

# NSLDHH 2025 NEWSLETTER

## AND THAT IS A WRAP!!

The 6th Biennial National Student Life for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NSLDHH) Conference, hosted at the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, was a resounding success! We extend our sincere thanks to President Tracie Snow, Director of Student Life, Mel Botterbusch-Goodall, and the entire FSDB team for being such gracious and capable hosts. We're also incredibly grateful to all the school administrators who supported the conference by sending their staff. Your investment in professional development is making a real difference.

*-NSLDHH Board*



## CONFERENCE TOPICS

- Creating Meaningful Working Relationships
- Strategies for Deaf Students with Autism in Residential & After-School Settings
- Teaching Independence Through Failure
- See-Gesture-Communication
- Working Successfully with Diverse Populations
- Building Connections with Trauma-Affected Students
- Stronger Together: A Collaborative Approach to After-School Programs

## CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- 199 attendees – our highest ever!
- 35 schools/programs represented
- Farthest traveler: 2 from Hawaii!
- 5 Schools attended solo-showing strong commitment, even without a team!
- Largest groups: Texas (23), Florida (19), and Kentucky (19)
- Interpreters provided by Texas, Florida, Indiana, and American Schools

Save the Date!

**NATIONAL  
STUDENT LIFE**  
for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing

**June 21-25, 2027**

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Wisconsin School for the Deaf

## WHY NSLDHH MATTERS?

Student Life staff are key to supporting the whole-child development of Deaf and HoH students-but often lack specialized training.

NSLDHH is the only national organization offering professional development tailored for Student Life professionals in residential and after-school settings, providing practical tools, national networking, and renewed inspiration for student success.