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# Deaf and Hard of Hearing Newsletter

The official Newsletter of LADSE/Hinsdale South High School's Deaf and  
Hard of Hearing Program



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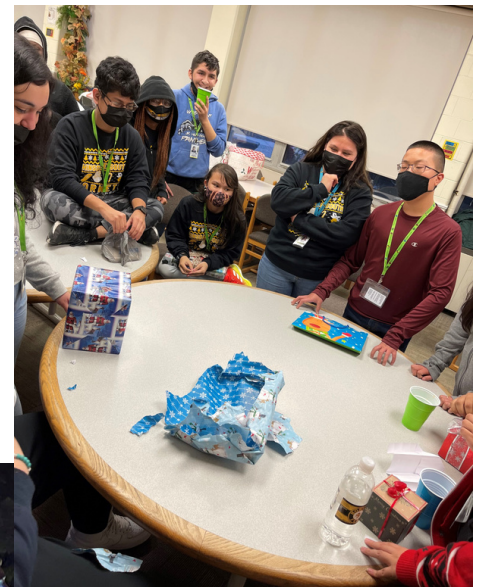


# Junior IAD



In October, Jr. IAD had a Halloween party. The students painted mini pumpkins, played games, and had a costume contest.

In December, Jr. IAD held a holiday party. The students participated in a White Elephant gift exchange and played Candy Cane Olympics.



In December, Jr. IAD took a trip to Millennium Park and Lincoln Park for the Zoo Lights.



# Deaf Drama

Congratulations to the Deaf Drama cast and crew on an amazing performance of "The Elf on the Shelf Must Go!"



## Save the Date

Be sure to save the date for the next Deaf Drama Performance of "The Hallmarks of Horror."

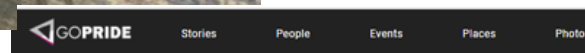
April 29th at 7:00 PM

\$6/ticket sold at the door



# Guest Speakers in DHH Classes

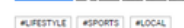
Kamden Romano, a Deaf transgender athlete competed in his first Ironman in Chattanooga, TN in October of 2021. Kamden was able to join the Deaf and Hard of Hearing English classes via ZOOM to talk about his journey in becoming transgender as well as his experience competing in the Ironman Triathlon. Kamden's experience and story-telling captured the attention of our Deaf and Hard of Hearing students as they learned about his journey.



## Kamden Romano: YOU ARE, an Ironman

Tue, October 19, 2021 7:52 AM by Ross Forman

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kamden romano

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Chicago athlete proves obstacles never stop his path to sporting glory

Kamden Romano continues to add to his impressive, successful sporting career, further proving that personal obstacles have never stopped his path to athletic gold and glory.



**First Deaf Trans competes in Ironman Triathlon**

DEAF NEWS

DAILY MOTH

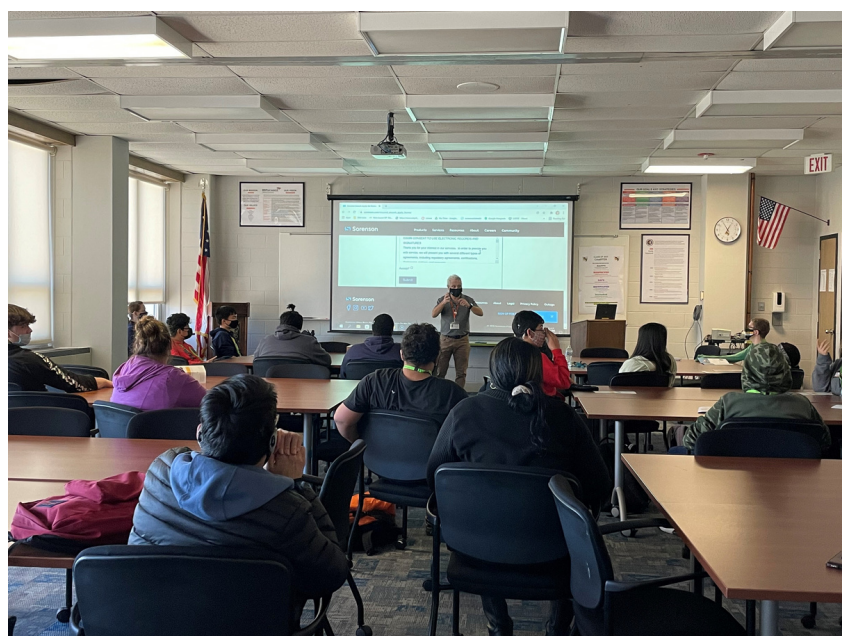
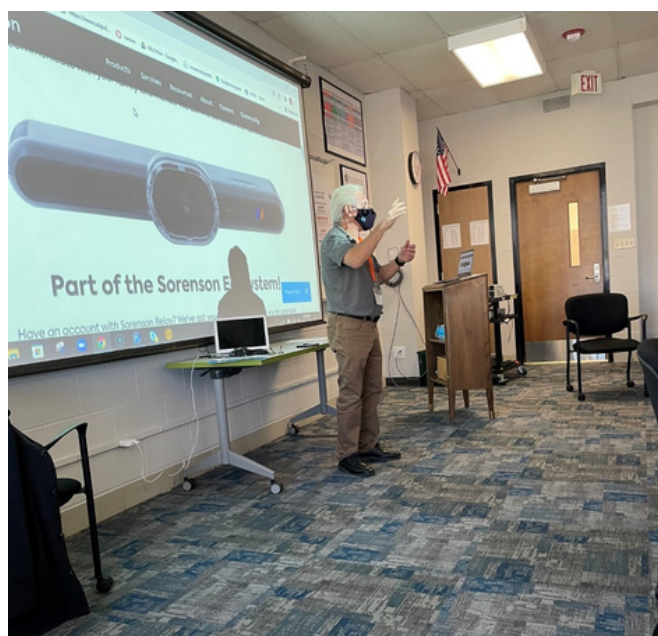


his first full Ironman in Tennessee.

