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Happy Belated 2009!

As I type this letter, I am in disbelief that March is already here. Where did the time go? We, the board, have been keeping ourselves busy with NCOD Alumni business lately. I will share updates that have happened since the last eNewsletter. Enjoy reading!

December 2008: NCOD and Alumni hosted a Holiday Brunch gathering at the GLAD building in Los Angeles. Our alumni, Sheena McFeely, did an outstanding job planning for the event. Many alumni, staff, and friends came together and caught up with news, enjoyed the buffet, watched different presentations, and laughed watching cute kids hitting the Pinata to collect yummy candies. Deanne Bray was a joy to watch as the emcee.

February 2009: We have selected a new chairperson for our NCOD Alumni Reunion. The chairperson is Scott Selna, one of our alumni and a current NCOD staff members. He has countless experiences in planning great events. He knows how to bring people together and have fun. He added reunion information on Facebook for alumni input on location where our next reunion should take place. If you have Facebook and have not joined our CSUN/NCOD alumni group, please search for us on Facebook and join! If you have any questions or are interested in helping out with reunion planning, please contact Scott at scott.selna@csun.edu.

March 2009: Our next alumni/friends gathering will be at Pat and Oscars on Saturday, March 15th from 5 to 7 PM during the Cal-Ed conference weekend in San Diego. If you are in the area or willing to drive, please come and join the fun. Meet other alumni, friends, some board members of NCOD Alumni Chapter, and NCOD staff. We would love to have dinner and chat with you! For further information, please contact Melanie Najaki, coordinator of this event at mnakaji@ucsd.edu.

April 2009: NCOD will be hosting its 2nd annual CSUN Sign and Run event on Sunday, April 19th. The alumni chapter will have a booth at the event. We want to meet old and new alumni, collect email address so that we can send you our announcements, share information about the alumni reunion in 2010, and collect any suggestions from you. Dana Foster Armendariz will be the NCOD Alumni board representative at the booth. Please do come and support NCOD’s 2nd annual CSUN Sign and Run event and meet us at the alumni booth. If you are unable to attend to the event, you can still show your support by collecting donations from family, friends, and coworkers and send a check to NCOD. For more information, the website address is http://www.csun.edu/ncod/ and you will find the link on the front page. This event will support our current deaf students meet their future goals.

May 2009: NCOD will have its annual Award Ceremony on Thursday, May 7th from 4 to 6 PM. This year, the NCOD Alumni Chapter will be giving a scholarship. A board member will be at the event to recognize the recipient for NCOD Alumni scholarship. We are excited about this.
Some more information to share:

- We, the board, meet online twice a month to discuss different alumni business. Our eNewsletter will be distributed four times a year: March, June, September, and December. If you have any announcements: marriage, birth of a child, new job, exciting information, job posting, or events- please email your information to Erika.guarino@comcast.net. She will be sure to add your information to the next eNewsletter for all of us to enjoy.
- If you would like to get in touch with the board, please send us an email at ncodalumni@gmail.com.
- Our alumni information is on NCOD website. Please check http://www.csun.edu/ncod/alumni/.

Before I close this letter, I want to thank my board for their involvement and dedication to the NCOD Alumni Chapter. I want to show my appreciation. Together, we achieve more.

Until the next eNewsletter,

Daniel J. Girard, President

CSUN/NCOD News
Dr. Roz Rosen, Director

Greetings!

We are still basking in the glow of February events at CSUN NCOD! Miss Deaf CSUN 2009-2011 was crowned. 17 undergraduate students were honored with a Dean’s List luncheon and enlightened further with Dr. Larry Fleischer’s mesmerizing presentation on time and change. About 30 students participated in Career Preparation training on interviewing skills. Student leaders in our new Tutorial Center obtained training to earn certificates as tutors. Things are good, in spite of the economic downturn which impacted on CSUN like all other state-funded programs.

