An Introduction to American Deaf Culture

CONNECTEDNESS
Similar experiences provide a level of connectedness before we even meet. Therefore, no matter where we are in the world, we are connected. Our shared experiences, including our frustrations in the face of challenges, supported the growth of our culture.

INTRODUCTIONS
Upon meeting, we search for connections. Knowing who we are, where we come from, and what schools we attended create a picture that begins to tell others who we are and our story.

NAME SIGNS
Signs that represent our names, customized for each person based on a particular personality trait or physical characteristic, represent our identity for a lifetime and show our acceptance into the Deaf Community.