

Air Academy High School

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This past semester our ASL program brought in Trix Bruce to work with our students and to meet with other ASL teachers and support staff in our district. We were pleasantly pleased on how easy Trix worked with us in getting this done in a timely manner. Our program has never brought in a nationally known Deaf educator and entertainer, Trix was key in making the business side easy for us. Not only did she have to have the correct paperwork for working with students in the school district, she also had to have everything in order for working on a military base. Our public high school is on the grounds of the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

Our ASL program in our high school consists of 225 hearing students. They are learning ASL as their world language. Trix was able to connect with ASL 1 students as well as Honors ASL 4 students. With her humor and skill Trix kept the students involved. She was able to adapt her program to match their skill. She makes a special bond with them that a normal teacher has a hard time doing.

The students (and the teachers) thoroughly enjoyed the day. Word got around and the drama teacher brought in her drama class of the afternoon; they did not know sign language but they did understand about the importance of facial expressions and gesturing. Trix has the ability to communicate to all. My students want her back next year!

After the school day she met with other ASL teachers from the district and support staff. It was a treat to have her encourage the staff and to offer resources for us to continue to improve on our own ASL skill and resources that we can use in the classroom.

We all felt so uplifted after Trix visited us. What a treat. I highly recommend your school to bring in Trix Bruce. She can work with Deaf, hearing, students, adults, in school, colleges, and even a military base. It is a great experience! We will soon be planning something like this again in the future.

Thank you Trix!

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