Enrollment expectations and requirements are changing, partly due to the economics. CSU, which has 23 campuses and 450,000 students, is strongly encouraging students to begin their education in community colleges for lower division coursework and completing requirements before becoming eligible to transfer to a CSU university. This would free up seats for upper division students. Enrollment at CSUN has peaked at 36,500 students, which is 2,000 above our state-authorized enrollment allocation, so admissions at CSUN has undergone some changes of which alumni and allies need to be aware. Additionally, CSUN has defined tiers of applicants instead of automatically accepting all who qualify. Top preference will go to applicants from the top tier – residents of the Valley and the greater LA region. Also the applications deadline of November 30 for new freshmen students is strictly enforced. We are working with the administration to ensure that 1) deaf and hard of hearing students continue to be admitted as freshmen in order to benefit from our exemplary support services – thus enhancing their persistence towards and decreasing their number of years to graduation; and 2) qualified deaf and hard of hearing applicants from outside the top tier region continue to be admitted.
As reported earlier, the CSUN NCOD strategic plan has been completed and has the support of the CSUN administration. It was developed by a committee of representatives of students, alumni and staff, and finalized by me, to ensure alignment with changing University goals, priorities and values. The strategic plan is student-focused and is based on the 3 R’s – Readiness for University Work; Retention and Rate to Graduation. The strategic plan is posted on our website at www.csun.edu/ncod

Now we are focused on the 2009 Sign n’ Run 5K ASL Festival. The planning committee has 2 student co-chairs. This event, as was the 2008 Student Leadership Conference, is student-run, with staff advisors. This enables students to hone their planning, organizational, marketing and leadership skills. This year will be even better and bigger than last year’s Sign n’ Run! If you live within 2-3 hours drive, do plan to come!! If you can’t, donations to support the runners/walkers would be most appreciated. All proceedings go to the student scholarship and program fund. APRIL 19, 2009! Check the website www.csun.edu/ncod to get more info and to view the 2008 event photos.

NCOD is keeping up with internet technology – connections and announcements are made in FaceBook (www.facebook.com) via the CSUN NCOD alumni group which is easy for you to join and maintain connections with your friends and NCOD staff. There are already about 350 alumni members there. We are also updating our alumni email list; if you know of alumni who do not receive this newsletter please email us their contact info.

Please red-circle these dates at CSUN and check the website for more info:

Saturday March 14: Alumni dinner reunion in San Diego (during CALED conference) – contact Melanie Nakaji mnakaji@ucsd.edu for more information.

Saturday March 21: Legend of the Mountain Man Movie

Sunday April 19: 2nd Annual SIGN N RUN 5K ASL FESTIVAL at CSUN

April 25: CSUN Grand Reunion for everyone

Thursday May 7: NCOD Awards Day

Saturday October 24: 2nd CSUN NCOD Stars Gala, Cloud Awards and De VIA Art Auction

And hold early October 2010 for the Alumni Reunion, chaired by Scott Selna.

Your donation is needed to support much needed programs for our students. CSUN NCOD is funded only for basic services. NCOD needs gifts and endowments to enhance learning experiences, environments and scholarships, and to enrich total student development. Your gift, no matter how much, does help to solidify roots and fortify wings for our students. Please do consider.

We do want to stay in touch with you, our alumni and family members. Please email roz.rosen@csun.edu or visit us if you are in the Valley!
eNewsletter Editor Note:

Happy (almost) Spring!!! We will be publishing eNewsletters every 3 months (March, June, September, and December). We would love to hear from YOU! Please do feel free to e-mail me with ANY updates about yourself, your family, and events you may be a part of that you think the alumni would be interested in! I look forward to hearing from you when you e-mail me at Erika.Guarino@comcast.net

~Erika Guarino

Since our last eNewsletter, we have added a new Reunion Chair to the board. Below is our EXCLUSIVE interview with no one other than Scott P. Selna!

Erika: What is your name as if it hasn't already been mentioned four times by now!?

Scott: Scott P. Selna

Erika: When did you attend CSUN?

Scott: 1984

Erika: Wow! 😊 What is your current job and where?

Scott: Coordinator of Print Communication, providing captioning and volunteer notetaking services in classrooms at CSUN.

