

# Heritage Hall of Fame

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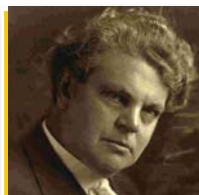
**Theophilus  
d'Estrella**  
Class of 1873  
ARTS

In 1873, Theophilus Hope d'Estrella became the first Deaf student accepted at the University of California at Berkeley. In 1901, he won the First Prize medal in San Francisco's photographic Salon held at the Mark Hopkins Institute of Art. His primary interest in photography was to provide lantern slides for students. An exhibition of photographs by d'Estrella was held at the de Young Museum, in San Francisco, in 1978.



**Douglas Tilden**  
Class of 1879  
ARTS

Douglas Tilden's artwork is known throughout the world. His statue of the "Bear Hunt" graces the campus at California School for the Deaf, in Fremont. He also has several of his statues in San Francisco—on Market Street, in Golden Gate Park, and at the de Young Museum. His "Young Acrobat" is at the Smithsonian in Washington, DC, and his "Soldiers' Monument" is in Portland, Oregon.



**Granville  
Redmond**  
Class of 1890  
ARTS

Granville Seymour Redmond was a famous landscape artist whose paintings are widely sought throughout the United States. CSD has his "Winter on the Seine" which he exhibited at the Paris Salon in 1894. The Jonathan Club of Los Angeles has a canvas of his which was exhibited at the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904. Redmond won a silver medal at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition in Seattle in 1910.



**Joseph Velez**  
Class of 1950  
ARTS

Joseph Velez first gained public recognition as a talented athlete before becoming established as an actor. He became a famous actor when he joined the National Theatre of the Deaf. His acting in "The Tale of Kasane," "Gianni Schicchi," and "The Critic" drew rave reviews, but he was best known for the sign language version of the famous nonsense poem, "Jabberwocky."



**Eric Malzkuhn**  
Class of 1938  
ARTS

Eric Malzkuhn was a well-known master of sign, actor, writer, teacher, and storyteller. He was awarded a Doctor of Fine Arts by Gallaudet University, and was asked to join the National Theatre of the Deaf as one of its teachers/adapters. His translation of Lewis Carroll's poem "The Jabberwocky" into ASL was viewed by many as the beginning of ASL poetry. The auditorium at MSSD was renamed Theatre Malz.



**Julianna Fjeld**  
Class of 1966  
ARTS

Julianna Fjeld won an Emmy for her television Hallmark Hall of Fame drama, "Love Is Never Silent." She was co-executive producer of the prime-time program that starred Deaf actors playing Deaf characters. Fjeld toured with the National Theatre of the Deaf for five years. She directed student performers in three of the annual spring plays at California School for the Deaf: "Into Hiding," "Romeo and Juliet," and "Little Women."



**Leo Jacobs**  
Class of 1933  
LITERATURE

Leo Jacobs spent a total of 51 years at California School for the Deaf as a student and staffer, and was the first president of the CSD Alumni Association. He was also president of the Gallaudet College Alumni Association. Jacobs wrote the book *A Deaf Adult Speaks Out* about the genuine problems Deaf people face in the hearing world. The book conveys insight into the real feelings and sensitivities of a Deaf person.



**Terrence O'Rourke**  
Class of 1948  
LITERATURE

Terrence O'Rourke was author of the text, *A Basic Course in American Sign Language*. He was also the first Deaf person to underwrite captioning for an entire television program, "The Perry Como Christmas Special," and founded the Caption Club, a voluntary organization that supported the efforts of the National Captioning Institute. O'Rourke received numerous awards for his lifelong defense of civil rights for Deaf people.



**Kenneth Norton**  
Class of 1945  
LITERATURE

Ken Norton spent 63 years with the school as a student, teacher, sports coach, curriculum coordinator, dean of students, and retired volunteer. He chronicled the history of California School for the Deaf in *The Eagle Soars to Enlightenment*. He was also instrumental in planning the school's Bell Tower. The California Department of Education presented Norton with the Supervisor Performance Award.



**Ella Mae Lentz**  
Class of 1971  
LITERATURE

Ella Mae Lentz was awarded the Kappa Gamma Poetry Award from Gallaudet University, and went on to launch a unique video product called *The Treasure* featuring a collection of her original poems, along with a description of American Sign Language techniques for each poem. Schools and universities from around the country frequently use her *Signing Naturally* textbook.



**James Howson**  
Class of 1894  
EDUCATION

James Howson received a master's degree from the University of California. He was only the second Deaf man in the United States to receive a degree from a hearing college. During his tenure as a teacher, he prepared a large number of CSD students for Gallaudet. Howson was president of the California Association of the Deaf, National Association of the Deaf, and National Fraternal Society of the Deaf.



**Dr. Winfield Runde**  
Class of 1896  
EDUCATION

Dr. Winfield Runde was the first CSD graduate to attend Gallaudet and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree. A prolific writer, he contributed to many of the publications for the Deaf in the United States, including being *The California News* editor. Dr. Runde was interested in the welfare of CSD children and thus helped establish the Foothills Athletic Association.



**Emil Ladner**  
Class of 1930  
EDUCATION

During his 35-year tenure teaching at California School for the Deaf-Berkeley, Emil Ladner developed a consumer education course which was widely used. He was active as the school photographer, leader of the Literary Society, and director of school plays. He also served on the board of several Deaf organizations and wrote books including *The Last Years of the California School for the Deaf in Berkeley: 1960-1980*.



