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Western Region Academic Bowl (WRAB) 2010

Three USDB students were on the USDB Academic Bowl team. Their names are BreAna Stokes, Katie Rockwell, and Ariana Franco. I felt very fortunate to coach this team! I don't think I will ever have the opportunity to coach another team like this team of 2010. I loved coaching them! Their attitudes, hard work, commitment to attend each practice and put in extra hours, support for each other and positive encouragement was incredible. I feel that I gained more from them than they did from me.

During the Academic Bowl, in spite of 1 win and 6 losses, they had fun! They put their best efforts into each match. They welcomed each team before each match and congratulated them after each match. Their team sportsmanship was a shining example to me and spectators. I told them I was proud of them several times. These girls have a bright future ahead of them with their attitude of hard work and perseverance.

During practices, I used the CD "Knowledge Master". One of the categories is sports. A few days before the Academic Bowl, the team practiced all the questions in this category. They had so much fun that they insisted on going through it again at each practice. During the Academic Bowl weekend, I would ask several questions from this category and they would answer in a split second with a smile on their faces. They even asked a few questions themselves from the same category. These girls love to learn and it's very contagious!



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Western Region Academic Bowl (WRAB) 2010

February 18-20, 2010 brought 16 different school teams to the Sanderson Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for the Western Region Academic Bowl competition. The WRAB was a HUGE success! This success was due to the preparation completed before hand by Chair, Kristi Mortensen, and the OUTSTANDING team of over 50 volunteers and Deaf Center Staff! Many of you put in long and hard hours to contribute to the success of the WRAB! While we were not able to express our thanks to some of you personally, both Kristi, and myself, are VERY appreciative to EACH AND EVERY ONE of you for your time, skills, attitude, and HARD WORK! MANY THANKS to ALL of you that contributed to this fabulous event!

Competitions were held on Friday, the 19th and Saturday, the 20th. The students played hard and did extremely well. In the end, the final match was between TAPS (Tucson Arizona Public Schools) and CSDF (California School for the Deaf – Fremont). The end result was CSDF winning the 1st place over TAPS of a score 73-47. You can read through the results of all the games by clicking on <http://ab.gallaudet.edu> for more information.

1st Place – California School for the Deaf – Fremont (CSDF)

2nd Place – Tucson Arizona Public Schools (TAPS)

3rd Place – University High School (UHS)

4th Place – New Mexico School for the Deaf (NMSD)

On a side note, 2010 is the LAST year that the Academic Bowl will be at any host school. Next year begins a new chapter in the Academic Bowl. Next March, 2011, ALL the schools that want to participate will go to Gallaudet University for a week long competition that will end with a national winner! While this is an exciting change, it brings some extra difficulties. Each team will need to earn their own money to pay for their trip to Gallaudet each year. It is anticipated that many fundraisers will be held during each year to help raise money for the students from Utah and their coaches to be able to fly to Gallaudet University to compete in the Academic Bowl. Watch for more information to come regarding these fundraisers!

20 Years Ago – Welcome Darlene

Darlene Cochran is the new peer counselor. She will be working with Diane Cornell at the Utah Community Center for the Deaf and at the Independent Living Center to meet your needs. Darlene is excited about her new job and is looking forward to working with you.

Society Page

New Office Manager

Meredith Winn has been hired as office manager for the Southern Utah Deaf and Hard of Hearing office. In her position, she gathers information and informs everyone, organizes whatever needs to be done for activities, meetings, workshops, and classes. She assists in teaching basic ASL classes.

To get a sense of what Meredith is like: she loves to hike and shop, and she's learning how to sew and make clothes. She enjoys movies. She grew up around horses and loves to ride them. She is also a licensed esthetician who does skin therapy such as facials, body treatments waxing, and makeup.

Meredith was raised in Paradise Utah (near Logan), has two brothers both of whom are firefighters, and one sister, Melissa Winn Julien. Melissa and Meredith are hard of hearing. Meredith loves St. George and hopes to never leave.

OBITUARIES

January 31, 2010 - Paulino passed away peacefully. It was Paulino's wish that no services be held. Interment took place in Taylorsville. He was preceded in death by his wife, Vera Garahana, of 50 years, who passed away February 15, 2002.

RATTLES 'N' POWDER

February 12, 2010 – Mason, son of Jill and Craig Radford of Herriman. He joins his siblings, Alexis, Taylor and Jordan.

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MILESTONE

Family and friends alike gathered on the Sunday after his birthday to celebrate Dr. Robert Sanderson's 90th birthday. One of his sons, Gary, surprised his dad by coming from Pasadena, California to spend a few days with him. His other son, Barry, lives in Layton with his wife Teresa. Barry and Teresa have two children, Mikki and Robbie.

