's Complete Life Planning Guide for Special Needs Families Online Course overview

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**Have you thought about what you want for your child in their future? Of course you have! But...what if something happens to you? It is not something anyone likes to think about, but none of us live forever. YANA can help you make a plan for your child! If your child has specific needs (health, education, etc.) this is especially important! Join the first workshop to learn how. Can’t make it to the live workshop—it will be recorded for later viewing.**
Mother's Day Order Form

Need it for Mother’s Day? Deadline is MONDAY May 2, 2022.

Measuring your Bracelet
Measure the length around your wrist and add a little more to make the bracelet comfortable. (Do not worry about the overlapped part of the bracelet for the snap button because we will add another ⅛ inches for the overlap.)

Personalized Bracelet
Directions: Use a BLACK marker to write inside the box below. Writing must be solid black. This will be scanned, transferred to the laser engraving program, and engraved into your personalized leather bracelet!

Please write down how many you want of each.

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Payment options:
1. Cash
2. Check out to GSD with “GSD Apparel” on the memo line.
3. See Jeannie to pay using credit card.
Please turn this form and $/proof of payment to the front office at GSD, thank you!

Any questions?
Please ask the following GSD Apparel students: Nolan, Raul, Trell, Kantavius, Rusia, Jeremiah, or Miracle, or e-mail Mr. Loren Frick at lfrick@doe.k12.ga.us. Thank you for supporting GSD PTDA!
Mother's Day Gifts

Personalized Leather Bracelets with Snap Buttons

Life is short. Lick the spoon.

Engrave your kids’ writing!

1.5 inches wide