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NATIONAL CONFERENCE

MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

NOVEMBER 8-12, 2023



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We believe:

That Junior NAD program is the outstanding textbook helper of the school;

That Ultimate educational goals are attainable through motivation;

That National competition and recognition promote maximum excellence;

That Initiative is the best vehicle for realization of maximum potential;

**That Opportunities for total development are greater in group situations;
and**

That Resourcefulness and enthusiasm make a more complete deaf person.

**That Never ceasing advocacy strengthens the position of the deaf
community;**

**That Appreciation and respect for nature helps guide an adolescent into
becoming a well-rounded leader; and**

That Deaf people truly can do anything that they set their minds upon.

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2023
NATIONAL
CONFERENCE THEME

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Leadership
Outside the Box

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Arrival & Registration
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Dinner at MSD Ijams-Vance Cafeteria
7:15 PM - 8:00 PM	Opening Ceremony at Benson Gym
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Ice Breaker at Benson Gym
9:00 PM - 9:45 PM	Overview and Q&A of Special Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none">» Ambassadorship Program» ASL Entertainment» George W. Veditz Media Project» Roundtable
10:30 PM	Lights Out

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

8:00 AM - 8:45 am	Breakfast at MSD Ijams-Vance Cafeteria
8:45 AM - 10:15 AM	Depart for Gallaudet University, Washington D.C.
10:30 AM - 11:15 AM	"All about NAD" Workshop with NAD CEO Howard Rosenblum
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	"Jr. NAD Across America" Workshop with Claudia Giordano, Janna DiBiase, & Terri Dietz
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch with Provost Khadijat K. Rashid, Courtesy of Gallaudet University Welcome Center
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Tour of Gallaudet University
2:30 PM - 3:45 PM	Debate Team Workshop
3:45 PM - 5:30 PM	Special Projects Sub-Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none">» Ambassadorship Program» ASL Entertainment» George W. Veditz Media Project» Roundtable
5:45 PM - 6:45 PM	Dinner Provided by Gallaudet University Youth Programs
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Event Activity of Choice <ul style="list-style-type: none">» Swim at Field House Pool» Play at eSports Area» Advisors Academy #1
9:00 PM - 10:15 PM	Depart for MSD
10:30 PM	Lights Out

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Breakfast at MSD Ijams-Vance Cafeteria
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	"Move with Jason Coleman" at Benson Gym
10:15 AM - 12:15 PM	Special Projects Sub-Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none">» Ambassadorship Program» ASL Entertainment» George W. Veditz Media Project» Roundtable
12:15 PM - 12:30 PM	Break
12:30 PM - 1:15 PM	Lunch at MSD Ijams-Vance Cafeteria
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Tour of MSD
2:45 PM - 4:00 PM	Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none">» "NTID Statistics Workshop" with Dr. Kari Hansen, Charles McFadden, and Roxann Richards» "Keys to Successful Organizational Development" Workshop with Linda Stoltz, Lori Bonheyo, & MaryLynn Lally
4:00 PM - 5:15 PM	
5:30 PM - 6:15 PM	Dinner at at MSD Ijams-Vance Cafeteria
6:15 PM - 6:45 PM	Prepare for Pitch Competition
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Pitch Competition
9:15 PM - 10:15 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">» Social at Underground» Advisors Academy #2» Announcement
10:30 PM	Lights Out

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Breakfast at MSD Ijams-Vance Cafeteria
8:45 AM - 9:15 AM	Group Photos
9:30 AM - 11:45 AM	Official Jr. NAD General Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none">» Reports» 2025 Conference Site» Top 5 Priorities» Vote for Two Awards
12:00 PM - 12:45 PM	Lunch at MSD Ijams-Vance Cafeteria
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none">» "Writing Bills" Workshop by Maryland Association of the Deaf Board Members Tina Joyner and Jacob Leffler» Scavenger Hunt with MSD Jr. NAD Committee
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	
4:00 PM - 5:15 PM	Veditz & ASL Entertainment Preparations
5:15 PM - 6:00 PM	Get Ready & Walk to Venue for Jr. NAD Banquet
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Jr. NAD Banquet at The ARC Center Address: 555 S Market St Frederick MD 21701
11:00 PM	Lights Out

