2013 Distinguished Graduate



Jillian Villejo
Sign Language Interpreter

"The Journey is the reward."

-Chinese Proverb

Biography

Jillian Villejo is the Distinguished Graduate for the American Sign Language- interpreting department. She is part of the American Sign Language Connection Club and Texas Society of Interpreters for the Deaf. She will graduate May 2013 with an Associate of Applied Science degree in American Sign Language Interpreting.

Jillian Villejo was born and raised in San Antonio. She is a 2002 graduate of John Marshall High School and received her Bachelor of Arts in Theatre with a minor in Secondary Education from the University of the Incarnate Word in 2006. Her interest in American Sign Language started when she saw an interpreter working in the community. She began taking classes at San Antonio College in 2009, and will graduate with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Interpreting with hopes of becoming a certified interpreter. Jillian has loved her time at SAC, in the American Sign Language department, and her involvement with the Connection Club. The greatest lessons she learned from the ASL department are the importance of community and that "Life is a journey, not a race."

Jillian would like to thank her San Antonio College friends and professors for all the encouragement, memories, and knowledge they've shared with her. Jillian thanks her family for their love and support through every step of her educational career. She feels her graduation from SAC will be special because she has found a career path that makes her feel special and allows her to meet new people and learn something new every day. She hopes to inspire other students to enjoy and value their education and to continue to work toward their personal, educational, and career endeavors.



