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Cleveland Cavaliers call up Lance Allred

Lance Allred is the first deaf player to be called up to play in NBA.

BOISE, Idaho - The Cleveland Cavaliers brought up center Lance Allred from the NBA Development League's Idaho Stampede on Wednesday.

Allred is a native of Salt Lake City who attended East High School. The 6-foot-11, 260-pounder played college basketball at Utah before transferring to Weber State.

Allred averaged 16.2 points and 10 rebounds for Idaho this season. He will join the Cavaliers for tonight's game against the Wizards.

"It's been a long three years since college," said Allred, who just turned 27. "I've been a lot of places that would have made a lot of people quit."

Before spending the last two years in the D-League, Allred played in France. He suffered a knee injury that required surgery. He didn't play much for the Stampede last season, but started all 38 games so far this year.

"It's nice to finally be rewarded," said Allred. "It's been a long haul."

Steve Luhm, Salt Lake Tribune

USDB: Update on Eligibility Protocol

By Jodi Kinner

Dear Parents and Deaf Community,

I thought I would let you know that on February 6, 2008, a group of concerned legislators sent a letter to the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) regarding the eligibility of students to be served by Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB).

For many years, any deaf, blind and deaf-blind students served by USDB who achieved academically on grade-level, were automatically moved out of the USDB (including JMS) system and were placed in a mainstream setting at their local school district where they no longer qualified for special education. However, during the transition of placement, the aspect of students' social and communication needs were often overlooked and not always addressed in the mainstream setting.

Thus, families moved out of the state where they could have their school placement choice.

On February 28, 2008, the Institutional Council (IC)'s voted unanimously to allow deaf, blind and deaf-blind students who achieve grade level standards to remain at USDB.

Upon the IC's approval, Karl Wilson liaison to USDB from Utah State Office of Education, responded to Utah State Legislature's letter concerning USDB in the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) meeting on March 7, 2008. He requested that the USBE allow students who have achieved at or above grade-level to be continually served by USDB until the USDB Legislative Task Force develops language for a permanent solution to the Utah Code for the 2009 legislative session. This request has been granted until further changes.

Lastly, feel free to view the USBE's agenda - "2008 Legislative Session Review" on March 7 regarding eligibility on the website -- <http://www.usoe.k12.ut.us/board/agenda1.htm> They do not have minutes posted on the website yet.

This is good news. We are truly grateful legislators are concerned about USDB's eligibility issues and are eager to be involved to get it solved to meet the students' needs.

Calling All Readers!

Here at the UAD Bulletin, we want to know what interests you! Perhaps you had a fun vacation, a new puppy, or just celebrated your 5th anniversary. Maybe you started a new business or added onto your house. If you want to share your news with the Deaf community, you can email your information (and pictures) to Jennifer Oleson, UAD Bulletin editor, at uadbulletin@comcast.net. We will gladly fit in as many as we can each month.

We are also looking for some permanent reporters or feature writers as well. If you are interested or have some ideas, please email those as well. Thanks!

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President's Message

By Rob Kerr

UAD Announce is sending information that everyone wants to know when there is news for you to look ahead for your plans.

There are two more important issues that I want to address. First of all, USDB/JMS Town Hall meeting was held at the SCCDHH. I observed their meeting to see Superintendent Tim Smith give his words on the building site and other issues for us to understand his point out in the future. More than thirty Deaf people and some hearing people were there, with some having asked him some questions, to which he answered in a polite way with his knowledge. He emphasized that he intended to get better education for deaf/hard of hearing students is to get better building. We were impressed to see that Superintendent Tim Smith believes that JMS should get a building for deaf/hard of hearing students who can attend. He encouraged all people to send a letter to their legislator to listen our needs to get a better building for the students. I just learned recently that the Legislative passed the bill for USDB to have a good place for deaf/hard of hearing students for a year or so but you may check it for yourself.

