**Tanea Brown**  
NAD Youth Ambassador  
2016 – 2018  
**HOMETOWN:** Wilson, North Carolina  
**CURRENT OCCUPATION:** Substitute teacher  
**ASTROLOGICAL SIGN:** Cancer  
*If I lived in 1817, I will do sewing and quilting.*

**Concetta (“Connie”) Pucci, PhD**  
Director  
**HOMETOWN:** London, Ontario, Canada  
**CURRENT OCCUPATION:** College Professor  
**ASTROLOGICAL SIGN:** Aquarius  
*If I lived in 1817, I would be teaching girls how to cook and advocate for their rights to work outside the kitchen!*

**Jose Martinez**  
Assistant Director  
**HOMETOWN:** Chicago, Illinois  
**CURRENT OCCUPATION:** Administration Assistant at the Maryland School for the Deaf, Columbia  
**ASTROLOGICAL SIGN:** Scorpio  
*If I lived in 1817, I would establish a Deafville in the East Coast, where there’s a large number of deaf people, and make American Sign Language our official language.*

**Kari Hansen, PhD**  
Judge and Evaluation Coordinator  
**HOMETOWN:** San Jose, California  
**CURRENT OCCUPATION:** Assistant Professor at Gallaudet University  
**ASTROLOGICAL SIGN:** Leo  
*If I lived in 1817, I’d be a midwife or a housewife.*

**Alim Chandani, PhD**  
Mentorship and Retreat Coordinator  
**HOMETOWN:** Delhi, India  
**CURRENT OCCUPATION:** Associate Vice President of Centum-GRO Initiative  
**ASTROLOGICAL SIGN:** Cancer  
*If I lived in 1817, I would have been a chandler (chandelier maker).*

**Renca Dunn**  
Stage Coordinator  
**HOMETOWN:** Council Bluffs, Iowa  
**CURRENT OCCUPATION:** Bible Translator  
**ASTROLOGICAL SIGN:** Virgo  
*If I lived in 1817, I probably would have been pushing against barriers to set up my own inn with a coffee shop for travelers.*

**Keith Delk**  
Social Media Coordinator  
**HOMETOWN:** Beach Park, Illinois  
**CURRENT OCCUPATION:** Cinematographer and Designer  
**ASTROLOGICAL SIGN:** Aries  
*If I lived in 1817, I would probably be a silent film producer and/or photographer.*
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**Domonic Gordine**

HOMETOWN: PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA  
OCCUPATION: UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AT ROSEMONT COLLEGE  
ASTROLOGICAL SIGN: SAGITTARIUS

If I lived in 1817, I probably would be the first to explore theories and ideas to assist in developing future technology that would make it better for all.

VIS: Use my mentorship to assist youth in building a strong deaf community with endless possibilities.

**Aleksandr Rozentsvit**

HOMETOWN: NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK  
OCCUPATION: POTENTIAL GRADUATE STUDENT  
ASTROLOGICAL SIGN: PISCES

If you lived in 1817, I would be writing all the amazing news stories about the ground-breaking news on the first school for the deaf and more can be established.

VIS: We need more deaf interpreters!

**Yeh Kim**

HOMETOWN: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
OCCUPATION: GRADUATE STUDENT AND TEACHER  
ASTROLOGICAL SIGN: TAURUS

If I lived in 1817, the first thing I must do is visit the American School for the Deaf (ASD) to be one of the teachers. I’d empower deaf and hard of hearing students with diverse background through true American Sign Language!

VIS: To improve accessibility for international deaf people to feel welcome in America.

**Franly Ulerio-Nunez**

HOMETOWN: NEW YORK, NEW YORK  
OCCUPATION: UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT  
ASTROLOGICAL SIGN: LIBRA

In 1817, I will play a role as a conductor and commit to free enslaved men, women, and children via underground railroad to escape from slavery. I will be activist for the abolishing slavery system.

VIS: To initiate American Sign Language (ASL) version of scientific entertainment to maximize our resources and knowledge in deaf communities.

**Mariah Dawn Punzalan**

HOMETOWN: KAHULUI, HAWAII  
OCCUPATION: UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT  
ASTROLOGICAL SIGN: GEMINI

If I lived in 1817, I’d love to help out with Laurent Clerc and Thomas Gallaudet to establish the first permanent school. I’d travel across the nation to establish more deaf schools.

VIS: Child Protection Services must provide the accessible and appropriate foster care placement for deaf children.

**Sheila Xu**

HOMETOWN: LAS VEGAS, NEVADA  
OCCUPATION: FORMER GRANTEE/TRAVELER/ENTREPRENEUR  
ASTROLOGICAL SIGN: GEMINI

If I lived in 1817, I would head to the American School for the Deaf (ASD) to support the deaf community of that time period. And of course, travel around the globe and sample all the delicious food.

VIS: To build a worldlier and educated deaf community, a robust online resource and in-person workshops are needed as first steps to encourage and support the deaf to find their opportunities to enrich their lives abroad.