



Happy Spring!  
Here comes SUMMER!

**A note from Baranda:**



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Greetings everyone!

I hope each of you had a relaxing and rejuvenating spring break, taking some well-deserved time to focus on self-care and recharge before diving back into our routines. It's astonishing how quickly time is passing, and with summer just around the corner, our schedules are bound to get even busier!

I am sure you and your team been busy celebrating the vibrant diversity of your community. From cultural festivals to monthly heritage spotlights, we're embracing identity empowerment and educational awareness. Even amidst challenges, our spirit remains strong. Let's thank ourselves for our dedication to our students' journey. Please do share/add/tag NSLDHH!

I wanted to share an update on the efforts of the NSLDHH Board. We are diligently carrying out our board duties and are also in the throes of planning the upcoming NSLDHH Conference, set for June 2025 as well as CEASD Student Life certifications. We are putting our best efforts into organizing an event that promises to be both enriching and memorable for all attendees.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at [nsldhhconference@gmail.com](mailto:nsldhhconference@gmail.com). We are here to assist with any inquiries you may have.



## Webinars:

Special thanks to Matt for hosting three webinars this year. We hope you were able to attend the most recent session with Dr. Poorna Kushalnagar. These webinars are designed to provide valuable insights and we are grateful for the opportunity to bring such knowledgeable speakers to our community. If you missed some, please go to NSLDHH website to access two recorded webinars.

A blue and white webinar poster. At the top right is the logo for "NATIONAL STUDENT LIFE for the Deaf &amp; Hard of Hearing". The main title is "APRIL '24 WEBINAR". Below that, the topic is "Adverse Childhood Communication Experiences" by Dr. Poorna Kushalnagar, Strategic Research Officer/CRO, Psychology Professor - Gallaudet University. The date is Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 1:30 PM EST. Contact information includes MKRUEGER@ISD.K12.IN.US and WWW.NSLDHH.COM. A QR code is on the left, and a Zoom meeting ID (965 5213 7034) and passcode (919287) are on the right. A circular photo of Dr. Poorna Kushalnagar is on the right side.

## Social Media Trends:



Please be sure to follow NSLDHH on Facebook and Instagram! Some schools have already shared their take on the "Of Course We Are Student Life..." trend—it's been fantastic seeing other Student Life teams join in the fun! We're excited to see your creativity in action! There are also more - Last Feb/March we posted to share what are your Student Life programs were doing to celebrate Black History Month- this is a great way to share ideas and resources.

## Student Life Code of Ethics:

Recently, we sent out a Google Form as part of our initiative to develop a Code of Ethics for Student Life. This form was distributed to directors for them to share with their teams. If you haven't had a chance to distribute it yet, no worries—it's not too late! Please share it with your team as soon as possible. We are eager to collect a substantial number of inputs, which will be invaluable. Your insights will assist the board in our upcoming meeting retreat in November. Rest assured, we will keep you updated on our progress and share developments as they occur. [Survey](#).



## STUDENT LIFE ROCKS!

Want to spotlight your staff/team on the NSLDHH page? Please contact Dee! We're excited to feature your amazing team members and share their stories with our community.





## **CEASD Student Life Certification**

*(formerly called Dormitory Counselor Certification)*

We are thrilled to announce a groundbreaking opportunity for Student Life professionals dedicated to serving the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community: the CEASD NSLDHH SL certification.

It's time to recognize the immense value that Student Life brings to the holistic development of deaf and hard of hearing individuals. The Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf (CEASD) has officially endorsed Student Life certificates with honoring, underscoring the essential role Student Life plays in the lives of Deaf children.

This certification is a testament to CEASD's acknowledgment of the significant contributions made by Student Life professionals. It signifies a commitment to professionalism and excellence in guiding, teaching, and inspiring Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals to achieve their full potential.

Why should you pursue CEASD certification? Here's why:

- **Professional Recognition:** Gain recognition for your expertise and dedication in the field of Student Life.
- **Elevated Standards:** Showcase your commitment to maintaining high standards of professionalism and quality in your practice.
- **Professional Development:** Access ongoing professional development opportunities to enhance your skills and knowledge.
- **Community Connection:** Join a network of like-minded professionals dedicated to supporting deaf and hard of hearing individuals.

Getting certified is convenient and affordable, with a nominal fee of \$20 for a two-year certification—that's just \$10 per year! Not limited to NSLDHH webinars, many of your programs offer Professional Development training that counts towards your certification.

**Ready to take the next step in your professional journey?**

**Click the link below to learn more and start your CEASD NSLDHH SL certification today!**

*Together, let's continue to empower and uplift the deaf and hard of hearing community through Student Life excellence.*

**[Click here to Apply!](#)**





🌈 Happy Pride Month! 🌈

Throughout June, we celebrate love, acceptance, and equality for all. Join us in honoring and supporting the LGBTQ+ community. Let's continue to promote inclusivity and diversity every day!

#PrideMonth #LoveIsLove #NSLDHH



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