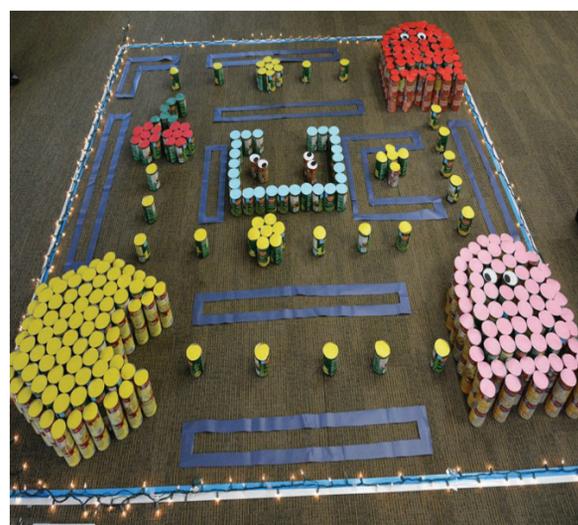


## Stock the pantry! Canstruction sign-ups open until September 30



Previous Canstruction Entries. (Photos provided by Phi Theta Kappa)

Grayson College Canstruction is a competition amongst members of the GC campus community as a means of collecting nonperishable food items for our campus food pantry. Faculty, staff, administrators, and students (including student organizations) are encouraged to form teams and participate in our Canstruction competition. Teams will use nonperishable items to build a structure, which will be judged against all entries. The teams designated as 1st and 2nd place will win \$200 dollars and \$100 dollars respectively. (Competition Guidelines continued on page 2)

## GNSA Welcomes incoming nursing students

By Sophia Dookan, GNSA Secretary

“Scared!” “Intimidating!” “Nervous!” These are some of the words that initially described the feelings of the new set of incoming nursing students who started this fall semester. After a tense, competitive application process to Grayson College’s prestigious nursing program, the new students were warmly welcomed by nursing faculty and members of the Grayson Nursing Students Association (GNSA) at the program’s orientation in July.

Many questions filled the minds of the incoming class as they were presented with information about class schedules, essential textbook materials, and clinical uniform requirements. Fortunately, the nursing professors were able to answer any questions they had, giving them a sense of assurance and positivity. The nursing professors of Grayson College all have extensive

knowledge in a variety of fields within the nursing profession. Their standards of educational delivery and patient care are held high as they whole-heartedly devote their time and energy into molding superior future nurses.

The program offers a student association dedicated to contributing to nursing education, high-quality patient and community care, and developing professionalism. GNSA was able to assist at the orientation by welcoming the new students, offering helpful advice, and providing gently used uniforms to purchase at a fraction of the retail cost. GNSA also provided lunch to students during their breakout session.

After the orientation, the novice nursing students left feeling confident, excited, and ready to start their classes towards earning their nursing degree.



Grayson Nursing Students Association serves lunch to new nursing students. Photo provided by GNSA.

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**Remember, anyone can contribute!**



Editorial

## Honoring the Texoma Regional Police Academy’s 50 years of service

By Bill Dixon, Instructor

Grayson College’s Texoma Regional Police Academy and the Criminal Justice Department are enjoying their 50th anniversary this year. Grayson College is proud of the many graduates of the academy who have gone on to distinguished careers with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. Locally, that includes Grayson County Sheriff Tom Watt, Cooke County Sheriff Terry Gilbert, Sherman Police Chief Zachary Flores, Bonham Police Chief Mike Bankston and many others.

For the past 50 years, the Texoma Regional Police Academy has been licensed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement to train and prepare candidates to take the Texas State Peace Officers Test. Graduates of the Texoma Regional Police Academy enjoy one of the highest pass rates in the state on the Texas Peace Officer Test. Graduates of the police academy who pass the state test are eligible for employment as fully trained and licensed police officers. The police

academy is offered twice a year as a full-time 20-week academy and once a year in an extended evening format to allow attendees to work while attending the academy.

Many of our academy graduates have also earned their Associates in Applied Science Degree (AAS) in Criminal Justice through Grayson College’s Criminal Justice Department. Many law enforcement agencies either require a two-year degree to apply for a peace officer position or receive additional pay for officers who have a degree. Our graduates have also entered law enforcement through many career paths other than police officers. The AAS Degree in Criminal Justice is also a great way to prepare students for the police academy.

Later this year the Police Academy and Criminal Justice Department will be hosting a reunion event for alumni, former and present instructors, and faculty of the two programs. This event is still in the planning stages.