In addition, I feel that USDB Athletic Fund Advisory Committee is a good start. You would agree that all deaf students from USDB, JMS and mainstream schools come to play at the Deaf Center where there is a good place for them to meet. They usually meet on weekends when they can practice basketball, volleyball, track and other sport activities. USDB AFAC can help them when you donate money for transportation purpose or cost to participate the sport activities fees. Yet they also travel out of town to play against hearing schools. USDB AFAC will provide the students to have sport activities that the State does not have money to pay.

Now it is cool to talk about Marlee Martin—have you seen her on “Dancing with the Stars” lately? She did get good points with her partner, Fabian Sanchez, and it was fun to watch them how they did show their dance as they tried their best. They will do show again next week, I hope they make it. Once more, she (you might hear the movie on April 1, 2008, but I rechecked TV schedule for April 1st, it is not on list so keep an eye for when it announces) will be on CBS movie called “Sweet Nothing in My Ear”. The issue is about on Cochlear Implant which is something that interests exposure our Deaf Culture in our present time.

Before I close my message, do not forget the date for UAD general meeting is May 3rd, 2008, at the Sanderson Community Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (SCCDHH). The specific agenda will be announcing thru UAD Announce. I encourage all of you to join with us to be at the general meeting and debate on bills to modify constitution and by-law to fit our needs. The final proposals, prepared by the Law Committee, will be mailed to members on April 25, 2008 or you may request the letter to be sent thru your email.

Society Page

To a Greater Glory

February 3, 2008 - Vaughn Ray Angell, 53, passed away peacefully from natural causes. While at the Utah School for the Deaf, he loved to play basketball and excelled in art. His formal education ended at 15 years of age when he became mentally ill. Most of his adult life, Vaughn was a patient at the Utah State Hospital in Provo where he was well cared for. A memorial service to celebrate Vaughn's life was held at The Cottonwood Club in Salt Lake City.

February 14, 2008 - Frank Smith, 74, passed away with peace and dignity. He served his country in Korea and Vietnam, and received awards. Afterwards, he served in the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office and retired after 20 years. He enjoyed working with his dog, Bandit, in the K9 Corps. Services were held in Salt Lake City. One of his survivors is his step-granddaughter Rachel Miller of Magna.



February 18, 2008 - Frances Heiner, 94, died in Clearfield. She put herself through both Weber College and Utah State University with high honors, earning a bachelor's degree. She taught at the Utah School for the Deaf for six years, in the late '50s and early 60's. Funeral services were held in Ogden.

February 21, 2008 - Harriet Mathewson, formerly Hendrickson, passed away. She was the mother of Susan Neal of Graham, WA, and Janice Valenzuela, an interpreter, of South Jordan. Funeral services were held in West Valley.



February 22, 2008 - Nicole Funk, 21, passed away in Salt Lake City. She had worked at the Christmas House and volunteered much of her time for the under privileged children. She enjoyed fishing, camping and sewing. She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Lawana Funk, and is survived by her grandfather, Dan Funk of Gooding, ID. Funeral services were held in Roy with burial in Gooding, ID.

February 23, 2008 - Rose Thompson, 88, died at her home of causes incident to age. She had a wonderful soprano voice and sang in operas at the University of Utah while she was attending school there. She and her father sang at many functions. Rose and her husband sang and they encouraged their children to learn and use their musical talents. Her oldest son, David R. Thompson, died November 2, 2007. Funeral services were held in Ogden.

March 2, 2008 - Carlos Seegmiller Jr. of Denver CO passed away at the home of his sister, Patricia Walker, of Salt Lake City. He was the son of Katherine Seegmiller and the late Carlos Seegmiller Sr. Memorial services will be held in Colorado in the spring.

March 9, 2008 - Heather Montoya, 33, passed away. During her high school years, Heather was on the basketball and cheerleading teams. After attending schools in Utah and New Jersey, she graduated from high school in Montana. Heather was a talented person who enjoyed making beautiful beadwork, loved taking pictures, knitting and making scrapbooks. A memorial service was held in Ogden.



