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October Newsletter



Welcome To Our World

Welcome to the first edition of our CODA of Color newsletter! Each month, we'll celebrate our unique journey and keep you updated on the latest in our vibrant community.

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Who We Are:

The Bridge Between Worlds

CODAs (Children of Deaf Adults) of Color is a group that formed in 2015 whose members consist of sons and daughters of BIPOC Deaf parents. Based in New York City, the goal is to provide a safe environment where, CODAs of Color can learn, share, discuss and question the many common experiences we've had growing up in Deaf families.



VISION

Empowering CODAs of Color to thrive through community, education and support



MISSION

Our mission is to empower CODAs of color of all ages and support the Deaf community by providing transformative educational opportunities, fostering a strong, supportive network, and connecting young KODAs with mentors who share their experiences. Through mentorship, advocacy, and community-building, we aim to inspire individuals across generations to thrive as leaders and changemakers while celebrating and uplifting the Deaf community and its cultural heritage.

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***Meet other CODAs**

***CODA Discussions**

***Improve Sign Language Skills**

***Professional Interpreting Guidance**

***Deaf Cultural Workshops**

***KODA Mentoring**

***Monthly Meetings**

***Workshops**

***Deaf Community events**



"Deaf people around the world" painting by Nancy Rourke

In Case You Missed It: Looking Back

Missed out? No worries! Check out the highlights from our latest events and relive the magic with photos and recaps

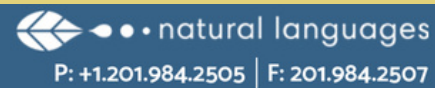




CODA SHOUT OUTS

Time to celebrate! From birthdays to big wins, here's where we give a loud shout-out to our amazing CODA community. Spotlighting our CODA fam!

This month, we are highlighting CODA owned businesses:



Lily Pacheco, Native New Yorker, Pace University & 10,000 Goldman Sachs Small Business Alumni, RID Nationally Certified Interpreter and successful business owner since 2007. Lily is the Founder and CEO of Natural Languages.



SignNexus

Lydia Callis is an RID nationally certified American Sign Language Interpreter from 3 generations of Deaf family. American Sign Language is Lydia's native language because her mother and three younger siblings are all profoundly Deaf. Lydia is the Founder and CEO of SignNexus.



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What's Good?

What's coming up? Mark your calendars for events that bring us together—CODA camps, Deaf events, workshops, meetups



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024
10am -5pm

SILUK Community Park
75 Richmond Terrace,
Staten Island, NY

Come see us at our booth!



Help us build a vibrant Deaf Community Center!

Saturday, October 12, 2024
3:00pm - 8:00pm

St. Thomas More
65 East 89th Street (near Madison Ave.)
New York, NY

Tickets: Members \$30, Non Members \$40
until Oct 5th --after/door \$50

Zelle Celeste Owens for tickets
917-403-3406



City Tech
300 Jay Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201
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Bring the kiddos to our **FREE event!** It's going to be a blast with fun activities and smiles all around! Don't forget to **RSVP** to save your spot! We can't wait to see you there! 🍁🍂

RSVP with the numbers below:

NYCPA - Yusley Ramirez - VP# 347-682-3234
CODA - Chris Buckland Text: 347-485-9946
COC President- Celeste Owens VP (347) 599-8837



***Lift As We Climb: Support Us By
Becoming A Member***

Help us grow! Become a member, donate, or sponsor an event—your support is essential for our diverse programs, including camps, workshops, and mentorship opportunities! Allies are always welcome! Stay connected by following us and joining our events.

Together, let's celebrate our cultural community and keep the CODA of Color spirit alive while connecting with fellow CODAs!

Exciting news! Our website is coming soon, where you'll be able to become a member and donate. Stay tuned for updates! Until next month, let's keep the spirit of community alive! 💙

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