Influential Deaf People in History

Andrew Foster - The first African American to graduate from Gallaudet College in Washington, D.C.

Ann Marie (Jade) Bryan - Founder of Jade Films (an independent film production company engaged in the development and production of multi-media technology, video, broadcasting, television and film.)

Michelle Banks - Actress who has appeared on several television programs including Soul Food, Strong Medicine and has also been in the movies and other films including Malcom X

Bernard Bragg - Accomplished actor, director, playwright and lecturer

Christy Smith - Deaf contestant on "Survivor"

Deanne Bray - Star of “Sue Thomas: F.B.EYE,” and portrays a deaf woman who works undercover for the FBI.

Dummy Hoy - First Major League baseball player who was Deaf.

Heather Whitestone McCallum - First Miss America who was Deaf.

I. King Jordan - First Deaf president of Gallaudet University

Lou Ferrigno - Bodybuilder and actor with hearing loss.

Linda Bove – Actress who plays the part of Linda on the children's television program Sesame Street. Both Lindas are deaf.

Marlee Matlin - Oscar-winning actress who is Deaf.

Phyllis Frelich - Tony award winning actress who is Deaf.

Curtis Pride – Contemporary Major League Baseball player who has played for the Expos, Tigers, royals, Yankees and Atlanta.

Trix Bruce - Creative storyteller who brings folktales, poetry and stories to life with audience interaction, and handshapes, 3-D representations, personification, role shifts, international sign, and more.