Rattles 'n' Powder

February 14, 2008 - Kolbi Bryan, son of Chance Craig and Kara Montgomery of Twin Falls ID. Kolbi is the second grandchild for Deanne Montgomery of Jerome ID and also the second great-grandchild of Ilene and Ken Kinner of Riverdale.

February 20, 2008 - Sirrah Jalaine, daughter of Don and Emilie Wilding of Santa Fe, NM. They have a son, Alex, 20 months old. Jerry and Della Wilding of Gooding, ID, are the grandparents.

February 22, 2008 - Twin boys, Jesse Wilson and Cayden David, were born to Becky and Jim Banta of Elkhart, IN. The twins have five sisters, Candace, 21, Tara, 19, Chelsie, 18, Lindsie, 13, and Kelli Jo 16 months. Mauna Wilson of West Valley City is the happy grandma.



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Travels

Kristi Mortensen and Ron Nelson bumped into Don and Emilie Wilding at the Western Academic Bowl in Colorado Springs, Colorado at the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind on March 1, 2008. Both work for the New Mexico School for the Deaf in Santa Fe, New Mexico and were in Colorado to support their team in the Western Academic Bowl. Don Wilding serves as the Student Life Educator. Emilie serves as the 2nd Grade teacher. They have two kids; Alex and Sirrah. Don and Emilie look as good as if they moved out of Utah yesterday.

Milestones

Stan and Charlene O'Neal were honored on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary, on March 29. The luncheon was hosted by Marilyn Winant and Janice Gillespie at the Salt Lake 2nd Deaf Ward.



20 Years Ago

April 1988 - Selection of New President Sets Off Nationwide Protest

Students at Gallaudet University in Washington, DC created a riot upon learning that a hearing person had been cho-

sen to be the next Gallaudet president. The protest sparked a nationwide outpouring of support from alumni and from the Congress, which provides approximately 75% of the university's budget.

(Editor's note: The protest began March 6, 1988, and went on for about a week. Dr. I. King Jordan was finally selected to replace Dr. Elizabeth Zinzer)

CLUB NEWS

Deaf Senior Citizens of Utah

The Deaf Senior Citizens of Utah meets every Wednesday to play games, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Sanderson Community Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Taylorsville.

It will host a luncheon the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Its monthly meeting is held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

New officers of DSCU:

Fred Richins	President
Russel Fowler	Vice President
TediAnn Wilson	Secretary
Ilene Vandermeide	Treasurer
Winona Anderson	1st Trustee
Linda Berness	2nd Trustee
Abel Martinez	3rd Trustee

DSCU welcomes everyone to come to any of its events on Wednesdays. Come and have fun! See you all there!

Bonneville Senior Club of Deaf

Bonneville Senior Club of Deaf will have a meeting on Saturday, April 5 at 9:30 am, at the Sanderson Community Center for the Deaf. After the meeting, we will have potluck luncheon. We would appreciate your bringing food. Cost is \$5.00 for the luncheon.

Abel Martinez, jamartz2000@yahoo.com

Utah Telecom Books are Ready!

The latest edition of the "deaf book" is now ready. If you haven't already, you may pick up your copy from the UAD Bookstore, or from the following people:

Pablo Nieves	Logan
Ken Kinner	Ogden
Val Kinney	Roy
Chris Evans	Pleasant Grove
Emily Tanner	St. George

One error in this directory: The calendar on page 8 (Calendar for 2009) is wrong. We advise you to cross it out so you do not refer to it. The calendars for 2008 and 2010 are correct.