Erika: Why did you want to become Reunion Chair?

Scott: I’ve been on the last two reunion committees and now I would like to run the show! I hope everyone will enjoy themselves at October 2010’s CSUN/NCOD reunion.

Erika: Good advertising, Scott! What are your goals for this reunion?

Scott: To keep the costs down so everyone can be stress-free and enjoy seeing all their friends in this trying time with all the economic problems.

Erika: That’s terrific! I, for one, appreciate that! What are you currently doing in regards to the reunion?

Scott: Right now, looking at the different sites and negotiating with them all to see who will give me the best prices/package. I have put a note up on Facebook in the CSUN/NCOD group page asking people what location they would prefer. We are looking at the Hyatt Hotel in Valencia, Disneyland, and Las Vegas. If you have any input, please log on and share your feedback or email me!

Erika: And your email address is…?

Scott: scott.selna@csun.edu

Erika: Thanks! Now a couple fun questions… what is your favorite ice cream flavor?
Scott: Mint chocolate chip or cookie dough ice cream!

Erika: Yuck.. I mean, yummy!! What is your favorite thing to do?

Scott: Spending time with my family and going to sports events (Dodgers baseball and Ducks hockey)

Erika: I know people are dying to remember what you look like and see your beautiful wife, Lori, and your daughters, Lucy and Paige. I’m attaching a picture to the eNewsletter to show everyone!

Scott: Yikes.

--- Press Release ---

Miss Deaf CSUN 2009-2011 crowned in “star-studded” event!

*(Northridge, CA, Feb. 13, 2009)* --- “May I have the envelope please?” Emcees Nancy Hajdamacha and Joanna Hinojosa had the pleasure of announcing the following winners at the 2009 Miss Deaf CSUN Pageant held Friday, February 13th at the Northridge Center: Best Talent – Rabia Kazi; Best Evening Gown – Danielle Duran; 2nd Runner Up – Rabia Kazi; 1st Runner Up – Darem Han. And the new Miss Deaf CSUN 2009-2011: Danielle Duran, a senior majoring in Sociology.

This event allows Deaf women to recognize and polish their communication and interpersonal skills and also appreciate and share their own individual talent. The success of the event was a direct result of the careful planning of the chair, Manako Yabe and the Assistant Chair, Mardjon Salehibakhsh and the support of their hard working committee.
There was a full house of 215 members of the Deaf and hearing community in the audience to celebrate and watch the 16th biennial Miss Deaf CSUN Pageant at CSUN. The audience cheered as the emcees called the contestants to the stage: Amanda Andrews from Bullhead City, Arizona, Danielle Duran from Santa Clarita, California, Malihe Ghazanfari from Columbus, Ohio, Darem Han from Seoul, Korea, Rabia Kazi from Santa Clarita, California and Laura Wulke from La Canada, California.

Trying to score the Private Interview, Talent, Evening Gown and On-Stage Interview was challenging for judges Gregg Brooks, Sharon Dror, Evelina Gaina, Maisha Franklin, Nancy Popovich and Michael Sidansky. These young women all brought to the event their very best. The tellers, Cathy McLeod and Jennifer Spensieri, entered the individual judges’ scores into computers to generate the final results for each category.

Just prior to the announcement of the winners, Miss Deaf CSUN 2007-2009, Manako Yabe, gave her Farewell Speech. There were few dry eyes in the house as she used the metaphor of a dandelion to describe how she hopes to spread her seeds of influence to the contestants and young students she meets.

As Miss Deaf CSUN, Danielle will now compete in the Miss Deaf California Pageant at the California Association of the Deaf Conference this August in Fresno, California. If she wins there, she will represent California in the National Miss Deaf America Pageant of the National Association of the Deaf in Philadelphia in 2010.

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Outgoing Miss Deaf CSUN Manako Yabe and Incoming Miss Deaf CSUN Danielle Duran
The Capital Regional (Sacramento Area) CSUN/NCOD Chapter had a Super Bowl party at Nancylynn Ward’s house. Nancylynn was also elected secretary of the chapter that evening. She joins Lisalee Egbert, President; Elena Gomez, Vice President; and Steve Mutti, Treasurer on the board. Approximately 30-35 people attended the party and a good time was had by all!