## Connecting cultures: my experience learning American Sign Language

By Stephen Linn, Staff Writer

American Sign Language (ASL) is a beautiful form of communication. It is a visual language which cannot be truly written. Instead, any attempts at writing out ASL in linear format result in what is known as a “gloss” and is not nearly as efficient as the language itself. It is spoken among the deaf population of the United States and is the official sign language of our country. Yet ASL is more than just a language: since it is so different from spoken English, it completely represents Deaf culture. The values, beliefs, history, and struggles of the Deaf are represented by their language. ASL is the language of a people who were denied accessibility to public events, quality education, and even language itself—and many are still denied these things. Somehow, someone got the idea that just because he could not understand these people (or maybe because they could not understand him) they must be so incapable of doing anything that the idea of “deaf” equating to “different” and “broken” became widespread. So much so that even still today parents of deaf children are rec-



ommended to give the child cochlear implants and have them learn English instead of ASL (rather than alongside it). This comes at a great disservice to those children. What if, twenty years down the road, that child’s deafness becomes permanent and “unfixable” through the

use of technology and that child never learned ASL or got involved with the Deaf community? If they decided to stay mainstreamed (assimilated into hearing culture) they would be a twenty-something-year-old adult isolated from family and friends because they can’t hear what everyone is laughing about. If the person decided he wants to learn sign language, he is still capable of doing so; however, it will be much harder because he will have to start with the basics (things he would have learned as a child if he had been taught ASL when he was first diagnosed). He may become so overwhelmed that he could decide to remain in the shallow end of the ASL spectrum and never learn how to most efficiently communicate with hearing or Deaf. Lip reading and writing things down may work in a pinch, but it is not enough for daily communication. Written discussions take longer than they should and cannot be compared to the pure back-and-forth dynamic of a conversation without a pen acting as a middle-man. I asked a Deaf friend of mine, “What is one thing you would want all hearing people to know about Deaf people?”

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Editorial

## What I know about Resilience, I learned from CPS

By Clarissa Langlois, Student

I remember sitting in a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) workers' office. It was a very big room with a blocked-off upstairs section. It looked like normal, except for the window glass surrounding us. The worker told me that her boss was up there and was going to watch us for a little bit. I didn't think anything of it. The room was drenched in what smelled like hand sanitizer. She gave me toys to play with while talking to me about my home life. It seemed so simple. I never really knew anything about Child Protective Services or law enforcement because I never thought I'd need them. My parents had painted them as monsters who would separate my only sister and me if they were called or if we thought we needed them for any reason.

When the evaluation was complete, the staff members sent me out into the hallway. It turns out, they had both come to the conclusion that I needed to be removed from my home. They tried to explain it to me the best they could. I didn't mind leaving; I just didn't want to go without my younger sister. The worker told me that my sister couldn't

come with me and I needed to be strong. After what felt like hours of crying, I finally agreed when they promised I could see her again and visit her often.

***I didn't see her again for almost 6 years.***

I had to sit in a police car while the police officer and caseworkers spoke with my parents. My father gave the officer a trash bag and went back inside our house. I was told that I had 15 minutes to put everything I could in the bag and that was all I could take.

I ran around my room, trying to decide what I couldn't be without. I shoved all my comic books, stuffed animals, favorite clothes and photos into it. All of my most precious belongings were being carelessly thrown into a trash bag. It was dehumanizing.

My sister wasn't home from school yet but the officers wouldn't let me wait until she got home so I could say goodbye. When the time was up, I was shoved back into the police cruiser and was taken to a CPS office. I had to stay there all weekend while staff tried to find me a new home.

The CPS room was silent the entire weekend other

than the sound of random phone calls to the adults about my being denied places to live. Most of the foster and group homes were full. I spent the entire weekend eating crackers and reading my comics while people I didn't even know decided my fate. I still despise the taste of peanut butter crackers because of it. The caseworker's words kept replaying in my head as I lay in the little bed that barely fit me,

***"Your sister can't come with you, but you need to stay strong for her."***

I felt like I was on autopilot for 6 years. It was as if my life wasn't my own. I was bounced around many different foster homes. Every time I got used to being somewhere or even liked the family I was with, I had to move somewhere else.

When I thought things were going well, my foster parents would call my caseworker to say I wasn't a good fit. Once, I was moved because I accidentally ate a steak that I thought was my dinner. The foster mom claimed that I had stolen food from her.