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

4:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Departure <ul style="list-style-type: none">» Shuttle Bus Departs at 4:00 a.m. for Airport» Those traveling by car may leave by 9:00 a.m. Grab & Go Breakfast will be available for pickup on Saturday.
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National Association of the Deaf

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Dear Jr. NAD Conference Attendees,

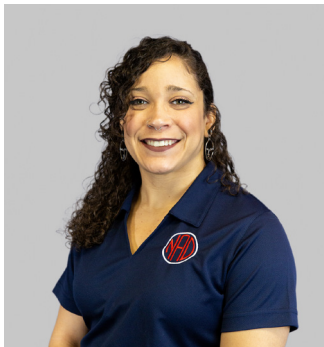
I warmly welcome you to 2023 Jr. NAD Conference in Frederick, Maryland! It's a pleasure to have you all here as we gather to celebrate the spirit of the Deaf, DeafBlind, DeafDisabled, and Hard of Hearing Youth communities.

This conference is a unique opportunity for passionate youth from across the nation to learn, connect, and grow. You are the future advocates and leaders of our communities, and your participation is truly inspiring!

With the theme, "Leadership Outside of Box," we encourage you to step out of your comfort zone and unleash your creativity! Throughout the conference, we hope you will engage in workshops, listen to distinguished presenters, and connect with peers who share your passion. Your engaging participation and valuable contributions will ensure #JrNAD2023 is a huge success!

Remember, the experiences and knowledge you gain here will shape your future. Embrace this opportunity, make new friends, and leave with inspiration to drive positive change in our communities.

If you have questions or need support, we're here to support you. Enjoy every moment of the Jr. NAD Conference!



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Claudia Giordano'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Claudia Giordano
NAD Director of Youth Programs



Welcome to MSD!

Dear Jr. NAD Representatives and Advisors,

Greetings and a warm welcome to the Maryland School for the Deaf!

Since the Junior National Association of the Deaf's first national conference in 1968, this marks the first time our school has had the honor of hosting this esteemed national conference. We are thrilled to host the conference and welcome student representatives and advisors from 23 schools, totaling 119 participants of which 80 are high school students.

This conference is a special occasion for student leaders to come together, refine their leadership skills, establish connections, and learn from one another, as well as from various community advocates and leaders. Advocacy and leadership are vital pillars for sustaining a healthy and vibrant community for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals.

Reflecting on my own high school experience, I attended the Jr. NAD conference in 1996 in North Carolina, and it remains one of the best and most memorable experiences of my youth. Meeting local and state deaf leaders, learning from their experiences, and understanding how their advocacy efforts paved the way for the accessibility we enjoy today were invaluable lessons. While there is still much work to be done to enhance the quality of life for Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals, the Jr. NAD conference serves as a crucial stepping stone for young advocates and leaders like yourselves.

I encourage you to seize every moment during the conference, absorbing new tools and skills, being bold in making connections, and, most importantly, having fun.

In conclusion, I express my heartfelt appreciation to the NAD headquarters, NAD Youth Programs, and the MSD planning committee for their dedication in bringing this conference to fruition for our emerging leaders. This unique event provides our students with the exceptional opportunity to actively participate in the planning and leadership of a conference tailored to their peers.

Wishing you a fulfilling and enriching experience at the Jr. NAD conference!



Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John A. Serrano', written in a cursive style.

John A. Serrano
Superintendent
Maryland School for the Deaf



NAD CEO

**Howard A.
Rosenblum**

Howard A. Rosenblum is the Chief Executive Officer of the National Association of the Deaf (NAD). He also serves as the Legal Director, and works closely with the NAD lawyers on policy advocacy and litigation work. He has been instrumental in significant legal victories such as: NAD v. Netflix, NAD v. Harvard, NAD v. MIT, NAD v. Trump, and Perez v. Sturgis Public Schools. Mr. Rosenblum has been a lawyer for over thirty years, including: twelve years at the NAD; nine

years as a Senior Attorney at Equip for Equality, a nonprofit organization in Illinois; and ten years with a private law firm. He currently serves as the legal advisor to the World Federation of the Deaf. In 2010 and again in 2014, he was appointed by President Obama to serve on the U.S. Access Board. Mr. Rosenblum received his law degree from IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law (1992), and his Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Engineering from the University of Arizona (1988).



