



Alice Cogswell (1805-1830)

- Born **deaf** due to illness at age two, she became the **inspiration for deaf education** in America.
- Daughter of **Dr. Mason Cogswell**, who sought better educational opportunities for deaf children.
- Demonstrated intelligence but lacked formal education due to the absence of deaf schools in the U.S.
- Inspired **Thomas Gallaudet** to travel to Europe to learn deaf education methods.
- Became one of the **first deaf students** to enroll at ASD in **1817**.