Sports

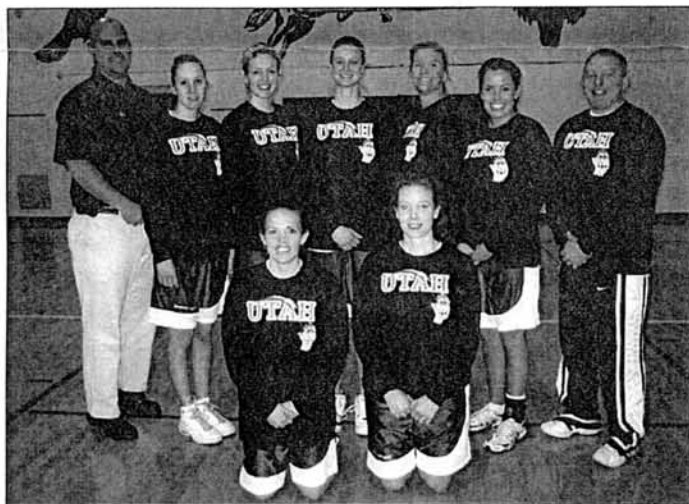
UACD Teams Win Way to Orlando

By Shari Bailey

Happy Spring Everyone!

In case you haven't heard, a couple of sweet wins took place last weekend in Great Falls, Montana! UACD Men's and Women's basketball team both captured the Championship Title in the 2008 NWADB tournament. The wins earn both teams the right to play in the National Tournament to be held in Orlando, FL on April 9th-12th.

The Utah Women's team was able to keep the winning streak by defeating the Oregon Women's team twice to secure the title as the 6th straight regional win! One thing that many of the players commented from both teams was the great sportsmanship displayed by both teams. The games were great with the exception of a few that got hurt. Shari Bailey collided with an opposing player while scrapping for the ball which resulted in a deep cut above her lip that needed stitches! All is well and the stitches have been taken out.



Back row: Coach Brad Crowther, Carol MacNicholl-3, Shari Bailey-11, Courtney McCabe-21, Andrea Anderson-44, Sarah Parker-5 and Travis Zarembo; *Front row:* Nicole Gough-20, Colette Stoker-10

The Men's team played Round Robin. For those who don't know this method of playing, it's when each team plays against each of the other teams. The guys played hard and won enough games to play in the championship game. After a hard fought game Utah came out on top but not without wonderful team effort! It was a great game to watch and exciting as Utah beat long time winners Bay Area. Wade Hester was named MVP of the tournament! He has put in many years of



Front row: Brandon Dopf-11, Cory Fletcher-3, Travis Zarembo-21, Justin Anderson-22; *Back Row:* Coach Brad Crowther, Bobby Richards-4, Wade Hester-23, Craig Radford-1, Rick McCabe-33

basketball to achieve such a great accomplishment. The UACD men's team have been in the NWADB's championship game for 4 straight years, winning 2 times in 2006 and 2008.

Both teams would like to thank their coach Brad Crowther for his time, talent, and effort to prepare both teams for the tournament. His skill and knowledge has greatly improved both teams. We are excited to continue the fun in Florida!

Thank you all for your support!

Wasatch Golf Association for the Deaf (WGAD)

The Wasatch Golf Association for the Deaf is planning a series of golf dates for 2008 as follows:

March 29 – Lakeside, TBA
 April 26 – Davis / Valley View, TBA
 May 17 or 24 – Salt Lake Area, TBA
 June 14 – Ogden, TBA
 July 26 – Provo, TBA
 August – Bountiful Ridge, TBA
 September 13 – Robert DeSpain Memorial Tournament at Riverside, TBA

A meeting will be held on Saturday, March 29 to elect officers for 2008 and focus on various issues.

Contact Troy Erdanbrack at Joker10@tmail.com or tme73@live.com for location and tee of time on March 29th.

Sports & Local News

USDB Lady Eagles Compete in Oregon

By Jen Byrnes

Utah Lady Eagles went to Salem, Oregon for the Western States Basketball Classic in January 2008.