Check out these pictures and see if you recognize any old classmates/friends!
Upcoming events that you KNOW will be THE place to be!

Sunday, April 19, 2009 8:30am - 2:00pm

Sign Festival - Sign n’ Run* Festival

*Event is inclusive and open for all - - runners, walkers & users of strollers and wheelchairs.*

What? 5K and ASL Festival! Prizes, Entertainment, Exhibits, & Shows!

Who? EVERYONE! Students, Staff, Faculty, Alumni, Families, Friends, Signers, & Non-Signers

Why? To Celebrate American Sign Language, Deaf Culture, Community, & Connections

Where? The Campus of California State University, Northridge (CSUN)

Register to participate as a runner/walker with sponsors. Children under 13 free.

What for? Funds for Student Scholarships and Programs.

There will be entertainment programs, facepainting and mini-races for kiddies, information and crafts booths, and much more!! REGISTER NOW -- $10.00 and get a free t-shirt. Kids under 13 free. Bring the whole family and neighborhood with you!! Come one, come all.

Check [www.csun.edu/ncod](http://www.csun.edu/ncod) or email [ncod@csun.edu](mailto:ncod@csun.edu)
And if you need some more motivation... check out this picture from last year's event!

CSUN Sign ‘n Run Festival – 2008

Special request from both NCOD and the Alumni Executive Board: PLEASE support the [CSUN Sign ‘n Run Festival](#)!!! You can either join the festival or send a monetary contribution. Please be sure to read the announcement and give the event your support! It will be greatly appreciated!

SOCIAL!!! SOCIAL!!! SOCIAL!!!

Hello All!

I'd like to invite you to our NCOD/Deaf CSUNians social event at Pat and Oscar's restaurant on March 14th from 5-8 pm in San Diego. You'll receive 10% off of your order if you mention that you're with our
The workshop schedule is now available for the Spring Sign Language & Interpreting Celebration on April 24-25, 2009 at the Anaheim Convention Center (near Disneyland). Visit www.OhSoEZ.com for the details. The link to the schedule is on the home page.

NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER!

There are some wonderful presenters and some awesome workshops! Workshop topics include Musical Interpreting, Religious Signing, Voicing, Tri-Lingual/ Latino, Educational Interpreting and MORE! There are workshops for ALL levels from Sign Language students to Professional Interpreting. There are renowned presenters such as noted author and Deaf Parliamentarian, Gerald "Bummy" Burstein, Jenna Cassell, founder of Sign Enhancers and Samantha L. Terzis, executive director of Gate Communications. There are many other awesome presenters so visit www.OhSoEZ.com to find out who. Presenter list and workshop list is subject to change, but all the workshops will be awesome!

DON'T MISS THIS AWESOME EVENT!

www.OhSoEZ.com

SPREAD THE WORD TO YOUR FRIENDS AND MAILING LISTS!

Visit our sponsors:

Southern California Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf - www.scrid.org
Dawn Sign Press - www.dawnsign.com
Join Alumni & friends for

CSUN Day at Los Angeles Dodgers Spring Training
Be a part of the Inaugural Season at the new Camelback Ranch in Glendale Arizona.

Dodgers vs. San Diego Padres
* Sunday, March 29, 2009
* Gates open: 10:00 a.m.
* First Pitch: 1:05 p.m.
* $20 per person includes game ticket, Dodger & CSUN prizes, a talk from a high ranking Dodger official and other surprises

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A PRE SALE ONLY
Tickets will be held at Camelback Ranch Will Call

DEADLINE TO ORDER TICKETS IS MARCH 16

ORDER TICKETS Online: www.csunalumni.com
Phone: 818-677-2137
Or
Check payable to "CSUN Alumni" (CHECK MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 16)
Mail to: CSUN Alumni Relations
18111 Nordhoff St - UN305
Northridge CA 91330-8385

Travel & hotel accommodations are the responsibility of the individual.
The Phoenix area is a great place to visit this time of year so make it a long weekend (Tues March 31 is Cesar Chavez Day).
For a list of local hotels and other information, go to www.dodgers.com and click on Spring Training.

