

TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF MEDIA ALERT

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CELEBRATE TEXAS' DEAF HERITAGE WITH THE TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

NATIONAL DEAF HISTORY MONTH: MARCH 13-APRIL 15

Austin, Texas – March 27, 2013 The Texas School for the Deaf (TSD) welcomes the community to celebrate Deaf History Month with a panel of distinguished speakers and DVD launch of the documentary “Journey Through Deaf Texas”, produced by Davideo Productions, thanks to the Texas Association of the Deaf – on Wednesday March 27 at 1:30 p.m. in the R. L. Davis Auditorium at the school’s south Austin campus – 1102 South Congress Avenue.

Journey Through Deaf Texas chronicles the rich history of Texas’ vibrant Deaf community and the Texas Association of the Deaf, from 1886-2009.

- WHAT:** Texas School for the Deaf’s Deaf History Celebration – Premiering the documentary “Journey Through Deaf Texas”, Q&A and discussion with esteemed community leaders, including:
- Gonzolo M. Barrientos – former Texas Senator
 - Dr. Bobbie Beth Scoggins – former president, National Association for the Deaf, and the USA Deaf Sports Federation
 - Dr. Steve C. Baldwin – “Journey Through Deaf Texas” writer and co-producer
 - David H. Pierce – documentary co-producer, director and editor
 - Larry D. Evans – president, Texas Association of the Deaf
 - Dr. Gertrude ‘Gertie’ Galloway – former president, National Association for the Deaf

WHEN: Wednesday March 27, 2013
1:30 p.m.

WHERE: R. L. Davis Auditorium
Texas School for the Deaf
1102 South Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 78704

MORE: TSD’s Deaf History celebration will be voice interpreted and is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided.



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ABOUT THE TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF (TSD)

The Texas School for the Deaf is the oldest continuously operating public school in Texas. Educating deaf and hard of hearing students of Texas since 1856, the campus also provides outreach and educational resources for students, their families and professionals in the field throughout the state of Texas. With educational excellence and a strong belief in a culture and community at TSD, students form a unique identity based on their individual strengths and talents. TSD is an environment where students learn, grow, and belong. For more information about the Texas School for the Deaf, visit <http://www.tsd.state.tx.us/>.

ABOUT NATIONAL DEAF HISTORY MONTH

To promote awareness of American Deaf culture and recognize the contributions of individual Deaf Americans, National Deaf History Month originates in 1997 and is celebrated from March 13 to April 15 in honor of three notable events in American Deaf heritage. This year, March 13 marks the 25th anniversary of the Deaf President Now movement at Gallaudet University in Washington D.C. in 1988. On April 8, Gallaudet University was founded when President Lincoln signed the charter in 1864 to establish America's first and only college for the deaf. April 15 is the date the first public school for the deaf opened in 1817 – Washington's D.C.'s American School for the Deaf. To learn more, visit the National Association of the Deaf at: <http://www.nad.org/>, and the Texas Association for the Deaf at: <http://deaf-texas.org/>.

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