Their first game was against Oregon School for the Deaf. The score was 18 to 49. Melissa Mischo and Roberta Dunlap scored the most, despite a sprained ankle. This was a warm up for the girls. OSD loved to grab for jump balls all the time. Lady Eagles couldn't break away from the Panther's grip.

Second game was against California School for Deaf, Riverside. The score was 31 to 32. A very close game with Kirstie Poulson defending the backboard with 23 points. This was the game to watch. Competition was close and the team played in a gym with dripping water when it rained outside.

Third and final game was against Marlton School for Deaf from Los Angeles, California. We won this game 54 to 48. Kirstie Poulson and Melissa Mischo led the team to the win.

A few of the Utah Lady Eagles were chosen to be on the All-Star Team for the tournament. Kirstie Poulson was one rebound away from breaking the tournament record for the most rebounds in a game. Utah girls won sportsmanship award for the tournament.

There were many social activities at night after the games that provided opportunities for the Lady Eagles to meet new friends.

This was a great experience for the girls to go play against different schools and varying playing levels. All of us are looking forward to playing in Riverside California next year. USDB Lady Eagles will be ready!

NWAAD Utah Award Winners

Coach of the Tournament for Men's and Women's:

Brad Crowther

Men's MVP: Wade Hester

Women's 1st Team All-Star: Courtney McCabe, Collette Stoker, Shari Bailey

Men's 1st Team All-Star: Cory Fletcher, Travis Zarembo

Women's Best Defense: Nicole Gough

Hackers to Blame for False VP Calls

SALT LAKE CITY - The maker of video conferencing technology for deaf people says somebody has been hacking into its systems.

Salt Lake City-based Sorenson Communications says about 30,000 of its customers nationwide have been sent false calls that led them to think their machines were malfunctioning. Company officials say they have been dealing with prank calls since October.

The company has filed a federal lawsuit and is asking a judge to grant them access to information from a computer server it says it has tracked the attacks to.

Sorenson's technology uses video cameras to allow deaf people to communicate by sign language over long distances.

-The Associated Press

Deaf Studies Today! Conference

Deaf Studies Today! Conference has two parts, with the first being the Film Festival taking place on April 8th and 9th, and the second part the conference itself, taking place on April 10th, 11th and 12th.

For all Deaf Utah residents, limited registration for the conference is \$35.00, which only includes paper presentations, workshops, panel discussions and keynotes. There is a limited number of registrations allowed for the \$35.00 rate. The full registration for Deaf Utah residents, which includes all events listed above plus meals, bags, packets, and entertainment, costs \$125.00.

To attend the Film Festival, the general admission registration rate is \$40.00.

For more information on registering for the conference, go to the following link: <http://www.uvsc.edu/asl/deafstudies/2008/registration.html>

To register online, go to the following link: <https://aceware.uvsc.edu/wconnect/wc.dll?acccode=SubGroup-CAW-Conferences>

To download the registration form to mail or fax, go to the following link:

<http://www.uvsc.edu/asl/deafstudies/Registration%20Form.pdf>

We hope to see you in April!

Impatient for Spring? Read a Movie While You Wait!

Check out the latest movies and times at:
www.uad.org/cmoviesutah



Local News & Articles

Fundraiser Race Registration Now Open

whatQGA is proud to host the 2nd Annual 5k/1 mile Race for the Association for Deaf Children! This is a Fund-raiser Race and proceeds go to ADC's youth programs as well as to support Deaf Awareness in Utah.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN, visit for more information: www.whatQGA.com.

The race will be MAY 17, 2008 in DRAPER CITY, UTAH-The Home of the Association for Deaf Children!

Early registration ends May 5, 2008, and T-shirts & 'Goody Bags' are secured on a '1st Signed up, 1st Get Basis'. Sign up early to secure yours! (First 50 registrants get a free gift in their bag!)

Please visit www.whatQGA.com or www.signsonthetrail.com for more info and to sign up.

Spread the word, bring your friends and family! We'll see you there!