This event is co-sponsored by the CSUN Journalism Alumni Association.

Cheryl McMillan
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Family Bowling Night

Saturday
March 7, 2009

6 pm -12 am

Montrose Bowl
2334 Honolulu Ave.
Montrose, CA 91020

$20.00 per person
Includes shoes and unlimited games.
(Food and drinks not included.)

All proceeds will go to KODAWest.

Everyone welcome!
Deaf, hearing, ASL Students, KODAs and CODAs!
Come one, come all!

For more information,
e-mail kodawest@aol.com

The whole bowling alley will be closed to the public and available only to patrons wanting to come and have fun and support KODAWest!! $20.00 for the whole night!

Unlimited bowling! Bowl until you drop! Bring anyone! Spread the word!

KODAWest
3rd Annual KODA Camp

Near Big Bear Lake, CA

Camp Whittle
June 27th- July 4th, 2009

Hearing kids of deaf adults (KODAs) ages 8 thru 16 will enjoy an amazing experience, exploring their identity as bicultural individuals through increased awareness of ASL, deaf culture, hearing culture and by sharing their own stories.

KODAs will spend seven days and six nights at Camp whittle, located in the
San Bernardino Mountains near Big Bear Lake, CA.
Activities will be included archery, nature, arts and crafts, horseback riding, swimming, kayaking, rope courses and leadership/team building skills.

Camp Director, Molly Bowen, a CODA from Northern California, currently works as the program manager/Assistant Camp Director with Camp Grizzly Youth Leadership for Deaf, Hard of hearing and KODA children under NORCAL Center on Deafness. She has been involved with Camp Grizzly since its inception in 1999. In her 2nd year with KODAWest Camp, she will lead an experienced team of counselors in providing fun activities that help campers understand their unique heritage. KODA Campers will have a great time, and leave with a deep appreciation of their group identity as KODAs.

**Early Bird Price:**
$425.00
(on or before April 2, 2009)

**After April 2, 2009:**
$450.00
(on or before May 2, 2009)

**After May 2, 2009:**
$485.00

*All registrations require $125.00 deposits.*

Spaces are Limited
First come, first served based on postmarks, completed applications, and demographics.

For camper applications, open attachments, complete, and mail to:
KODAWest
3727 W. Magnolia Bl., #273
Burbank, CA 91505

Questions? e-mail kodawest@aol.com

Interested in becoming a camp counselor or Counselor-In-Training (CIT)?
e-mail kodawest@aol.com
Attn: Molly Bowen
Welcome to JASK! - www.JaskCSUN.com

JASK stands for 'Just ASK'!!!

JASK is a Deaf awareness month held at California State University, Northridge.

JASK is organized under the Deaf CSUNians, an awesome student organization for deaf and hard-of-hearing students at CSUN, and the sole purpose of JASK is to raise Deaf awareness within CSUN and the greater Los Angeles area through educational, social, and cultural events.

JASK will begin on Monday March 2nd and end on April 1st. Visit this website to keep updated on all the exciting events and presentations to be provided by JASK and the Deaf Studies department!

Let's get together and celebrate our Deaf culture, the Deaf community, and American Sign Language with everyone! :)

Schedule (Note: Dates and times are subject to change)

**Monday March 2nd - JASK begins!**
4:30 pm to 7:00 pm at Shoshone room in Satellite Student Union, 17950 Lassen Street, Northridge, CA 91325
    Jackie Roth presentation - 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm
    JASK Committee welcome & short film - 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

**Thursday March 5th - Deaf Studies Association (DSA) Fundraiser at Panera Bread** 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at 19662 Nordhoff Street, Northridge, CA

**Friday March 6th - Jamaica Crew Presentation**
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at National Center on Deafness (NCOD) Multi-Purpose Room (MPR), 18111 Nordhoff Street, Northridge, CA 91330