Deaf Advocates Were There!

Why did we go to the state capitol?

We, the state employees, showed our disagreement against the legislative attempts to change our retirement system that would influence our future.

What was going on?

With huge cutbacks in 180,000 employees' pension benefits for future workers and eliminating a 1.5 percent 401(k) match would throw the monkey wrench in our financial future.

Senator Dan Liljenquist from Bountiful proposed four bills that would change the whole picture of the retirement. As of today, one of the bills was thrown out.

- These bills will affect state workers, firemen and police forces
- These bills will reduce the benefit package for new workers therefore it will be harder to find good employees to do hard jobs.
- Also the retirement date for employees would be increased by 5 years. For example the usual number of working for the state is 30 years before the retirement could be drawn in full. Now it will be increased to 35 years.

What has the Great recession done to the state employees?

- Their stock market is hit
- The state pension fund's value is down by about 20-30% It took 80 years to build this pension before it became another victim to the Great Recession
- Nearly 800 state employees were laid off.

One speaker expressed, "If we are cut, the state government will really be messed up. Some of us current employees may want to leave state government. We have accepted low pay because of the god benefits...and future new potential workers will look for better paying job in the private sector.

2,500 supporters were expected, but 4,000 were there on that glorious day!

Local News

Alumni Gather for Gallaudet Club

With Gallaudet University sponsoring the Western Regional Academic Bowl, alumni gathered to socialize at the Gallaudet Club, held at Crystal Inn, and to hear from various Gallaudet people.

Sam Sonnenstrahl, executive director of Gallaudet University Alumni Association and director of Gallaudet University Alumni Relations, spoke of working together to make Gallaudet events successful, such as the Academic Bowl. On behalf of GUAA, he wished Dr. Robert Sanderson a happy 90th birthday. Sandie graduated from Gallaudet College (as it was known then) in 1941.

Lorin Melander, president of Beehive Chapter of GUAA, thanked local alumni for volunteering at the Western Regional Academic Bowl, and said he was excited about having Gallaudet people visit Utah.

Alyce Slater Reynolds, president of GUAA, mentioned how much more involved alumni have been with Gallaudet affairs in recent years and encouraged alumni to support the university by giving.

With Dr. Alan Hurwitz, president of Gallaudet University, unable to attend, Dr. Jay Innes, dean of CPSO (College of Professional Studies and Outreach) represented Dr. Hurwitz. Dr. Innes spoke about the strategic plan and changes at the university.

Patsy Bowman, Development Officer at Gallaudet University, explained the Buff and Blue Fever (class competition in terms of donations). She encouraged alumni to contribute on a continuing basis so that alumni could be counted.

David Reekers, from the GU Admissions Office, gave information about the new admissions requirements and how Gallaudet is retaining students to graduation. He also indicated that the quality of students has improved, leading to better retention rates.

There were door prizes. An auction was held for a Gallaudet afghan; the highest bid was \$250. The proceeds will go to student scholarships.

The program concluded with Sandie cutting his birthday cake and sharing it with everyone.

Maturity Conference 50+

Spring means more people get out of the house to have fun!

There will be a first-time conference for baby boomers and seniors on Saturday, April 24, 2010 from 9 am to 4 pm at Sanderson Community Center. Among interesting subjects, have you heard about the brain fitness training? What about Balance Dysfunction Program? Could mixing pills be considered as poison? CODA and CHF Awareness will be explained as well. Multiple booths for browsing will be available to enjoy. A salad-soup buffet style will be provided. Interpreters and CART services will be available as well. Registration will be required for sponsorship purposes and more information will come available in the beginning of April, so watch for the coming flyer!

For more information, please contact Eleanor McCowan at emccowan@utah.gov.

Utah Deaf Women Conference

PAH...something for deaf and hard of hearing women at last!

This conference will be held on Friday, June 11 and Saturday, June 12, 2010. A buffet with the keynote speaker will be held on Friday. A few workshops for women only and luncheon with another keynote speaker will be on Saturday. There will be booths to share information that women can learn to appreciate knowing more about themselves.

Speakers are still being sought. If you have something that you want to share with the women, please contact Eleanor McCowan at emccowan@utah.gov.

Again, the registration will be required for sponsorship purposes and more information will come out in the beginning of May, so watch for the coming flyer!



Spring Is In The Air!

Saturday, March 20, 2010

Everyone is Invited!