Sarah C. Gudmunson, whatQGA, Assistant Director
801.356.3042 (V/VP/Text)



Utah's First Deaf CERT Chapter Promotes

Emergency Preparedness

When terrorists drove airplanes into the World Trade Center seven years ago, a group of deaf Utahns descended upon the Robert G. Sanderson Community Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Taylorsville. They came to grieve, and for peer support, but mostly to get information without communication barriers.

The influx was unexpected, but it got Center staff thinking about disaster preparedness and, ultimately, led to the creation of Utah's first chapter of deaf volunteer emergency responders.

"We decided that if people were going to come to us for help, we had better be prepared," said center program director Eleanor McCowan.

The chapter fills an important niche in Utah's CERT program, a grass-roots corps of volunteers who provide spontaneous aid during natural disasters, and other emergencies.

"If 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina taught us anything, it's that people with disabilities, seniors and ethnic minorities are the most underserved and vulnerable in times of disaster. There's no better solution than CERT, which equips citizens with the skills they need to survive and assist others," said

Kathy Smith, Director of Utah's Commission on Volunteers. "Utah has some of the nation's best first responders, but they can't be everywhere at once. Professional help can sometimes be hours or days away."

There are about 20,000 CERT volunteers in Utah, which consistently ranks No. 1 in the nation in volunteering. "But more is never enough when it comes to emergency preparedness," says Smith.

Indeed, McCowan's team has driven a rethinking of emergency response tactics that, she believes, other CERT chapters would find useful. The deaf and hard of hearing, for example, can't listen to determine whether a person is breathing, said McCowan. "So we started placing eyeglasses and mirrors near victims' mouths, looking for the tell-tale signs of cloudiness."

Calling out for people during search-and-rescue operations doesn't work for victims who can't hear, said McCowan. "So we carry a red flag, hoping to catch someone's eye. This could work equally well for a victim whose hearing was damaged in an explosion."

Deaf CERT members have become certified after six weeks of training in disaster preparedness and equipped with basic response skills and will work with their CERT in their own town during the mock disasters or meetings in the near future to keep their awareness in top notch.

If you are interested in joining the Deaf CERT, the training may be resumed in the fall every Wednesday evenings. Attendance is the key to getting the certification.

Kirsten Stewart, Communications Manager, February 18, 2008; Adapted by Eleanor McCowan, emccowan@utah.gov



Larry Bucker and Robert Smentana, tending to two victims during the mock disaster

Local News & Articles

"Wrong Game" ASL Film to be Shown

UACD and Sprint are working together to host this ASL movie, "WRONG GAME" and we are honored to announce that we will present this movie at Sanderson Center on Friday, April 4th and Saturday, April 5th!

The movie ticket is priced at \$8.00 each for adult and \$6.00 for college students/senior citizens of 55 or above.

The movie tickets are limited to 100 seats of each night, Friday and Saturday so be sure to reserve them now!

Please e-mail to Anne Fife, tigger5np@comcast.net to reserve your ticket(s), she can hold on to them until you pay for them. Be sure to tell her which night that you want to reserve.

We will accept payments at the door but you will need to reserve the night that you wish to see.

Tickets are limited to 100 per night and the list is growing large so reserve your tickets ASAP!

This movie is supposed to be really cool with all of the deaf actors/actresses!!

Click on the web link below for more information on the movie. <http://www.aslfilms.com/index.php/site/event/C88/>
UACD's Board of Trustees

Ballroom Dancing

Three weeks of dancing classes at the Sanderson Community Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, starting with the "cha cha". Classes will be held Thursday, May 1st, 8th, and 15th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the gym.

Classes will be taught in English with ASL interpreters and FM systems (amplification devices) will be available.

Register by April 17th to dsdhhregistration@utah.gov. Classes cost \$5 in advance or \$3 per class at the door. Classes fill up quick so sign up soon!

Prepay for class at the front desk. Cash or checks payable to SCCDHH

if any accommodation are needed, please contact MSeppi@utah.gov.