**Saturday March 7th - I Survived a Deaf Game Show**
11:00 am to 4:00 pm at Mason Park, 10500 Mason Avenue, Chatsworth, CA 91311 (BBQ will be provided - bring cash)

**Thursday March 12th - Robin Horwitz presentation**
2:00 pm to 3:30 pm at Shoshone Room in Satellite Student Union (SSU), 17950 Lassen Street, Northridge, CA 91325
Thursday March 12th - Matador Bowling Night
9:00 pm to 12:00 am at Brunswick Matador Bowl, 9118 Balboa Boulevard, Northridge, CA 91325

Friday March 13th - Spring Banquet Fashion Show
6:00 pm to 8:30 pm at Northridge Center in University Student Union (USU), 18111 Nordhoff Street, Northridge, CA 91330

Saturday March 14th - Deaf Day at Disneyland
8:00 am to 12:00 am at 1313 South Harbor Boulevard, Anaheim, CA 92802 ($51.00 each person before March 14th - must buy at one of the GLAD locations - see calendar for GLAD locations)

Monday March 16th - John Egbert presentation
5:00 pm to 6:30 pm at Manzanita Hall room 130, 18111 Nordhoff Street, Northridge, CA 91330

Monday March 16th - Happy Birthday DSA!!!
7:30 pm to 9:30 pm (location to be announced)

Tuesday March 17th - Dirksen Bauman presentation
5:00 pm to 6:30 pm at Sequoia Hall room 104, 18111 Nordhoff Street, Northridge, CA 91330

Wednesday March 18th - JASK Fear Factor
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Dearborn Park, 17141 Nordhoff Street, Northridge, CA 91325

Saturday March 21st - ASL Film: The Legend of the Mountain Man 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm (two showings) for $10 per ticket at Charles H. Noski Auditorium, 18111 Nordhoff Street, Northridge, CA 91330 (see calendar for more information)

Monday March 23rd to Thursday March 26th - Camp Read
Students will be visiting various deaf and hard-of-hearing programs in infant/preschool, elementary, and middle schools in the greater Los Angeles county and share ASL storytelling to promote reading

Tuesday March 24th - Deaf Game Night
(time to be announced) at University Student Union (USU) Game Room, 18111 Nordhoff Street, Northridge, CA 91330  co-hosted by Deaf CSUNians, Deaf Studies Association, Alpha Sigma Theta, Kappa Sigma, and Lambda Sigma Pi

Wednesday March 25th - Victor Palenny presentation
5:00 pm to 6:30 pm (location to be announced)

Thursday March 26th to Saturday March 28th - Tamales De Puerco  A trilingual play: ASL, English, and Spanish  7:30 to 9:00 at Little Theater in Nordhoff Hall, 18111 Nordhoff Street, Northridge, CA 91330
Friday March 27th to Sunday March 29th - DSA Silent Weekend weekend in Alpine Meadows, CA

Monday March 30th - Real Women, Real Beauty performance
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm (location to be announced)

Tuesday March 31st (Cesar Chavez holiday - campus closed) - Filming of Price is Right 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at 7800 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90036 (note: must sign up in advance to participate - 25 participants maximum!)
BBQ to follow in Northridge, CA (if weather permitting) 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm (location to be announced)

Wednesday April 1st - Comedy Night (Last day of JASK!)
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Music Recital Hall (Cypress Hall room 158) Jon Savage performance from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Open Stage Student Improv & JASK Committee Farewell from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Parade of Deaf Heroes

Jackie Roth
Living in Both Worlds - One’s Journey in the Search for an Identity
3/2/2009 4:30pm - 6:00pm
Shoshone Room, Satellite Student Union (SSU)

Robin Horwitz
Hawk Relay’s Philosophy - Giving back to the community with Riding for Deaf Schools and Hawk Relay Cycling Team
3/12/2009 2:00pm - 3:30pm
Manzanita Hall room 130

John Egbert
The Missing Link: Data Flow Education for the Deaf Child’s Mind
3/16/2009 5:00pm - 6:30pm
Manzanita Hall room 130