Host

Utah Association for the Deaf

Sanderson Community Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
5709 S. 1500 W. in Taylorsville, UT 84123



1 pm * General Meeting

Speaker: *Andrea Vigil*
Miss Deaf Utah Ambassador

3 pm * Dinner & Entertainment

Italian Dinner with Friends & Family

Lasagna, French bread, tossed salad & dessert

UAD members: \$5.00 Non-members: \$7.00

Eric Lynn and Gary Leavitt

Entertainers

RSVP Deadline: **Tuesday, March 16, 2010**

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Gerald! Gerald! Gerald!

What is Gerald, you ask? Now that we have your attention...

It's an ASL movie with well known deaf actors. Here's a description of the movie...



This film is a journey of a young man, Corey, yearning for kinship until one day discovers he has a Deaf autistic grandfather he has never knew, Corey was determined to make connection regardless. The family ties and secrets unbeknownst to the young man have surfaced, and all the events suddenly unfold. Soon afterwards, the discovery leads to chain of events that entwines the young man to the unknown. A powerful, emotional and continuous twist of events that leads to shocking truth. Rated PG

Actors are Andy Vasnick, Micaela Paulone and Russell Harvard. The movie is produced by Michael Wood, who produced *The Legend of The Mountain Man*.

When will you see Gerald? Ahhhh...

On Friday, March 26 and Saturday, March 27 – 7:00 each night – at the Sanderson Community Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, 5709 South 1500 West, Taylorsville.

Tickets are \$11.00 each, and can be purchased in one of two ways:

At the UAD Bookstore. Hours are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 1 to 5; Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 7.

On the UAD website. 24/7, you can log on to www.uad.org, look at the right side below 'Highlights,' and click on the link below the Gerald picture. Order your tickets there.

This is a great movie for deaf and hard of hearing people, as well as interpreters, ASL students in high schools and colleges, people who mingle in the deaf community.

Come one, come all!



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF *THE LEGEND OF THE MOUNTAIN MAN*

MICAELA PAULONE

ANDY VASNICK

RUSSELL HARVARD



GERALD

A TWIST THAT BRINGS THEM ALL TOGETHER

Friday, March 26, 2010 • 7:00 PM (Gym)

Saturday, March 27, 2010 • 7:00 PM (Lecture Hall)