**Dr. Robert Davila**  
Class of 1948  
EDUCATION

Dr. Robert Davila was selected by President George Bush for the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services of the United States Department of Education. He has the distinction of being the first Deaf man to earn an advanced degree from Syracuse University. Davila served as the first Deaf person to head the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, and later became the president of Gallaudet University.



**Harry Jacobs**  
Class of 1927  
COMMUNITY

Harry Jacobs was a union printer for 47 years, but he was also active in his community. Jacobs was business manager of *The Silent Worker* (aka *Deaf American*), president of the Berkeley-Oakland Division 79 National Fraternal Society of the Deaf. He was general chairman of the 1949 and 1970 AAAD national basketball tournaments, and was named to the AAAD Hall of Fame as a leader in 1970.



**John Galvan**  
Class of 1937  
COMMUNITY

John Galvan printed many nationally recognized books including *The History of the California School for the Deaf, Berkeley, 1860-1960*; *The World Games for the Deaf Tryout Program*; *The Deaf at Work*, and *The Magic Lantern Man*, a book about Theophilus d'Estrella. Galvan's lobbying efforts paved the way for the successful move of the California School for the Deaf to Fremont, and free TTY's for Deaf people.



**George Attletweed**  
Class of 1947  
COMMUNITY

George Attletweed became the first chairperson of the Ohlone College Hearing-Impaired Program. He was the first Deaf person to be appointed to the Advisory Commission on Special Education by Governor George Deukmejian. He received an award for outstanding effort in bridging the communication gap between the hearing and Deaf communities presented by the Deaf Services Network.



**Julian Singleton**  
Class of 1952  
COMMUNITY

Julian “Buddy” Singleton was the founder of Camp Taloali in Stayton, Oregon—a camp that molds Deaf youth into Deaf leaders. Singleton was president of the California Association of the Deaf, Northwestern Athletic Association, and Telecommunications for the Deaf, Inc. Singleton has remained active in senior housing and senior rights. He is recognized as a leader, diplomat, and keen thinker by the Deaf Community.



**Donald N. Parodi**  
Class of 1960  
COMMUNITY

When Donald Parodi came to CSD, he was escaping from a broken home with no communication and no education. For him, the school was a dream come true! He gave back by donating to CSD's museum and by establishing the Donald N. Parodi Memorial Charitable Trust, ensuring there would be funds to capture the rich history of the California School for the Deaf, as well as to benefit the school.



**Lillian “Lil” Skinner**  
Class of 1934  
COMMUNITY

Lillian Skinner was the first Deaf woman elected to chair an American Athletic Association of the Deaf (AAAD) national basketball tournament, and was inducted into the AAAD Hall of Fame as the first Deaf woman in the Leadership and Sportswriter category. She became president of the California Association of the Deaf and Farwest Athletic Association of the Deaf, and was admitted to the FAAD Hall of Fame.



**Robert Miller**  
Class of 1933  
COMMUNITY

Robert L. Miller was the first director of deaf-blind services at the Lighthouse for the Blind in San Francisco. When Miller discovered that deaf-blind clientele had no regular activities or employment, he turned them into productive factory workers who were capable of manufacturing saleable items. Miller convinced companies that deaf-blind workers were able to use power tools safely.



**Ronald Hirano**  
Class of 1952  
COMMUNITY

Ronald Hirano, third generation Japanese-American, was a student at CSD when Pearl Harbor was attacked in 1941. He was taken from CSD and placed in an internment camp, but his love of country and CSD has remained strong. Hirano was presented an award by the National Association of the Deaf in recognition of his dedicated volunteerism toward making a difference on behalf of American Deaf and senior citizens.



**Bernice Singleton**  
Class of 1954  
COMMUNITY

Throughout her life, Bernice Singleton worked for the betterment of Deaf people. She helped raise thousands of dollars to support the development of the Fremont Oak Gardens.

As a breast cancer survivor, she helped countless Deaf women cope with their cancer. Her book *Signs of Courage: Deaf Survivors of Breast Cancer* is widely used throughout the United States.



**Daniel Lynch**  
Class of 1953  
COMMUNITY

Daniel Lynch was president of three school organizations in the same year. He became a volunteer coach for seven years and started the girls' basketball team. He coordinated the first California Classic Basketball Tournament for western schools for the Deaf, and served on the Foothills Athletic Association board for 16 years. More recently, he has been actively involved with several Deaf seniors organizations.



**Joel Barish**  
Class of 1986  
COMMUNITY

Joel Barish co-founded DeafNation which hosted the world's first Deaf Exposition in Las Vegas, including two big tournaments of Deaf poker and golf. Around 28,000 attendees came for the many exciting events. DeafNation has been a media partner for the winter and summer Deaflympics. “No Barriers with Joel Barish” features interviews with Deaf people from around the world.



**Jed Barish**  
Class of 1988  
COMMUNITY

Jed Barish co-founded DeafNation which provides expositions, workshops, exhibitions, and entertainment all over the United States at no charge to the public. DeafNation has a website where Deaf people shop for network resources that include online videos, coverage of current news events, YouTube entertainment, famous world activities, and stories of outstanding individuals.