# A White Man's Thoughts

Wilton McMillan

# A White Man's Journey

- Born in1954 (Rosa Parks: December 1, 1955)
- Parkton (Dirt Road where all black people lived)
- NCSD in 1954
- High School
  - 3 Schools for the Deaf
  - Black School for the Deaf in Raleigh, NC
  - Desegregation

# A White Man's Journey

- Gallaudet: 1973-1978
- MSSD: 1978-1996
- Diversity & Sensitivity Training: late 1980's
- Microcosm (proportionately representative)
  - White & People of Color
  - Deaf & Hearing
  - Gender
  - Homophobia
  - Student Life & Instruction
- Diversity Training at Arizona School for the Deaf & Blind

# This White Man in Kentucky

- 1996-2013
- Culture of the Kentucky State
- The Mask of Benevolence (Harlan Lane)
- Cultural & Sensitivity Training



#### Historic Site of Kendall School Division II for Negroes Built March 1953

A Landmark in Desegregation of Education for Negro Deaf Students

Teachers:

Mary E. Britt, Rubye S. Frye, Robert Robinson, Bessie Z. Thornton

#### Students:

Mary Arnold, Irene Brown, Darrel Chatman, Robbie Cheatham, Dorothy Howard, Robert Jones, Richard King, Rial Loftis, William Matthews, Donald Mayfield, Robert Milburn, Kenneth Miller, Willie Moore, Deborah Moton, Clifford Ogburn, Diana Pearson, Doris Richardson, Julian Richardson, Christine Robinson, Norman Robinson, Donald Ruffin, Barbara Shorter, Dorothy Watkins

The efforts of Mrs. Louise B. Miller resulted in Civil Action Number 515-52 admitting "her son, Kenneth, and other Negro deaf children in Washington, D.C." to Kendall School at Gallaudet University (Formerly the Columbia Institution for the Deaf)

# Engaging You!

- Interactive Activities MPR
- Make sure you have the following:
  - Pen
  - Index Cards



#### Addressing Diversity: Are We Doing Enough?

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# What Brings Us Two Together?

- Wilton: Graduated Gallaudet in Year 1978 = Baby Boomer
- Arlene: Born in Year 1978 = X Generation
- Arlene: Student at MSSD & Wilton: Dean of Students in Year 1992
- Generational Alliance Model
  - This model is with a goal to build an intergenerational movement, rooted in history, cultures and nonviolent direct action. Our purpose is to heal communities, build collective strength and generate an environment of hope and opportunity.

# Uniqueness of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing Community

#### What Makes Us a Deaf Diverse and Collective Community?

# Uniqueness of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing Community



What are the Background Variables that Creates a Deaf Diverse and Collective Community?

#### Language Acquisition

#### **Psychological Skills**

#### **Immediate Environment**

#### **Socio-Cultural Environment**

#### **Cognitive Skills**

Intrapersonal

The Deaf Diverse and Collective Community

**Education** 

**Stereotypes & Stigmas** 

**Communication Access** 

Social Skills

Interpersonal

**Audiological Implications** 

# Lack of Intersectionality Awareness Leads to...

 lack of self-awareness can lead to poor and/or misperceptions about self

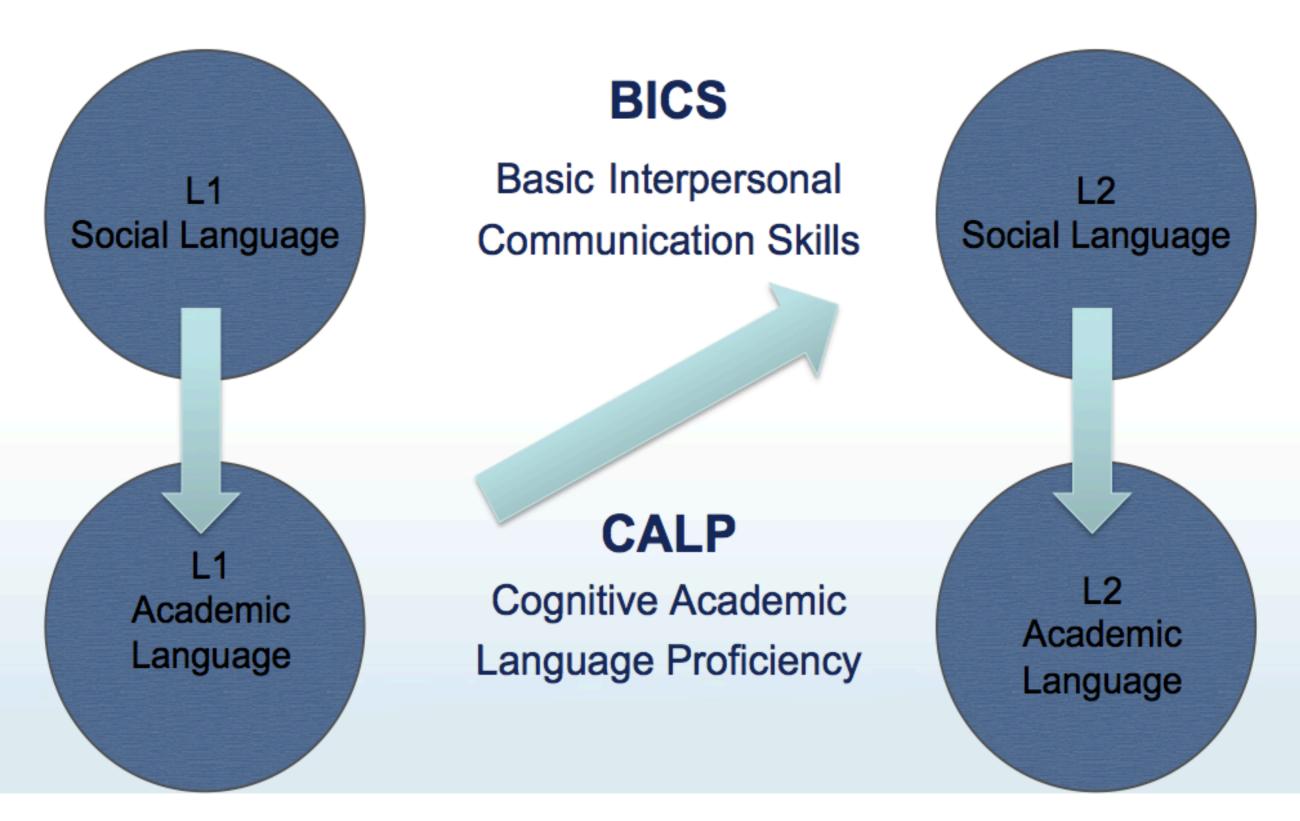
- delay in cognitive and emotional developments