Jennifer A. Byrnes

UAD Bookstore News

Adele Sigoda, who has been the bookstore manager since April, almost a year, enjoys every minute of it, and loves to serve Deaf and Hard of Hearing customers.

We have some NEW products; take a look when you are at the Deaf Center.

My advice to Hard of Hearing customers, who are interested in purchasing amplified phone, Pocketalker or head-phone - make sure to set up an appointment between 9am and

4pm Monday through Friday with Robin Traveller, the Hard of Hearing specialist. Her V/VP/TTY # is 801-263-4879, and email address is rtraveller@utah.gov. She will be very happy to assist you in finding the device to meet your needs. Robin is NOT available for walk-in appointments, as she has very hectic daily schedule.

Once you find what you want, Adele will be very happy to order your choice. You can have your order shipped directly to your home, or to the bookstore for pick up once the order is in.

If you have any concerns or questions, don't hesitate to email or VP Adele Sigoda.

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UTRID Conference in the Works

The biannual state conference of the Utah Registry Interpreters for the Deaf (UTRID) affiliate chapter is coming up. It will be on June 11-14, 2008 at the Sanderson Community Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The conference theme is "Be the Change" which embraces the idea that everyone can make a difference. UTRID invites members of the Deaf Community to attend any of the conference workshop sessions free of charge. If attending the election luncheon or banquet and entertainment with Clay and Levi Anderson there is a small charge for the meal. We have a variety of talented presenters with stimulating topics. Many of the presenters are deaf like our keynote Thomas Holcomb from Ohlone College. ASL is the standard communication for all presentations and events.

We are also seeking nominations for individuals to be awarded recognition for the following categories:

Interpreter of the Year

Interpreter Mentor/Educator of the Year

Kim Maibaum Lifetime Achievement Award

Outstanding Community Member of the Year

To nominate someone, please submit the nominee's name, name and email addresses of 3 people who support the nomination, brief explanation of why you feel the nominee deserves the award. Submit nominations to Suzanne Warner at suzanne@utrid.org before Friday, April 11, 2008.

We hope to see you at the conference! This is a wonderful opportunity to be involved and learn more about working with interpreters.

Please refer to our website www.utrid.org/unite for more information and to pre-register using the deaf community registration form. Deaf community members who want continuing education units should register using the standard form.

National News

NAD Seeks Talent to Showcase at the 49th Biennial NAD Conference

Silver Spring, MD – The National Association of the Deaf (NAD) is looking for deaf talent for a competition to determine the most theatrically presented material in American Sign Language (ASL) during ASL Live! on Tuesday, July 8, 2008 during the 49th Biennial NAD Conference in New Orleans! Loosely based on the popular TV program, American Idol, this evening of great talent and fun will be hosted by former Miss Deaf America, Lauren Teruel Ridloff.

The evening will feature ten talented semi-finalists who will exhibit their creativity in the use of the American Sign Language in front of a large audience and three judges. It will be the audience and the judges who will ultimately decide the winner.

Performers will be judged on ASL translations, ASL delivery, performance and originality. Performances can include ASL poetry, ASL storytelling, ASL monologues or an ASL interpreted "songs".

The ten (10) semi-finalists will be selected from submitted audition videos by a panel of judges.

Guidelines can be found at www.nad.org for interested performers (contestants).

About the NAD Conference

Rotated annually among the four regions of the United States, Biennial NAD Conferences, held in the even numbered years, traditionally bring together more than 2,000 deaf, hard of hearing, late-deafened, deaf-blind and hearing consumers, parents, youth, professionals, educators, organizational and corporate representatives for five days of professional development, enrichment, training, networking, governance meetings, receptions and related evening events.

NAD Biennial Conferences are open to everyone: Parents and family members; retirees; federal employees; youth; administrators, educators, support providers and product/service providers. For complete conference information, please visit: www.nad.org/2008conf.