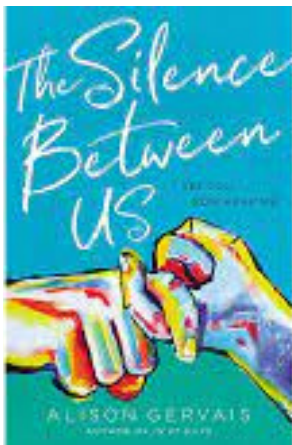


A representative from Sorenson Communications, LLC came to talk to the students. The students enjoyed learning about VideoPhone technology which can allow them to make and receive phone calls with the help of a sign language interpreter. The service is free. For more information about getting a VideoPhone for your child, check out the Sorenson website:

<https://www.sorensonvrs.com/apply>



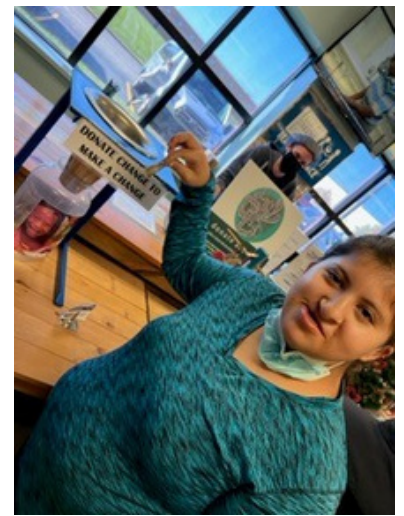
The Academic English class read the book “The Silence Between Us” during first semester. The book's main character is Deaf. After finishing the book, they had the opportunity to have a personal Zoom session with the author, Alison Gervais! She is hard of hearing herself, and the students were able to ask her questions about the book and about being an author. It was a very neat experience!





# In the Community

The DHH Community-Based class volunteered at the Feed My Starving Children site located in Aurora, IL. The students worked hard for the afternoon and donated money earned from the vocational greenhouse experience throughout the year.

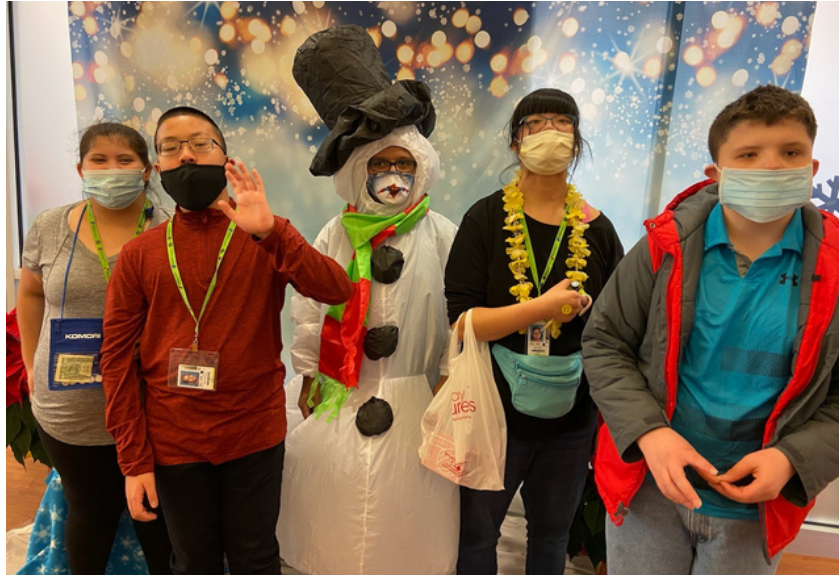


The Community-Based Class focused on volunteer work during the month of November. They baked goods and donated these items to the people in need at Beds Plus located in LaGrange, IL. Mrs. Peary was very proud of her students for their hard work and understanding that they would not be able to taste test any of the items they prepared. Everything looked delicious so this was a hard task!





The Community-Based class was invited to a winter wonderland shopping extravaganza hosted by the DHH Eisenhower Cooperative program. The students made lists of gifts to buy for family members, purchased their gifts and got some face time with "Signing Santa."



The Applied Level Math and English class planned and went on a trip to Blueberry Hill, where they practiced using their communication and math skills to place breakfast orders and pay the bill. It was a fun, successful and delicious experience!





In December, the entire self-contained DHH program went to the Museum of Science and Industry to see the Christmas Trees Around the World display. The students had fun looking at the trees, seeing the baby chicks hatch, and getting lost in the mirror maze!





# Celebrating Student Success

Congratulations to Colin Nolan who received the 2nd quarter Breakfast Club Award. The person who nominated him had this to say: "CJ is a great leader on his Special Olympics basketball team. I witnessed his compassion and willingness to make sure everyone got the chance to shoot the ball. He showed great teamwork and patience!"



Congratulations to Eddie Holt who won his first wrestling match by pinning his opponent!



Thank you for reading! As always, if you have something you'd like to contribute or see mentioned in the newsletter, please send it to Lila Evans at [LEvans@hinsdale86.org](mailto:LEvans@hinsdale86.org)