- delay in psychological and social developments

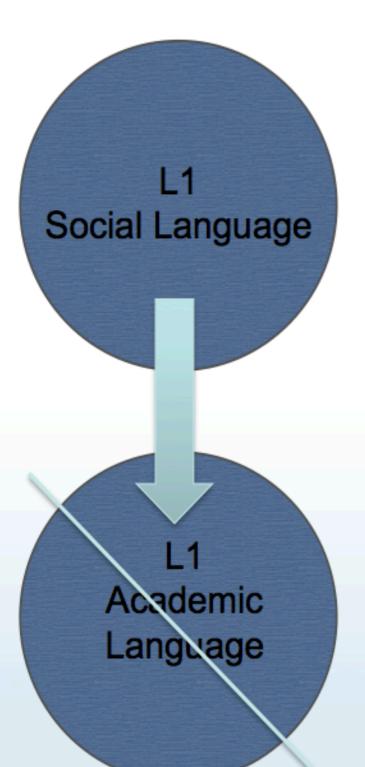
- lack of self-confidence and self-esteem

- lower performance in school and on tests

## The Truth about Deaf/HOH Students Education



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#### BICS

Basic Interpersonal Communication Skills

#### CALP

Cognitive Academic Language Proficiency L2 Academic Language

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Social Language

#### Gallaudet University Regional Center - Southwest Provides Youth Leadership Training



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#### INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENT CULTURE AWARENESS COMMUNITY CONNECTION

"Building Tomorrow's Youth Leaders."

# **Programs/Schools Received Training**

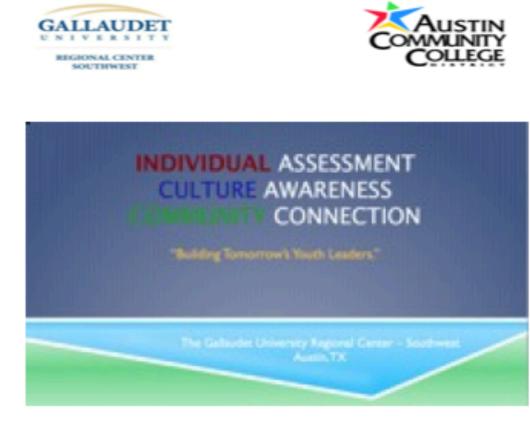
- Latino Youth Program: National Council Hispano for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Conference - Austin, TX
- San Marcos ISD San Marcos, TX
  - Campus Connections Boulder, CO
  - Youth Empowerment Summit: Black Deaf Advocates Conference - New Orleans, LA
    - Clearcreek ISD Galveston-Brazoria, TX

This workshop is geared for youth of varied cultures giving them a voice in sharing what they know about and/or may they discover all about their own



#### This workshop entails:

- Ice Breaking Activities
- Self-Assessment
- Critical Thinking Skills
- Self-Surveys
- Individual Expressions
- Group Discussions and More...



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Free Training Workbook Provided to Each Individual

#### an opportunity to:

# analyze their individual's identity based on their own experiences within their culture and their community influences them as well.







# The Principle of Buildership

- Buildership is elevating people by providing them the right resources and tools to build more people through
- character,
  - •competence, and
    - •commitment.

Darnall, 2011 NAD Leadership Training, 2013

# The Principle of Buildership

- Buildership begins with what the builder must be, the values and attributes that shape a builder's character.
- Builder's skills are those things they know how to do, their competence in everything from the technical side of their job to the people skills a builder requires.
- But character and knowledge—while absolutely necessary —are not enough. A builder cannot be effective, they cannot be a builder, until they apply what they know, until they act and DO what they must.

# The Principle of Buildership

- The Positive Psychology
- The Four Fundamental Human Needs
  - 1) Worth
  - 2) Belonging
  - 3) Competence
  - 4) Purpose
- The Losada Line 3:1

#### **Qualities of a Leader**



# Prioritize

1. 2. 3. 4. 5.

#### What makes **YOU** a **GOOD LEADER**?



ONE ADJECTIVE WORD:

# **Perceptions in Diversity**

How would you ...?



LOOK



WRITE



The first thing you think of typical thoughts or stereotypes on each poster paper.

# **Be Aware**

- stereotypes, attitudes, values, beliefs, norms & cultural differences
- language & communication
- appearance & dress
- food & eating habits
- time & time consciousness
- rewards & recognitions
- roles & responsibilities
- sense of self and of space
- mental processes & learning styles

- reduce incorrect assumptions about diverse cultures
- embrace the intersectionality identities
- not to set expectations that others will conform
- minimize or prevent every biases against the unfamiliar
- internalize the traditional American values to identify what is in conflict with values of others
- reduce language problems that leads to miscommunication and misinterpretation

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