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Tina Joyner

Tina Joyner grew up in Texas and moved to Maryland after graduating from Gallaudet with a major in Government. She has been working for the federal government for more than 30 years and currently serves as a President. Tina has been active in several organizations at different levels, such as Deaf in Government (formerly Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Government), Frederick County Association of the Deaf, and more for the last 30 years, continuing today. A fun fact about her: her loyalty to the Dallas Cowboys team has remained the same since she was a young girl. Tina's hobbies include photography, reading books, traveling, and hanging out with friends. She has two sons who are now in their 20s.



Jacob Leffler

Jacob Leffler is originally from Buffalo, New York, and is a graduate of the St. Mary's School for the Deaf, where he developed a taste for community service while being involved with Jr. NAD. He earned a BA in Government and a Masters in Public Administration at Gallaudet University, and currently works for the Federal Government, residing in Baltimore, Maryland. Jacob is involved with several organizations, including the Maryland Association of the Deaf as the Vice President, and serves on the National Association of the Deaf Board as Region 1 Board Member. In his spare time, he enjoys cruising and traveling around the world.

MARYLAND DEAF COMMUNITY CENTER



Linda Stoltz
President



Lori Bonheyo
Vice President



MaryLynn Lally
Secretary

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Dr. Kari Hansen

Dr. Kari Hansen graduated from RIT with a bachelor's and master's degree in Applied Statistics. After graduation, she worked at the U.S. Census Bureau as a mathematical statistician, focusing on economic survey data analysis, specifically editing and imputation. Her next position was as a statistics professor in the Business department at Gallaudet University. During this timeframe, she earned her doctorate degree in Measurement, Statistics, and Evaluation from the University of Maryland, College Park. Before joining RIT, she worked at the Department of Defense, Office of Inspector General as a data scientist.



Charles McFadden

Charles McFadden leads the establishment and operation of educational activities designed to enhance NTID's pipeline of prospective deaf and hard-of-hearing students and to share NTID resources externally. He offers various training and educational programs, workshops, and technical assistance to address the educational, transitional, and professional development needs of secondary students and their families, educators, and other professionals. Charles oversees approximately 15-20 programs annually, serving over 1,000 prospective secondary DHH students and their families, along with over 250 educators and professionals.



Roxann Richards

Roxann Richards is an Associate Director for External Outreach and Special Projects, and she oversees the planning and implementation of STEM-related activities in conjunction with the NTID Regional STEM Center (NRSC). She collaborates with internal and external faculty and staff leaders, as well as community leaders, involved in planning and executing outreach activities. This includes supervising 30+ professionals and 40+ student workers over a 4-week period each spring/summer annually. Roxann also provides coordination, leadership, and support for these activities, including grant-funded initiatives. She has been with RIT since 2000 as a proud alumna and employee.

GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY DEBATE TEAM

2023-2024

SENIOR



Jonathan Summers
Germantown, MD
English

SENIOR



Joe Cherichello
Austin, TX
Undeclared

SENIOR



Emily Nover
District Heights, MD
Government

SENIOR



Jett Kelly
Indianapolis, IN
Social Work

JUNIOR



Lorelei Becktel
East Lansing, MI
Psychology & History

JUNIOR



Aubrie Bauer
Frederick, MD
Government & History

SOPHOMORE



Clark Barrett
Riverside, CA
Government & International Studies

SOPHOMORE



Trent Mora
Austin, TX
Philosophy

FRESHMAN



Dalina Schwartz
Faribault, MN
Psychology & English

HEAD COACH



Brendan Stern

ASSISTANT COACH



Romel Thurman

ASSISTANT COACH



Lexi Hill

ASSISTANT COACH



Aubrey Moorman

INTERPRETER LIASION



Adam Bartley



PAST JR. NAD CONFERENCES

1968 – 1st Biennial

Gallaudet College
Washington D.C.
May 8-14

1970 – 2nd Biennial

Gallaudet College
Washington D.C.
April 15-19

1972 – 3rd Biennial

National Technical Institute for the Deaf
Rochester, New York
June 11-14

1974 – 4th Biennial

Gallaudet College
Washington D.C.
April 20-27

1976 – 5th Biennial

North Carolina School for the Deaf
Morganton, North Carolina
June 7-12

1978 – 6th Biennial

Swan Lake Lodge
Pengilly, Minnesota
August 8-14

1980 – 7th Biennial

Part of NAD's Centennial Convention
Cincinnati, Ohio
June 30-July 5

1982 – 8th Biennial

N.Y.C. Chapter of Junior NAD and NTID
Rochester, New York
June 2-7

1984 – 9th Biennial

Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind
St. Augustine, Florida
June 10-17

1986 – 10th Biennial

Model Secondary School for the Deaf
Gallaudet University
Washington D.C.
June 3-7

1988 – 11th Biennial

California School for the Deaf, Fremont
Fremont, California
March 25-30

1990 – 12th Biennial

Indiana School for the Deaf
Indianapolis, Indiana
June 5-10

1992 – 13th Biennial

Louisiana School for the Deaf
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
April 11-17

1994 – 14th Biennial

Rochester School for the Deaf
Rochester, New York
May 12-16

1996 – 15th Biennial

North Carolina School for the Deaf
Brown's Summit Conference Center
Greensboro, North Carolina
November 12-17

1998 – 16th Biennial

California School for the Deaf, Fremont
Fremont, California
July 24-29

2000 – 17th Biennial

Rochester School for the Deaf
Rochester, New York
October 31-November 14

2001 – 18th Biennial

Ohio School for the Deaf
Columbus, Ohio
November 13-18

2003 – 19th Biennial

Model Secondary School for the Deaf
Washington D.C.
November 4-9

2005 – 20th Biennial

Indiana School for the Deaf
Indianapolis, Indiana
November 1-6

2007 – 21st Biennial

Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind
Tucson, Arizona
October 16-21

2009 – 22nd Biennial

Texas School for the Deaf
Austin, Texas
November 4-8

2011 – 23rd Biennial

California School for the Deaf, Riverside
Riverside, California
November 18-22

2013 – 24th Biennial

Model Secondary School for the Deaf
Washington D.C.
November 5-10

2015 – 25th Biennial

Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind
St. Augustine, Florida
November 17-22

2017 – 26th Biennial

Nebraska Association of the Deaf
Caroly Joy Holling Camp, Ashland, Nebraska
November 7-12

2019 – 27th Biennial

Rochester School for the Deaf
Rochester, New York
November 6-10

2022 – 28th Biennial

California School for the Deaf, Riverside
• Virtual •
March 16

2023 – 29th Biennial

• **Maryland School for the Deaf**
Frederick, Maryland
November 8-12

Participating Schools

California School for the Deaf, Fremont
California School for the Deaf, Riverside
Delaware School for the Deaf
Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind
Indiana School for the Deaf
Jean Massieu School for the Deaf
Lexington School for the Deaf
Marie Philip School
Maryland School for the Deaf
Missouri School for the Deaf
Model Secondary School for the Deaf
New Mexico School for the Deaf
Ohio School for the Deaf
Pennsylvania School for the Deaf
Phoenix Day School for the Deaf
Rhode Island School for the Deaf
Rochester School for the Deaf
Rocky Mountain Deaf School
St. Mary's School for the Deaf
Tennessee School for the Deaf
Texas School for the Deaf
Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf
Wisconsin School for the Deaf



California School for the Deaf, Fremont

(L-R): Emily Sidansky,
Logan Pendergraft,
Jovianna Ikeda,
Lelan Gonzales,
Zorina Briseno, and
Samantha Braidi