Hospital Customizes Services for Deaf and Hard-of Hearing

Mount Sinai Hospital is one of the only health centers that has customized their services for deaf and hard-of-hearing patients.

The deaf access program at Mount Sinai Hospital started 10 years ago. It is one of the largest comprehensive

health care networks in the country for people who are deaf and hard of hearing.

Terri Heading is the program manager.

"We have approximately 1,300 patients in our system right now, and we have an average of 20 to 25 deaf people coming in the hospital daily," said Heading.

Being able to communicate with deaf patients is one thing, understanding deaf culture is another, especially for physicians like Dr. Gary Kaufman.

"To make the diagnosis when communication is barriered because it's not clear, the patient doesn't understand the doctor, the doctor doesn't understand the patients. Then what happens is the doctor gets misinformation or wrong information which can lead to the wrong diagnosis," said Kaufman.

Understanding your doctor is very important.

"When I'm dealing with a patient who, for the first time after going to doctors for many years says, 'Wow, I really get this, now I understand why the other doctor is giving me medicines, why they told me to take these medicines every day,'" said Kaufman.

The deaf access program also has sign language interpreters on staff.

"We keep growing yearly, our expectations are that we will have more patients and we will continue to grow," said Heading.

Last year, Mount Sinai became one of the first health centers to install the video phone booth.

"We decided to set up the VRS booth because I see the need for our patients to make calls, especially if their family or friends or maybe they're sick or many they're in a car accident, how can they call their friends and family," said Heading.

Patients like Kikamona couldn't be happier.

"I had a friend told me that there was a doctor who signed here and his name was Dr. Kaufman. And I'm like, 'I never heard about it, a doctor who knows sign language?' Doctors just write back and forth between with me, and I never understand them," she said. "So I came over to Mt. Sinai, and he signed. I was flabbergasted, I'm like, 'Oh my God, he signs? Can I get appointment?'"

Deaf Access Program has three physicians who are fluent in sign language. To learn more about Mount Sinai's Deaf Access Program visit Sinai - Services and Specialties or call 773.257.6289 - TTY or 773.257.5125 - voice.

Article from: abc7chicago.com: Program helps deaf patients 3/20/08.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 UACD Basketball @ 6pm ASL Beg. Classes @ 6pm	2 Deaf Seniors Card Club @ 9am ASL Int. Classes @ 6pm Yoga @ 6pm	3 ASL Comm @ 5pm ASL Int. Classes @ 6pm Silent Game Night @ 6pm Let's Make a Movie @ 7pm	4 Lipreading for Teens @ 4pm SYHO-ASL Youth @ 6:30pm UACD Movie Night @ 7pm	5 UAD Board Mtg @ 8am USDB Prom Car Wash @ 9am BSCD Mtg & Lunch @ 9:30am UACD Movie Night @ 6:30pm
6	7	8 Cooking Class @ 5:30pm UACD Basketball @ 6pm ASL Beg. Classes @ 6pm	9 Deaf Seniors Card Club @ 9am JMS Basketball @ 1pm JMS PTA Mtg @ 5pm ASL Int. Classes @ 6pm Yoga @ 6pm	10 ASL Int. Classes @ 6pm Silent Game Night @ 6pm Let's Make a Movie @ 7pm	11 PIP Camp 2008-- All Day	12 SLCAD Women's Day--All Day UACD Coed Volleyball @ 5:30pm
13	14	15 UACD Basketball @ 6pm ASL Beg. Classes @ 6pm	16 Deaf Seniors Card Club @ 9am JMS Basketball @ 1pm Legal Clinic @ 2:30pm JMS PTA Mtg @ 5pm ASL Int. Classes @ 6pm Yoga @ 6pm HLAA Mtg @ 7pm	17 ASL Int. Classes @ 6pm Let's Make a Movie @ 7pm	18 Lipreading for Teens @ 4pm	19 Quilting Expo @ 10am
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