



# TDHHC Connections

## Tyler Deaf & Hard of Hearing Center

### Office Location & Hours:

TJC West Campus  
1530 SSW Loop 323  
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Monday-Wednesday  
9 AM - 12 PM CST

### Interpreter Coordinator:

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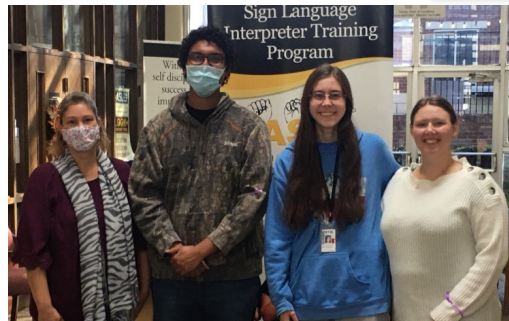
This newsletter is dedicated to uniting the Deaf and Hard of Hearing of East Texas and all supporters by providing information and reporting events that enhance our lives and our community.

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[connections@tdhhc.org](mailto:connections@tdhhc.org).

## ASL Games at TJC November 6



Above: The participants at ASL Games which was held at TJC on November 6.



Left: The Champions of ASL Games 2021. Good times was had by all the attendees!

## TDHHC News



TDHHC received a donation from Brookshire's FRESH 15, which donates to various local non-profits annually, on October 20. Many thanks! From left to right: Brad Brookshire, Rhonda McKinzie, Chris Detkos, and Alana Husband



TDHHC presented a plaque to Ina Heuermann-Byram in honor of her late husband, Michael (Misha) Byram at a DHHC meeting on November 13.



The New Year is just around the corner and I'm so excited to help and be available to teach the Deaf community about health and fitness. It's not only about exercise, but also about diet and nutrition! Any fitness levels and all ages are welcome! I specialize in many different training options! Reach out to me through:

Facebook: Stefanie Herod

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We want to hear from you!

# December 2021

- December 4 (Saturday): East Texas Deaf Ladies at Daphne Smith's house (Email Daphne at [Daphne\\_Rozell@yahoo.com](mailto:Daphne_Rozell@yahoo.com) for address and directions) 11 AM - 2 PM
- December 4 (Saturday): Tyler Deaf Chat at Starbucks (4790 S. Broadway Ave, Tyler) 5 PM - 8 PM
- December 7 (Tuesday): Sign Language class at Clarkston Elementary Cafeteria, Tyler. 6 PM- 7 PM
- December 9 (Thursday): Senior Citizens Luncheon at Twelve Kitchen (405 W SW Loop 323, Tyler) 1 - 3 PM. -55 and over are welcome.
- December 17 (Friday): Lindale Deaf Chat at Whataburger (311 S. Main St, Lindale) 6:30 PM - 9 PM
- December 25 (Saturday): Christmas Day
- December 31 (Friday): New Year's Eve

If you would like to see Tyler Deaf & Hard of Hearing Center grow, please help us out with your participation at events!

# JANUARY 2022

- January 1 (Saturday): Tyler Deaf Chat at Starbucks (4790 S. Broadway Ave, Tyler) 5 PM- 8 PM
- January 14 (Friday): Longview Deaf Chat at Whataburger (2401 Gilmer Rd, Longview) 5:30 PM - 8 PM
- January 21 (Friday): Lindale Deaf Chat at Whataburger (311 S. Main St, Lindale) 6:30 PM - 9 PM

Stay tuned for any additional dates on Facebook and at [www.tddhc.org](http://www.tddhc.org)!

## Tyler Junior College - West

School of Continuing Studies is offering a new Sign Language class in 2022!

### Basic Sign Language I (January 25 - March 8)

Tuesdays 6 PM - 8 PM; 7 sessions

### Basic Sign Language II (March 22 - May 3)

Tuesdays 6 PM - 8 PM; 7 sessions

To register: call (903) 510-2900 or go in person at TJC West (1530 SSW Loop 323, Tyler) Monday - Friday 8 AM - 5 PM

## SUPER BOWL PARTY

### Where?

Wing Stop  
2553 South Main Street  
Lindale, TX 75771  
(903) 882-5200

### When?

February 13, 2022 (Sunday)  
Start at 4 PM

To play the game:  
Single \$10.00  
Couple \$15.00  
Winner takes all!

Raffle ticket is \$1.00 each; 6 raffle tickets for \$5.00

Donations for raffles welcome! The more, the merrier!

Contact Robert Phelps or Claire Mitcham if you have any questions.



## DEAF HISTORY

PATRICK GRANA

Nyle DiMarco is a model, actor and deaf activist. He has been a winner on popular TV

shows, "America's Next Top Model" and "Dancing with the Stars" in the US.

In 2016, he launched the Nyle DiMarco Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides access to resources for deaf children and their families.

Nyle is also a singer and creative collaborator on the "The ASL App" that teaches users American Sign Language.

# December/JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	East Texas Deaf Ladies 
5	6	ASL Class 7 at Clarkston 6 PM - 7 PM	8	Senior Citizens Luncheon at Twelve	9	10
12	13	14	15	16	 17	18
19	20	21 First Day of Winter 	22	23	24	25 
26	27	28	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE WITH STEVE HARVEY 	1
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Sorenson's Resource Specialist Project is funded by the Office of  
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (ODHHS) under the Texas  
Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC).

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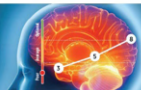
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