After moving from home to home a couple of times, I eventually stopped making friends out of fear

I'd have to leave them. I spent most of those years by myself, though I made the best of it by focusing only on school.

There aren't a lot of children who are excited to come to school every day. This is especially true when it comes to foster children, who are more likely to drop out and become involved in criminal activities. For me, school was my escape. I wasn't allowed to do extracurricular activities so instead I turned every assignment into a game.

When I got an A on a test, I would let myself get a new book from the library. It was simplistic but books meant a lot to me. I could let go of my situation for a while and be in an entirely different world. I even wrote cringe-worthy stories where I'd put myself in the protagonist's shoes or use the lore to make my own to pass the time at my house.

Eventually my days as a high school student ran out, and I tried to decide what direction I was going to go with my life. I tried to join the military but was denied due to health problems. I thought about going to school and becoming a linguist, but it also didn't work out. I

started working at a mental health facility that helped low-income clients with mental health and substance-abuse issues. It was there I came across a 13-year-old client with an ankle monitor on her leg. She kept running away from her foster families and eventually got herself in trouble. We talked about the foster system and all the injustice we'd seen. As we conversed, it sunk in. These children are why I was on this earth and why I had gone through the things I had. I had to be strong not just for my sister, but for everyone whom I crossed paths with. They needed me. They needed my experience and strength. I didn't have the chance to have someone to encourage me and keep me going forward. I had to do it all alone, but I made sure that she didn't.

My ability to bend yet not break has played a key role throughout my life. It made me humble, compassionate and thankful for all that I have because I know how fast it can be taken away. I decided long ago that I will be the person that I wished I had and give a voice to the voiceless.

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There is no limit to team size; however, prizes will be awarded on a team basis. It will be up to the team to determine how to share/allocate the prize. Teams are responsible for collecting nonperishable items for the purposes of building their structure. Though it is called "Canstruction," any nonperishable items are permitted. Some things to keep in mind:

- Food cans of all sizes may be used. If using plastic containers, make sure they can take the weight of cans from above.
- No glass containers are permitted.
- No pet food or alcoholic beverages are permitted.
- Please avoid soda and junk food. Because the items used will be donated to our food bank, the focus should be on food with high nutritional value.
- All food items must be unopened. Labels must remain intact and legible.
- Use of boxed and bagged food items is permitted, but care should be taken in the building of the structure that the items are not crushed, torn, or damaged in any way.
- No expired food items should be used.

In building your structure, please remember these guidelines:

- The maximum size for a structure is 8ft long x 8ft wide x 8ft high. Structures must fit entirely within these dimensions.
- Props are **strongly** discouraged. Judges prefer pure food structures. Try to solve all design problems with nonperishable food items.
- Structures **must** be self-supporting. No boards, tubing, sheet metal, etc. **Permissible: 1/4in thick** foam core, cardboard, plywood, Plexiglas, threaded rod – for the purpose of leveling or balancing materials, but not as load bearing.
- Velcro, clear and double-sided tape may be used.
- High-tension rubber bands, nylon string, wire, and tie-backs are permissible.
- No permanent adhesives may be used.
- Teams are responsible for leaving their site "broom-clean."

The collection of nonperishable items may begin now. Teams will need to find a place to store their collected items as the build space will not be designated until November. Teams will need to register to participate in the event by emailing [ptk@grayson.edu](mailto:ptk@grayson.edu). **Teams must be registered by September 30.**

Teams may begin building their structures in their assigned areas on Monday, November 11 at 8am. Structures must be completed by Friday, November 15 at 4pm. Teams will be permitted to build their structures during normal hours of operation.

Judging will take place on Tuesday, November 19. The first-place team will win \$200 and the second-place team will win \$100. Prizes will be awarded per team, not per individual on the team.

NOTE: If the winning teams are from GC clubs/organizations then those clubs/organizations have the option of having the prize money deposited into their club accounts.

Be creative in your collection of nonperishable items. The sky is the limit! And remember, we are doing this to help students on our campus. This is a great opportunity to help others and have a little fun while doing so.

If you have any questions, please email Professor Mary Linder at [ptk@grayson.edu](mailto:ptk@grayson.edu).

## TEDxAustinCollege welcomes Grayson Student Life

**TEDxAustinCollege**  
an independently organized TED event



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By Storm Anderson, Viking Editor

TED talks first began in the mid '80s, but their popularity has exploded in recent years through the popularity of sites such as Youtube and Facebook. Originally standing for Technology Entertainment and Design, TED talks have since expanded to topics such as financial inequality, psychology, international relations, religion and seemingly any other topic one can imagine.

