



Chapel Hall at Gallaudet University

Jumpstart 2011

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An Excellent Finish!

By Darian Burwell, Director

It's hard to believe summer is coming to an end! We are gearing our students up for a smooth transition into the New Student Orientation (NSO), which will begin on August 24th. During NSO is the time our JumpStart students will meet the rest of the freshmen class.

JumpStart students thoroughly enjoyed their adventures at NorthBay. NorthBay is an adventure camp located on the upper part of Chesapeake Bay in northern Maryland. A wide range of exciting activities were waiting for us upon arrival such as high and low rope courses, 500 foot zip lines that oversees the bay, game room, indoor rock climbing wall, seasonal swimming pool, bird watching, bonfire, and many more. We were fortunate to get great photos at NorthBay from Heidi McNulty, one of our JumpStart students and photography major. Her pictures are being published in this issue! Some of us also got the chance to meet Nolan Smith with his organization *Sydney & Nolan Smith Foundation: Helping Kids Be Kids*. NorthBay is a wonderful place for an opportunity to develop a bond with their peers to the point where people are comfortable and share a special chemistry among one another. We definitely see that as a result among our Jumpstart students and staff!



Ms. Darian Burwell

Quote:

Give a man a fish and
you feed him for a day.
Teach a man to fish and
you feed him for a
lifetime.

-- Chinese Proverb

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Under the leadership of Ms. Nicka Noble and Mr. Jonathan Reynolds, the peer counselors hosted an Oscar Night at Peikoff Alumni House. It was known as "Ole Jim," the first gymnasium in which was built in 1881 with an indoor pool, basketball court, and bowling alley. It is now the home of Gallaudet University Alumni Association and the Office of Alumni Relations of Gallaudet University. We wanted our students to feel like movie stars! Our wonderful sponsors that can be found at the last page of this newsletter provided lots of prizes. Our Peer counselors wanted to show how you could have a party using mocktails and good music! Several awards were given out at this event. We also showed a slideshow in the background from day 1 of JumpStart. We can officially say we ended the night with a bang!

As we bid farewell to JumpStart 2011, our job does not end there. My Student Success Office will continue to monitor every JumpStart student, academically and socially as part of Gallaudet University's retention plan. We are now having training this week for our peer mentors. They know that we are a strong resource that is available to them anytime during the academic year.

Last, I must recognize our wonderful staff, peer counselors, interns, and program coordinators for their hard work. The diligence and dedication demonstrated by the JumpStart 2011 Staff have been noticed all across the campus. Thank you for the enthusiasm and the extra hours each of you put in making this JumpStart 2011 a huge success for our students!

Fun Fact about Gallaudet University:

The football huddle originated at Gallaudet University in the 1890s.

Jumpstart Students' Profiles



Daniela Porras

Jumpstart: Academic Success

Home: Winchester, Virginia

Class: Freshman

What is your first impression of JumpStart Program?

When I first arrived here at Gallaudet, I instantly felt like I belonged here because I'm with other deaf and hard of hearing students, great communication access and facial expressions, making conversations enjoyable!

What has surprised you the most about JumpStart?

I was so stunned to see so many deaf people in one place at once because I grew up always being the deaf girl. And it was a new experience for me to be actually excited to have conversations with other deaf people and learn how to accommodate with the new signers too.



Dustin Hopkins

Jumpstart: Academic Success

Home: Pearland, Texas

Class: Freshman

What is your first impression of JumpStart Program?

It was really inspiring to be in the deaf world for the first time where I can be involved in events and such, along with learning how to improve myself in many areas through the program.

What has surprised you the most about JumpStart?

Encourages me to do my best in everything, much more than hearing people would normally do for me. The program keeps me busy with many different things and I'm telling you now, it never gets boring around here.

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Jumpstart Students' Profiles



Tyler Snider

Jumpstart: New Signers

Home: Somerset, Ohio

Class: Freshman

What is your first impression of JumpStart Program?

At first, I thought it would be boring because I was still learning sign language but then I got involved in football and it became much more exciting for me!

What has surprised you the most about JumpStart?

It was surprising at one point that people here at Gallaudet were so welcoming and wanted me to be a part of their deaf community, even if I don't identify myself as a deaf person.



Kalissa Bailey

Jumpstart: New Signers

Home: Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Class: Freshman

What is your first impression of JumpStart Program?

It was great to meet new people through the program and to get involved in many things now before classes begin in the fall!

What has surprised you the most about JumpStart?

It was amazing for me to learn that the program provides service-learning projects for us to do to help the community and to learn something from it. That's definitely something my old community college never did and that was a great experience for me!

Classes @ Jumpstart



Josephina Carlin and Daniela Porras doing their math assignments in class.

Tobias Canterbury exercising his signing skills front of his classmates.



Kallissa Bailey, Ben Coleman, and Jason Schrenberg paying a close attention to their class activity.

More Classes @ Jumpstart



The class contemplating on what is being discussed in class like a bunch of good JumpStart students!

Arjun Shrestha responding to his ASL mentor, Sam Harris attentively.



Felix Ramirez helping Cesar Torres with homework during their math class.

North Bay Weekend!



They had a fun-filled weekend away from Gallaudet!



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North Bay Weekend!



Credits to Heidi McNulty



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Another Improv Night!



Gesturing ONLY!



Pictures, Pictures, Pictures!



More Pictures, Pictures, Pictures!



Oscar Night!

To have an excellent finish with the JumpStart Program, we had an Oscar Night to celebrate our journey together. The students arrived to the red carpet looking glamorous; a photographer stationed himself to take pictures of students in their spiffy outfits! Then, they all mingled, joked and even danced. Awards also were given: King and Queen, Best Sportsmanship and Emerging. All in all, it was the best event Ole Jim has ever seen!



Oscar Night Recognition!

Chairpersons:

Nicka Noble and Jonathan Reynolds

Master and Mistress of Ceremonies:

Tyler Snider and Daniela Porras

King:

Brandon Holsworth

Queen:

Kallissa Bailey

Best Actor:

Dustin 'Dray' Hopkins

Best Actress:

Kayla Head

Best Sportsmanship:

Jeremy Smith and Colleen Flok

Emerging Students:

Augusto Bautista and Antonia Guy

CONGRATS!

Farewell!

