

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services

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Our mission...

is to enable students who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing at Eastern Kentucky University to achieve their educational goals, both personal and academic, to the fullest of their abilities by providing and coordinating accessible services which afford individuals equal opportunity to attain these goals.

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Please turn in class schedules for Spring 2009 to the interpreter coordinator as soon as possible.

As the semester comes to an end, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services would like to wish you a safe and happy holiday!



Meet the Graduate



Hello, my name is Chase Armstrong. I am from Anderson County, where I lived until I came to Eastern. My parents found out I was Deaf at the age of 5. This is when I began speech therapy which continued into my adult life. I was mainstreamed in elementary through secondary school. I received my first shock with Deaf

culture while a student here at ECU. I didn't realize my struggles until I met many deaf friends here. They helped build my confidence and assisted with my achievements. For this I thank all of my Deaf friends here at ECU.

ECU is the only school I applied to, I had heard so many wonderful things about their services and they met my needs. The services held true to their name, I received the best services possible, from interpreters to notetakers. I cannot thank them enough for all of their hard work. Deaf Student Services made sure I received the mode of communication I needed and made sure everything was accessible to me. I was comfortable asking for assistance and each time I asked, I was met with a friendly face and a "we will make it accessible" answer. The services gave me the ability to learn, to grow and to achieve my goal of graduating.

My regret is that I didn't use the library often enough. Each individual learns different. There will be hard times and easy ones, make sure you find your best study place and a study buddy. I didn't realize until my senior year how much being in the library inspired and motivated me to study, it is

You will be receiving interpreter evaluation forms soon. Please complete them and get them back into our office.



Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students: Your residence hall room should be equipped with a flashing alarm, if it is not, *contact our office immediately.*



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contagious; you should spend some time there. Don't be afraid to ask your instructor questions, that is what they are there for.

I will be looking for a job now that I will have my bachelor degree in hand. I am considering graduate school after I have worked full time and paid off the first loan. I want to find a good woman and get married and go on with life.

My most memorable moment would be Deaf night 2005 at BCM; I was the Deaf Ministry Director. I love doing ministry work in the Deaf community. That night I realized I could rise to the challenge of coordinating this event that included both hearing and deaf individuals and it was an honor to see how the evening was a success.

Finally, I want to thank Brother Andy for all of his honest advice. I want to thank all the EKU interpreters for their professional dedication to their roles.

Congratulations Chase, from

the interpreters in Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services!

Come show your support at his Commencement Ceremony

Saturday, December 20th at 10am.



Past Event

"Deaf World" was held this year on Friday, October 31st in conjunction with Disability Awareness Month.

Participants had to obtain a loan, negotiate and buy a car and go to the doctor only using sign language to communicate. Our goal, exposing the university community to what it is like for the deaf and hard of hearing community, received positive feedback. Many participants reported that their experience was fun and successful. Look for this event next October during Disability Awareness month.

Just a Click Away

Enabling captioning on DVD played on a computer is just a **click away**. Get your DVD playing through Windows Media on full-screen and right click on the video, click Lyrics, Captions, and Subtitles, select "On if Available". Another option that requires no clicking is to get it playing in full-screen mode and press ctrl, shift, C. It may take a moment for text to show up after turning the function on. If your instructor is showing a video in class, pass this information along so that they will be able to enable captioning for you. **Please note: not all video media files have text available and for those instances, you should see the information about transcription services below.**

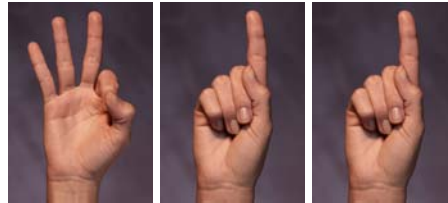


If you have any comments/submissions, wish to be added/deleted from our distribution list or need the newsletter provided in an alternative version please contact the newsletter at:
dhhsnewsletter@eku.edu

Modified Tone Radios

We have modified tonal radios provided by the City of Richmond to alert of emergency situations. Please stop by Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services to view and get additional information on this equipment.

Emergency Text Messaging System



EKU is now offering an emergency text messaging system. In the event of an emergency on campus, the system will be used to transmit text messages to your mobile device. This text messaging service is voluntary; however, you are strongly encouraged to opt-in. In order to receive these text messages you must register your mobile number by following the steps outlined below.

1. From the ECU homepage, click on "EKU Direct" and then log in.
2. At the top of the ECU Direct Main menu page, click on "Opt-In for Emergency Text Messaging".
3. From there, you will be directed to enter your mobile number; select your service provider and either opt-in or out. Once done, click "Submit" and you are registered.

Transcription Services

We now have transcription services available for videos or other media that may not be captioned. A transcription is a typed document of any spoken or other auditory information contained on a video or other media source. For more information about this service, please contact Shirley Rivard, Interpreter Coordinator at 859-622-2937 or shirley.rivard@eku.edu.