TEDx is a program that allows local communities (traditionally college campuses) to independently fund and organize their own talks. Only five colleges/universities offer TEDx events in Texas. Luckily, one of those schools is in our neighborhood.

TEDxAustinCollege has hosted TEDx events for the past several years. This year's event, titled *Shifting Perceptions*, features several Austin College alumni addressing homelessness, the inter-ception of technology and healthcare, the 2008 financial crisis and more.

TEDxAustinCollege will be held on **Saturday, September 28 from 9:30am to 2:30pm** on the Austin College campus. Tickets (including lunch) are available on the Austin College website for \$30, but don't be discouraged if you can't afford the fee!

The Grayson Student Life office is **giving away tickets** for the event and providing transportation from the Grayson main campus to Austin College. Lunch will be provided to students who register! Tickets are limited and on a first-come-first-served basis.

Reserving a seat will cost a \$5 fee. This money will be refunded to you once you arrive on the Austin College campus.

To reserve your space, please see OL Kelly in his office on the 2nd floor of the Life Center. (His office is behind the Student ID desk).

## Grayson welcomes back one of its own

By Marlene Phillips, Director of Advising and Outreach-CWL

Grayson College recently hired one of its own success stories in Alan Zhang, Grayson College Recruiter, for the Admissions Office.

Zhang lived in China until 2012 when he moved to Sherman to join his mom and stepdad. Zhang had finished high school and some college, including English language studies in China, but he saw value in the free, English language classes offered by Grayson College (GC). After 12 months in class interpreting the queen's English he learned in school, he was speaking English Texas-style.

Zhang considered his options for college admission and decided it would be best to seek a high school equivalency diploma, rather than have his high school diploma evaluated. So Zhang continued with GC's free classes until he successfully completed his GED®.

Zhang praised the instructors with GC's Adult Education & Literacy program; "I started my immigrant life at Grayson College with instructors like Kassy [Brazier], Carrie [Stell] and Andi [Brandhorst]. They were my bridge, and with them my appreciation for Grayson College started way before other students."

Zhang then enrolled in GC's Hospitality Management program, where he met Chef Rusty Weatherly and Chef Joanna Bryant. Zhang



Pictured: Alan Zhang

described Weatherly and Bryant as parents that took care of all the students. Zhang lauds Weatherly saying, "He's awesome. He's the one person that helped me the most. He's my life mentor, and he was my first reference for this job at Grayson College. I owe him a debt of gratitude."

Weatherly gave Zhang the determination to go beyond GC by arranging a university tour. With that visit in mind, Zhang became the first GC student with an Associate of Applied

Science degree in Hospitality Management to transfer to Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant. Zhang finished his Bachelor's of Business Administration with an emphasis in Hospitality Management at Southeastern in July 2018 and immediately enrolled in Southeastern's graduate school. Zhang completed his Master's of Business Administration with an emphasis in Human Resources a few weeks ago.

Thus in seven years, Zhang immigrated to the U.S., became fluent in English, earned a high school equivalency diploma, graduated from Grayson College and became a two-time graduate of Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Plus he worked that whole time too.

Zhang encourages anyone considering adult education classes to attend classes consistently and learn from the enthusiastic, patient teachers. However he confesses, "my biggest fear was the language barrier. That people would think I'm stupid. That it would be hard to absorb new knowledge and adapt to change. But, I see myself as hard working and gradually I learned."

We see Zhang as hard working, too.

Many congratulations to Zhang for his numerous accomplishments, and welcome back to Grayson College!

### FASFA DAY!

The new FAFSA opens this **October** for students to apply for federal student aid. This free application will apply to the 2020-2021 academic year (Fall 2020, Spring 2021 and Summer 2021).

The Office of Financial Aid & Veteran Services is hosting a FAFSA Day in October to assist students with completing the FAFSA. Students will also be able to participate in games and scholarship drawings. Refreshments will be provided.

Follow Grayson Financial Aid on Social Media and keep in touch with our office for more information to come.

