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## Did You Know...

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## **Abstract**

Some interesting facts regarding diversity are listed here.



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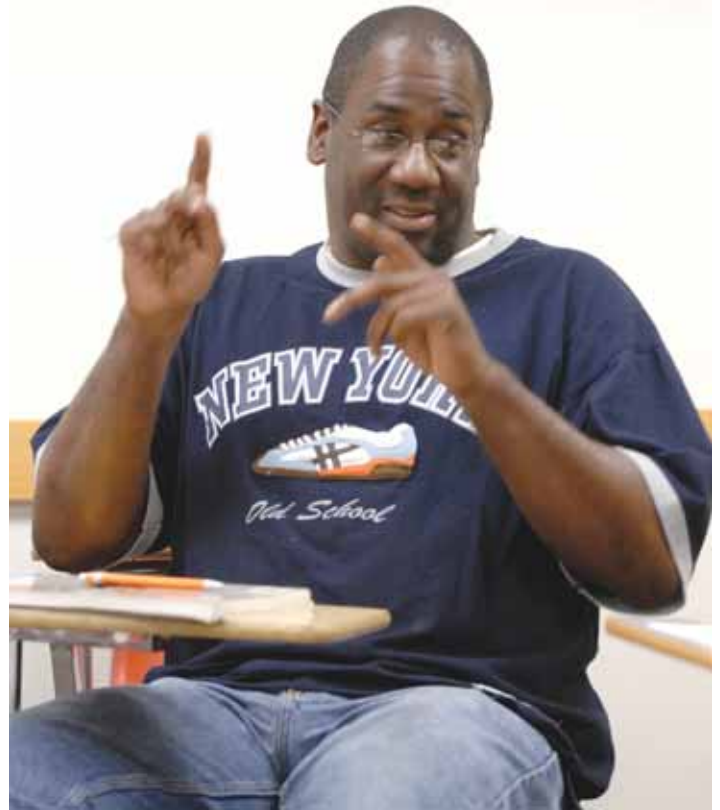
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### Did you know ...

- That 95% of all Deaf children are born to hearing parents?
- That 90% of all Deaf people in America come from one generation (related to the 1963-1964 outbreak of the German measles)?
- That there are many different international sign languages and even variations within American Sign Language, so sometimes translation is necessary between two people who sign?

### Did you know ...

- That the Kansas City area is rich in Deaf heritage because the Kansas School for the Deaf, the Deaf Cultural Center and the Olathe Club of the Deaf are all located in Olathe, Kan.?
- That Gallaudet University, the premier undergraduate institution for Deaf and hard-of-hearing students, now offers a master's degree in Deaf studies?
- That JCCC has been a Gallaudet University Regional Center since 1977 and serves a 15-state Midwest region?
- That JCCC has about 30 to 40 Deaf students each year?



### Did you know ...

- That sign language and other forms of manual communication were banned in Deaf schools for most of the 20th century?
- That the term "audism," the notion that one is superior based on one's ability to hear, was coined by Tom Humphries in 1975, yet this term is still not in most mainstream dictionaries?
- That a recent film titled *Audism Unveiled* (2006) by H-Dirksen Bauman with Ben Bahan and Facundo Montengro explains the impact of audism on people in the Deaf community?
- That there is still controversy within the Deaf community about whether lip reading and other oral communication methods should be taught?
- That Deaf students immerse themselves daily in the hearing world?
- That Deaf students notice when people in the hearing world communicate and act in ways that demonstrate intercultural awareness of the Deaf world?

### Did you know ...

- That I learned all of this information for the first time by attending the Deaf Awareness Week programming (September 22-26, 2008) sponsored by the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion?