

## Introductions and Conclusions rewrites

### Group 1

It is well-known that Harvard is the best university in the world. When it comes to the best university for the deafness, few people have the answer. Gallaudet University, the only liberal arts college for deaf students in the world, is world-renowned in the field of deafness and education of the deaf. Throughout the history of Gallaudet University, it is the contribution of President Abraham Lincoln, Amos Kendall and Edward Miner Gallaudet that make it successful and famous today.

Because of a charter signed by President Abraham Lincoln and because of the work of two men, Amos Kendall and Edward Miner Gallaudet, Gallaudet University is what it is today - the place where people from all over the world can find information about deafness and deaf education. Gallaudet and the deaf community truly owe these three men for without them, we might still be "deaf and dumb."

### Group 2

Do you know how to communicate with deaf people? Do you know what ASL is? American Sign Language is the second most preferred foreign language in the United States. 50% of all deaf and hard of hearing people use ASL. ASL is beginning to be provided under the Foreign Language Department in many universities and high schools around the nation. The increasingly wider availability of ASL in universities in the US should be encouraged.

### Group 3

Is hand gesture a language? Can facial expressions be written? As the second most preferred foreign language, American Sign Language(ASL) allow people without hearing to communicate with each other as well as to communicate with hearing people. ASL should be taught in schools as a complete language.

ASL should be made more widely available. It gives students knowledge of a group often ostracized by society and teaches them to communicate in a beautiful way. Furthermore ASL is a more than just a communication tool, it is a complex, rich language that allows people to express themselves and gives them insight into the deaf community.

#### Group 4

Growing up, I remember meeting a new neighbor down the street, but I could not introduce myself to her for she was deaf. I had no idea how to communicate with her until I learned that many deaf people use American Sign Language(ASL). ASL is more than just a communication tool, it is a complex, rich language that allows people to express themselves and gives them insight into the deaf community. This is why American Sign Language should be taught in all universities in the US.

As a complete language, like Spanish or French, ASL has just as much right to be taught in schools to anyone who want to learn it. Learning ASL gives students knowledge of a group often ostracized by society and teaches them to communicate in a new and beautiful way. If information on deafness and sign languages was more widely available maybe the little girl down the street would have been able to communicate with more people like me.

#### Group 5

I once have experience feeling difficult communicating with deaf people when I tried to make friend with my new neighbor. The difficulty exists until I started learning American Sign Language (aka. ASL). This complex and rich language let people not only communicate with the deaf, but express themselves and gives them insight into the deaf community. This is why ASL should be taught in all universities in the US.

The importance of ASL being taught in universities