California School for the Deaf, Riverside

(L-R): Mary Figueroa,
Juiliana Diaz,
Jaden Gamache,
Kylie Barrett, and
Jeannette Zarembka

Not Pictured:
Erica Hossler



Delaware School for the Deaf

(L-R): Mary Hicks,
Rose Barr Lewis,
Tamisha Skinner,
Terron Harmon,
Nicholas Goddard, and
Grace Walker



Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind



(L-R): Lenore Boerner, Jocelyn Dagenais, Jonah Abenchuchan, and Richard Fromberg

Indiana School for the Deaf



(Back Row L-R): Marissa Lyons-Babineaux, Everett Carpenter, and Donna Saaty

(Front Row L-R): Ava Helms, Leilani Gorman, Sarah Walton, and Michelle Eicher

Jean Massieu School for the Deaf



(L-R): Kim Thornsberry, Maxine Katz, Eliza Dietz, John Dietz, Julio Calderon, and Kelly Maggi

Lexington School for the Deaf

(L-R): Ohenewaa Atuobi Asiamah, Melissa Vigilante, and Shawn Giles



Marie Philip School

(L-R): Patrick Petronelli, James Zellner, and Faith Kirlis



Maryland School for the Deaf

(L-R): Ava Williamson, Kenne Shank, Ian Guettler, Eavan Shank, and Terri Dietz

Not Pictured:
Janna DiBiase



Missouri School for the Deaf



(L-R): Isabella Davis,
Heather Dunn, and
Kari Mertens

(Individual Pictures):
Top: Rebecca Hull, and
Bottom: Denna Wolfe

Model Secondary School for the Deaf



(L-R): Brian Kelson,
Magdalene Utley,
River Abrams-Gay,
Javada Johnson, and
Elizabeth Peterson

New Mexico School for the Deaf



(Back Row L-R):
Santiago Lopez and
Jodie Dimas-Haley

(Front Row L-R):
Nataly Fonseca-Cole,
Angelique Quinonez,
Julian Aranda-Sotelo,
and Dominic Harrison

Ohio School for the Deaf

(L-R):
Ron Buterbaugh,
Mya Palmer,
Savannah Vickery,
Cali Parker, and
Jeannette Halischak



Pennsylvania School for the Deaf

(L-R):
Michelle Corallo,
Maya Carson-Garcia,
Hameed McCoy, and
Nadene Eisner



Phoenix Day School for the Deaf

(L-R):
Christie Abrams,
Joseph Trent,
Franchesco Yesuf,
Jose Angel
Toribino Linares,
Miracle Brooks, and
Michelle Kelley



Rhode Island School for the Deaf



(L-R): Howard Valentin, Jaiden Francis-Corrado, Fonsi Rodriguez, Neveah Robinson, and Deba Pietsch

Rochester School for the Deaf



(L-R): Vicki Nordquist, Gary Youngblood, Derrick Sickler, Nayenge Mfaume, Ashley Stuhlberg, and Dani Rogers

Rocky Mountain Deaf School



(Back Row L-R): Katherine Wagner and Nadelle Payne

(Front Row L-R): Gabby Fudge, Antigone Oring, Riordan Ferguson, and Finn DeLisa

St. Mary's School for the Deaf

(L-R): Sean Maloney,
Elliana Sanders, and
Zarielle Ormsby



Tennessee School for the Deaf

(L-R): Raquel Grindstaff,
Lequonta Cross,
Elijah Echols,
Ariana Pettigrew,
Shequita Morris, and
Ethan Pritchard



Texas School for the Deaf

(Back Row L-R):
Jami Haynes,
Evangeline Diaz, and
Jennifer Campero
(Front Row L-R):
Sean Moore,
Lev Shayman, and
Niven Zhang



Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf



(L-R): Tony Dumblosky, Spencer Ahearn, Jared Price, Samantha Reno, Ellie Horn, and Angel Maher

Wisconsin School for the Deaf



(Back Row L-R): Karibella Ouimet and Karla Gunn

(Front Row L-R): Emily Koehn, Lily Wolf, and Amber Khan





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