Kenneth Adalson Kennedy
HOMETOWN: CEDARTOWN
ENROLLED AT GSD: 2008

Valedictorian

Clubs, organizations, and sports:
JV Basketball Team, Beta Club, Junior National Association of the Deaf (Jr.NAD), and Academic Bowl.

Best memories from your time at GSD:
The first day as a high school student, group projects, involvement in volunteer and extracurricular activities, and trips to math competition and academic bowl competitions.

Advice to current GSD students:
Grades are important. But grades are not the most important thing. You cannot spend all your time doing school work, no matter how much you think you can as it will destroy you. You need to have some time by yourself, with friends, with family, doing hobbies, extracurricular activities, and all of that good stuff.

Plans after graduation:
I will be attending Gallaudet University in the fall to pursue a bachelor’s degree in Mathematics. After getting my bachelor’s, I plan to continue my education and earn a master’s degree in Secondary Education. While attending Gallaudet University, I plan to participate in many volunteer opportunities, organizations, and internships under their Youth Programs.
LEARNING AT HOME

We all know distance learning isn’t easy for anyone—but I am so impressed by the efforts of the incredible GSD students, families, teachers, and staff!! Families, you are doing an amazing job supporting your child and helping them navigate online assignments, all while working at your own jobs and taking care of your family and home. Teachers and staff, your creativity, perseverance, and dedication is inspiring. Students, you are the best!! I am so proud of all of you!! #GSDTogether

—Marie Dickinson

Fourth grader Itzel created an amazing ocean ecosystem for science class!

Wonderful detail!

Middle schooler Kaylon uses a calculator to evaluate expressions in an IXL math lesson.

Math teacher Tiffany Brown catches 7th grader Colton up in math.

#GSDTogether

I would love to share photos and videos of students at home—doing schoolwork, hanging out with the family, or doing something fun! You can send them to me at 706.331.6314 or mdickinson@doe.k12.ga.us.

Alex the magician uses an app to “make it rain” in his house! See the video and more at our YouTube page: GSD Social Media.
Georgia School for the Deaf Students,

We love you and miss you! We think about you every day. You matter so much to us. Thinking about you and remembering your smiles, stories and beautiful signing makes us smile :)

Even though we wish you were here, it is safer for you at home. We are so proud of you for helping us get back to GSD sooner by staying safe and healthy at home!

We know that being at home sometimes stinks! It’s hard to be stuck at home with the same people all day, every day! Please try to be kind to your parents, brothers, sisters, and any others who live in your house. Help them when you can, learn more about their lives, do fun things together!!

While you have more time, figure out what you love to do and do it! Read or draw, sew, cook, plant a garden, develop a new video game, make YouTube videos that show the world that Deaf can do anything!! Do something creative every day.

Are you still bored? Go outside!! Bounce a ball, throw a frisbee, run like the wind, pick some spring flowers, or just walk around and notice all the signs of springtime :)

While you are home, how can you help someone else? Can you put a sign in your window or in your yard that encourages others? Can you VP some friends and check on them? Can you give your teacher a big smile in your next Zoom meeting?

I want you to know that your teachers, your Principal, your Superintendent, and all the other GSD staff will be here as soon as it is safe for you to come back! We can’t wait to see you and to hug, fist-bump, or high-five you!!

We are so proud of you, you are showing your Tiger RRRs so well. You are respectful, responsible, and especially resilient- GSD Tigers never give up!!

You rock.

Leslie
**Staff Videos**

Many GSD staff members have made videos for our students and families! Check them out on our social media channels and share with your child and family!

Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/georgiaschoolforthedeaf](https://www.facebook.com/georgiaschoolforthedeaf)

Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/gsdtigers/](https://www.instagram.com/gsdtigers/)

Twitter: [https://twitter.com/gsdtigers](https://twitter.com/gsdtigers)

GSD Social Media: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNZIotImemCpO1fs8uLWCeQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNZIotImemCpO1fs8uLWCeQ)

RA Penney Leeper

Middle School Social Studies teacher Julie Burton and tiger.

Holly Rucker, 4th/5th grader Social Studies and Science teacher

Danny Woolmaker, Art and Social Studies teacher

Connie Morris, School Psychologist

Mallory Edge, High School ELA teacher
Family Communication
Using ASL as a family is important! Consider improving your skills with these resources.
Websites:
SignOn from American Society for Deaf Children http://deafchildren.org/sign-on/
ASL Connect from Gallaudet University https://www.gallaudet.edu/asl-connect
ASL Deafined https://www.asldeafined.com/
ASL University http://www.lifeprint.com/index.htm
Signing Savvy https://www.signingsavvy.com/

Apps:
The ASL App https://www.theaslapp.com/
ASL Fingerspelling app
Marlee Signs app
WeSign Basic app

COVID-19 Resources: Food, Finance, Technology, At-Home learning, and Entertainment
www.gsdweb.org/parentandfamily

Social Media for Deaf Kids
Why I Sign - https://www.whyisign.com/

E Learning for Deaf Kids - https://www.instagram.com/p/B-1eQ4TnS1Q/?utm_source=ig_embed&utm_campaign=loading

Language First Lab - https://languagefirstlab.com/

Deaf Ed At Home - https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/deafedathome/?hl=en

Upcoming Events
- 7/25 Registration Day for Pre-K-7th grades
- 8/1 Registration Day for 8th-12th grades
- 8/14 Class of 2020 Graduation (on GSD campus)

Happy birthday to Miss Allie Kate! She was so excited to get a birthday letter from teacher Holly Rucker!