### Important GC Dates

- 9/2 - Plan B Art Exhibit opens in the 2nd Floor Gallery
- 9/4 - Student Veteran Association (SVA) Meeting 12-1pm
- 9/18 - Student Veteran Association (SVA) Meeting 12-1pm
- 9/20 - 2nd Financial Aid Disbursement Date (if applicable)
- 9/20 - The Viking Deadline
- 9/20 - Plan B Art Exhibit closes
- 9/20 - A Game, Grayson Theatre, 2:00pm & 7:30pm
- 9/21 - A Game, Grayson Theatre, 7:30pm
- 9/22 - A Game, Grayson Theatre, 7:30pm
- 9/23 - Bookstore opens for Fall 2nd 8 Weeks  
(for students with financial aid eligibility)
- 9/26 - VA Mental Health Summit 9:30am-3pm
- 9/28 - TEDxAustinCollege
- 9/30 - Construction Signups Close

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Editorial

## A Viking in the Lion's den

By Cassandra Garcia, Staff Writer

Hello to my fellow Vikings! Many things have changed since I was your newspaper editor last year, like the fact that I am writing this article from my apartment in Commerce, Texas. Texas A&M University-Commerce started their classes on August 26, a week after Grayson. I was told over and over again that Commerce is just like Grayson; therefore, I have nothing to worry about. Unfortunately, I am worrying constantly. For my five classes I require ten textbooks, one of my online classes did not post until Wednesday, August 28, and I sincerely miss knowing people when I walk around campus.

I couldn't be happier that I am still a part-time Viking because of the sheer amount of change university puts you through. On the bright side, walking around Commerce's campus doesn't feel that different from Grayson's due to how the buildings are placed. My longest walk is from my apartment to my Spanish class in our Hall of Languages. I also love the fact we have a five-story library over here. First floor too loud? Go to the fifth! Barely anyone's up there, but there are a lot of books.

I managed to get my first Commerce scholarship over the summer from the Student Diversity and Inclusion Office; which has already been amazing due to a picnic we had the Sunday before classes started. We were given a bunch of free food, signed our contracts, and received our scholarship certificates. I was given an extra surprise when I found out one of my best friends I don't get to see that often was also one of the scholarship winners. (Quick note if you plan to transfer to Texas A&M University-Commerce: The scholarship I won opens every summer, so be on the lookout if you need the extra money!)

Becoming active on campus is a treat as well because Commerce literally has something going on every day. My roommate and I are already planning to go see the horror movie *Ma* for free in our student center. We also took a free 'First Day' picture together that's currently hanging on my wall, and we always try to read the bulletin boards and stands across campus to see if we can get some free merch or free food. Our first week alone I got two free shirts and a free bag! University is truly exciting, but I know no matter how nervous I am, I still have my Grayson family. That was one of my favorite parts about being a Viking.

I am on Grayson's main campus every Wednesday and Friday for Phi Theta Kappa chapter and officer meetings, so my offer still stands – if you see me on campus, feel free to stop me and ask questions. While you're at it, you could even stop by a Phi Theta Kappa chapter meeting in the Viking Room (located upstairs in the Life Center by the ping pong tables) any Wednesday starting at 12:30pm. We are always sure to get everyone out in time for their 1pm classes. I hope to see you all soon!



## Clubs & Orgs Meeting Calendar

Monday

**Cultural Diversity Club**  
Second and fourth  
Monday, 12:50-1:30p.m.,  
Int'l Student Life Office

TBA

**Delta Phi Delta** Art

**Electrical Technology**

**Grayson Nursing  
Student Association**

Contact Sophia  
Dookran  
sophiad03@yahoo.com

**Men of Distinction**

Tuesday

**Cosmetology Club**  
Bi-weekly, 8:30-9:30am,  
CTC

**Eta Sigma Delta**  
First Tuesdays, 3pm,  
Culinary Arts Building

**LEA** Criminal Justice  
12:30-1:30pm, TBA

**TIPPS** Culinary Arts  
First Tuesdays, 2-3 pm,  
691 Restaurant

**Writers Unlimited/SKD**  
Bi-weekly, 12:20-  
12:50pm  
Nightingale  
Room, Library

Wednesday

**Baptist Student  
Ministries**  
12pm, BSM Building

**Black Print**  
1pm Nightingale Room,  
Library

**Dental Assisting Club**  
11:30-12pm, HS 205

**HALO** Hispanic  
American Leadership  
Organization  
Second and fourth  
Monday, 1-2pm  
TBA

**Phi Theta Kappa**  
12:30-1pm, Viking  
Room

**Student Veterans  
Association**

First and Third  
Wednesdays, 12-  
1pm, Veterans Hub

**Vocational Nursing  
Student Association**

First and Third  
Wednesdays, 12-  
1pm, Veterans Hub

Thursday

**Honors College Club**  
12p.m., Viking Room

**Psychology Club**  
12:15-1p.m. CIS 202

**Student Government  
Association**  
1p.m., Viking Room

**Sisters of Destiny**  
Bi-Weekly, 12:15-1p.m.,  
Library

Friday

**Music Club**  
Bi-weekly, 9a.m., Choir  
Room, Arts and Com-  
munications

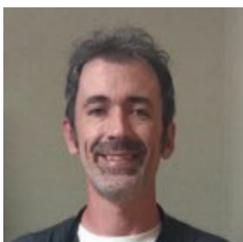
**Spirit Day!**  
Wear your Grayson  
Gear and celebrate your  
Viking spirit!