Dirksen Bauman
"Hearing Loss" to "Deaf Gain": Re-framing the Future of Human Diversity
3/17/2009 5:00pm - 6:30pm
Music Recital Hall (Cypress Hall room 158)

Victor Palenny
History of Deaf Russian Artists
3/25/2009 5:00pm - 6:30pm
Location TBA

Jon-Lenois Savage
"Spanish Spices"
4/1/2009 6:30pm - 7:30pm
Music Recital Hall (Cypress Hall room 158)
Job Postings

Deaf Adult Services is conducting a nationwide search for my successor as Executive Director. The deadline for applications and resumes is April 1, 2009. Please help me spread the word, we are looking for a qualified, deaf candidate. Please see summary description attached. You can also visit our website for more information on the agency. www.wnydas.org.

Thank you,
Sarah

Sarah Glenn-Smith, MBA, CI/CT
Executive Director
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Announcements

Interested in improving your computer skills? Check out this website: http://www.washington.edu/accesscomputing/dhh/academy/
The Z™ Videophones from CSDVRS Now Available to Federal Employees

Clearwater, FL [February 3, 2009] – CSDVRS, LLC, is now authorized to distribute its The Z™ 150 videophones to federal employees via the Department of Defense's Computer/Electronics Accommodations Program (CAP). "This is an exciting step forward for federal employees who require high quality video that supports firewall traversal and encryption ability, such as The Z™ 150 for the purpose of secure visual communication." said Chris Wagner, CSDVRS Vice President of Marketing. "Federal employees who are deaf or hard of hearing can now request The Z™ to be provided to them at no charge through CAP, which is a remarkable program that CSDVRS is proud to provide videophones for."

The Z™ 150 uses the same technology as some of the most advanced videoconferencing systems in the world, and was designed specifically for deaf and hard of hearing callers in partnership with world-renowned videoconferencing leader Tandberg. With a built-in 8.4-inch LCD screen and an easy-to-use keypad, federal employees can make calls with the touch of just a few buttons. The space-efficient videophone has a multitude of features, including incoming phone call flasher, call history, video/audio privacy, speakerphone/microphone capability, access to video remote interpreting services, and the ability to work with Internet firewalls commonly found in federal workplaces.

CAP provides free assistive technology and services to people with disabilities, federal managers, supervisors, and information technology professionals. The program also increases access to information and works to remove barriers to employment opportunities by eliminating the costs of assistive technology and accommodation solutions. This is accomplished through partnerships with federal agencies and vendors such as CSDVRS.

"In the federal government, fast and reliable connectivity is paramount," Sean Belanger, CEO, CSDVRS stated. "CSDVRS works closely with our customers to deliver world-class, dependable video communication solutions, such as the Z-150 videophone that enhance operational efficiency and, ultimately, allow deaf and hard of hearing federal employees to communicate effectively in their workplace."

Federal employees may request for a Z-150 by visiting www.tricare.mil/cap or e-mail z150@csdvrs.com for more information. More information about CSDVRS products and services may also be found at www.csdvrs.com.

About CSDVRS
CSDVRS, a video relay services provider, launched its inaugural service to the nation in 2000. By 2001, CSDVRS became the nation's only 24/7 provider, and also was the first to offer Spanish VRS, video mail and personal 800 numbers. CSDVRS was developed by and for deaf and hard of hearing individuals based on feedback from the nation's deaf and hard of hearing community. While other providers have followed our lead, CSDVRS is dedicated to that same spirit of innovation and commitment to excellence that took VRS from a dream to reality, by becoming the nation's premier VRS provider.
Do you know of anyone missing out on these fabulous eNewsletters? Please either get their e-mail addresses/mailing address and send them on to us or encourage them to get into touch with us at ncodalumni@gmail.com. We wouldn’t want them to miss out on updates for the Reunion!!!

The next eNewsletter will be going out in June! If you have any announcements or pictures or articles, please e-mail them to Erika Guarino no later than May 31, 2009!

Happy Spring!