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Deaf Community Calendar

Date	Description	Time	Date	Description	Time
Mar 1	Dog Service Training	5:00 pm	Mar 16	Parenting Class	5:30 pm
	ASL Level 1 Class - St. George	5:30 pm		Where, How, Why of ASL - St. George	6:00 pm
Mar 2	ASL I Class - DATC	11:30 am	Mar 17	Deaf Seniors Citizens of Utah	9:00 am
	Girls' Basketball Clinic	4:00 pm		Scrapbooking Club - St. George	10:00 am
	ASL I Class - DATC	4:30 pm		DSDHH Advisory Council	5:00 pm
	Parenting Class for Deaf Parents	5:30 pm		ASL Level 1 Class - St. George	5:30 pm
	CASE Class Part 2	6:00 pm		SLCAD: Self Defense	6:30 pm
	Speechreading Class	6:00 pm		ASL Level 2 Class	7:00 pm
	Where, How, Why of ASL - St. George	6:00 pm		Hearing Loss Association of America	7:00 pm
Mar 3	Deaf Seniors Citizens of Utah	9:00 am		"Doctrine and Covenants: Sections 77-138"	7:30 pm
	Scrapbooking Club	10:00 am			
	Scrapbooking Club - St. George	10:00 am	Mar 18	ASL I Class - DATC	11:30 am
	Relay Utah Consumer Council Meeting	4:30 pm		Free Legal Clinic	3:00 pm
	ASL Level 1 Class - St. George	5:30 pm		ASL I Class - DATC	4:30 pm
	ASL Level 2 Class	7:00 pm		Parenting Class for Hearing Parents	5:30 pm
	"Doctrine and Covenants: Sections 77-138"	7:30 pm		Deaf Spiritual Group	6:30 pm
Mar 4	ASL I Class - DATC	11:30 am	Mar 20	Skiing / Snowboarding Day	
	ASL I Class - DATC	4:30 pm		UAD Board Meeting	9:00 am
	Parenting Class for Hearing Parents	5:30 pm		Quilting Class: 2010 Year of the Recycle	10:00 am
	CASE Class - Part 2	6:00 pm		UAD General Meeting	1:00 pm
	Depression & Anxiety Resolution by Dr. Nedley	6:00 pm		Volleyball League	4:30 pm
	Deaf Spiritual Group	6:30 pm	Mar 21	Evening Children's Program	6:00 pm
Mar 5	Senior Citizens - St. George	6:30 pm	Mar 22	Dog Service Training	5:00 pm
Mar 6	Volleyball League	4:30 pm		ASL Level 1 Class - St. George	5:30 pm
Mar 7	Evening Children's Program	6:00 pm	Mar 23	ASL I Class - DATC	11:30 am
Mar 8	Dog Service Training	5:00 pm		Girls' Basketball Clinic	4:00 pm
	ASL Level 1 Class - St. George	5:30 pm		ASL I Class - DATC	4:30 pm
Mar 9	ASL I Class - DATC	11:30 am		Parenting Class	5:30 pm
	Girls' Basketball Clinic	4:00 pm		Where, How, Why of ASL - St. George	6:00 pm
	ASL I Class - DATC	4:30 pm	Mar 24	Deaf Seniors Citizens of Utah	9:00 am
	Parenting Class	5:30 pm		ASL Level 1 Class - St. George	5:30 pm
	Speechreading Class	6:00 pm		ASL Level 2 Class	7:00 pm
	Where, How, Why of ASL - St. George	6:00 pm		"Doctrine and Covenants: Sections 77-138"	7:30 pm
Mar 10	Deaf Seniors Citizens of Utah	9:00 am	Mar 25	ASL I Class - DATC	11:30 am
	ASL Level 1 Class - St. George	5:30 pm		ASL I Class - DATC	4:30 pm
	ASL Level 2 Class	7:00 pm		Parenting Class for Hearing Parents	5:30 pm
	"Doctrine and Covenants: Sections 77-138"	7:30 pm		Deaf Spiritual Group	6:30 pm
Mar 11	NWADB Basketball Tourney		Mar 26	Gerald Movie	7:00 pm
	ASL I Class - DATC	11:30 am	Mar 27	Breakfast with Bunny	9:00 am
	ASL I Class - DATC	4:30 pm		Volleyball League	4:30 pm
	Parenting Class for Hearing Parents	5:30 pm		Gerald Movie	7:00 pm
	Depression & Anxiety Resolution by Dr. Nedley	6:00 pm	Mar 28	Evening Children's Program	6:00 pm
	Deaf Spiritual Group	6:30 pm	Mar 29	Free Income Tax Help	9:00 am
Mar 12	NWADB Basketball Tourney			Dog Service Training	5:00 pm
	Ice Cream Social - St. George	6:00 pm		ASL Level 1 Class - St. George	5:30 pm
Mar 13	NWADB Basketball Tourney		Mar 30	ASL I Class - DATC	11:30 am
Mar 14	Evening Children's Program	6:00 pm		Girls' Basketball Clinic	4:00 pm
Mar 15	Dog Service Training	5:00 pm		ASL I Class - DATC	4:30 pm
	ASL Level 1 Class - St. George	5:30 pm		Parenting Class	5:30 pm
Mar 16	ASL I Class - DATC	11:30 am		Where, How, Why of ASL - St. George	6:00 pm
	Girls' Basketball Clinic	4:00 pm	Mar 31	Deaf Seniors Citizens of Utah	9:00 am
	ASL I Class - DATC	4:30 pm		ASL Level 1 Class - St. George	5:30 pm
				ASL Level 2 Class	7:00 pm
				"Doctrine and Covenants: Sections 77-138"	7:30 pm

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March 2010—Major Holidays Calendar

- 7 [Oscar Night](#) - a big change of date
- 8 [International Women's Day](#)
- 14 Daylight Savings Begins at 2:00 a.m.
- 15 [Ides of March](#)
- 17 [St. Patrick's Day](#)
- 20 [Spring \(Vernal\) Equinox](#)
- 20 [International Earth Day](#) - also called Sun-Earth Day
- 25 [Feast of the Annunciation](#)
- 28 [Palm Sunday](#)
- 28 [World Youth Day](#) date varies widely
- 30 [Passover](#) begins at sundown, lasts 8 days.

SOMETHING FUN FOR YOUR TEENAGERS

The Summer Day Camp for Teens is coming to the Sanderson Community Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing during the week of June 21 to 25, 2010 from 8 am to 4:30 pm. Deaf, hard of hearing and CODA children are very much welcome. Among the activities, there will be leadership challenging skills including a scavenger hunt right here in Salt Lake City, Wednesday is Teen Day (field trip out of Salt Lake City), Thursday is swimming, ...and much more! Volunteers are already jumping at the opportunity to have fun with the teens!

Please encourage families with deaf/hard of hearing teens to contact Eleanor McCowan at emccowan@utah.gov.

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