

Oklahoma School for the Deaf

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The Equipment Distribution Program received another donation from the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma for the Senior Citizen's Hearing Aid Program in March 2022. The donation will help to provide approximately 187 hearing aids to senior citizens across the state. This is the third donation received from the Masons since 2018 and it is greatly appreciated by the program. Because of their generosity we have not had individuals on a waiting list since 2019.

The ASL Community Classes for the Spring of 2022 (February – April) had over 107,000 participants. We had participants from all over the US as well as various countries outside of the US.

Scharla Becker - Instructional

The instructional department finished the year with a celebration of learning on May 19. Both students and staff were recognized. Student recognition included special acknowledgement for:

- all Students of the Month
- other various individual students receiving special awards from elementary, middle school, high school teachers in content and character
- OSD-National Honor Society inductees (4 in total).

The teacher/staff recognition included special acknowledgment for all the ATOMS (Awesome Teachers of the Month).

The celebration of learning's top highlight was paying tribute to our Teacher of the Year (TOY); Sally Henry and our dual Employees of the Year (EOY); Starla Davidson and Sheila Wills. All three of these individuals received a \$500 check. Special thanks to our OSD Foundation for providing the monetary acknowledgment!

Our OSD Graduation occurred on May 25. The class of 2022 consisted of 3 members.

These seniors graduating were:

- Brook Queen
 - Valedictorian; plans after graduation are to enter the workforce, unsure on place of employment yet.
- Nacorra Johnson
 - Salutatorian; plans after graduation are to enter the workforce. Specifically plans to work for subway then possibly attend RIT/NTID this fall for general study not sure about the major yet.
- Pablo Gomez
 - Plans to enter the workforce working for Amazon.

Traci Prince, Director of Outreach

The Outreach programs at OSD continue to provide information and services to students, families, public schools and professionals statewide.

We have continued to monitor and update the **educational interpreter registry** for OSDE. Through outreach efforts, we identify interpreters who have not yet attained the required level of credentials to interpret in the public school. We provide resources, workshops, online mentoring and modules, and one on one mentoring to assist those interpreters.

We administer the **CEU program for educational interpreters** and keep track of their CEUs, notify of areas they are insufficient, and report to OSDE any interpreters not satisfying the requirements.

We hosted 3 student interpreters who participated in the **Interpreter Residence Program** in which they stay on campus for a 2 week immersion program to increase their ASL and interpreting skills.

Our **interpreter mentor** works with educational interpreters throughout the year. All participants in the mentoring program have increased their skills as well as credentials.

Our three **Educational Consultants** served almost 300 students and 90 school districts this school year. They also created an **“OSD Roundtable Discussion”** in which schools they are serving could attend monthly virtual discussions addressing pertinent deaf education topics. The consultants will be providing **professional development** for numerous public schools in the fall.

“Bison for a Day” is a newly created program that we hope to start promoting next year. Public school students can attend OSD for a day, attending class, participating in activities, and experiencing what it would be like to attend OSD.

Sarah Jameson and I hosted several **Lunch and Learn events** on campus this year. During these events we presented information about OSD and the OSD Student Ambassadors spoke about their experiences at OSD. During the May Lunch and Learn, a representative from Boomerang reached out and is donating many items to our Oklahoma Deaf Education Conference next week, our summer camps, events during next school year, and plans on donating to the OSD Foundation. Itemized donations will be documented.

Next week, June 6 - 9, we are hosting the **Oklahoma Deaf Education Conference**. Our theme is “Empowering ALL - Access, Language, and Literacy”. We have tracks scheduled for educational interpreters, teachers, and early interventionists. We currently have 152 attendees registered. Many OSD staff have been involved in planning and preparing for the conference. Wednesday night we will have performer and actor Warren “Wawa” Snipe performing at an outside concert. The Deaf community is invited to attend as well.