## New semester, new officers, new events for Grayson Nursing Student Association

By Sophia Dookran, GNSA Secretary

As a new semester begins, new officers were inducted in the Grayson Nursing Student Association (GNSA). Carly Sisemore was inducted as President, Shay Evans as Vice-President, Sophia Dookran as Secretary, and Jeremy Parker as Treasurer. The officers are responsible for performing a variety of tasks and event planning benefiting local communities and the nursing students throughout the semester, all while maintaining required exam grades and upholding high characteristics of professionalism and accountability as they represent Grayson College's respected nursing program. Leadership, advocacy and remarkable patient care are some of the elements these officers take pride in. Evans states, "My hope is that my actions inspire my peers to learn more, do more, and become more than they ever thought was imaginable."

The officers have been enthusiastically quick in action with planning a community service project set to begin mid-September where they will be collecting essential hygiene products and monetary donations for local school children in the surrounding Denison area. They



**GNSA Officer Team.**  
Top left: Carly Sisemore  
Bottom left: Shay Evans  
Top right: Sophia  
Dookran  
Bottom right: Jeremy  
Parker

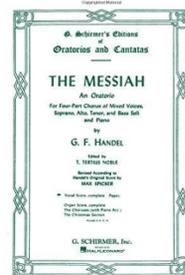
are also planning a Discovery Booth presentation at the TEDx event at Austin College taking place on September 28. A blood drive and possible bone marrow registration drive at Grayson College's Homecoming on November 9 is yet another event the officers are planning.

If you are interested in donating hygiene products and/or a monetary gift to support GNSA and their full-fledged efforts to promote wellness and life-saving measures, please e-mail Sophia Dookran at [sophiad03@yahoo.com](mailto:sophiad03@yahoo.com). Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

## Love to sing?

"Last Call" to come join the North Texas Concert Chorale, in partnership with the Grayson College Music Department. All voices are welcome! (esp. Tenor)

For the Fall 2019 season, the choir will be working on **Handel's Messiah**



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Her response was this: "Deaf and hearing are completely equal. The only thing a deaf person cannot do that a hearing person can is hear." Why would she choose to say that?

Because Deaf people have been discriminated against in the past, and still are today. Some hearing people may be shocked when they find out numerous Deaf can drive, hold normal jobs, be ASL interpreters, and even sing. Yet with all the same abilities as a hearing person, employers often turn them down because communication is too difficult.

Discrimination almost always comes from a lack of understanding. How can we truly understand Deaf

as equals if we are so adamant to use our voice and won't even try writing things down? ASL and English have a similar enough vocabulary that written exchanges are not impossible. Yet, the differences that exist between the two languages only open the door for misunderstanding.

We as hearing have a privilege. Our privilege is that we get to choose to break down that wall or not. We can choose to ignore the need for deaf to have access to the same random conversations we enjoy, or we can be satisfied with written communication, or we can choose to learn ASL and communicate—but we can't just take a class and become an expert in communication. One must get

involved with the Deaf community to really learn the ins and outs of the language and culture. Currently, the Texoma region does not have many signing socials (places where Deaf hang out and hearing can come and meet the Deaf community).

I know of one, and they only meet the last Friday of every month at the McDonald's on Texoma Parkway. This means there are not enough opportunities for people to practice ASL conveniently. I and a friend of mine want to remedy this by starting an ASL club here at Grayson—a place where we bridge the gap between the Deaf and hearing on campus. In this club, hearing students can be connected with ASL learning resources and

prepare for real-world interaction with Deaf by practicing their signing skills on a regular basis. We also want Deaf students to know that this club is for them too: a place where they can meet people in their community who actually want to learn their language and talk with them.

Currently, we are trying to find a faculty member to be our advisor and at least seven students who would join the organization. If you are a student or faculty member and are interested in joining the organization or have questions about our progress, activities, or other, please call or text the following:  
Sarah Davidson: 214-205-4437  
Stephen Linn: 812-646-2105

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