My College Journey

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About Me
Audiogram

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- Hearing aids
- Live in Los Alamos (Small LA)
- Mainstream
- Stanford
- Major???
College Process
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- Exploring
- Searching
- Testing
- Applying
- Transitioning
Exploring

• Passions
• Middle/High school
• Changes over time
• Variety
  o Academic
  o Athletic
  o Musical
  o Community Service
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My First Language is Garbled

This is the story that I mentioned last month when I was talking about foreign accents. This may have happened to you at some point. Hopefully you will laugh or smile at the similarities to your own situation.

It was crunch time for a paper and I wanted to do my best. My high school has a writing center where anyone can sign up for help with Language Arts assignments. So, I stopped by and signed up for an appointment for someone to look at my paper. The teacher who was working during the time of my appointment had a noticeable foreign accent, almost like English was her second language. Yet, despite this possible fact, she was very good at catching both sentences that did not make sense and grammatical errors. But the killer was not that I had a lot of mistakes in my paper, but when she came to talk me through the draft the first thing she asked me was, "Is English your second language?"
Running
Searching

- Camps
- Vacations
- Email ahead of time
  - Deaf
  - Need FM microphone
- Questions
  - What kind of accommodations do they provide?
  - How many D/HH individuals are attending?
Testing

• Same accommodations as in IEP

• Scores:
  o Math - No change
  o Reading - No change
  o Writing - 16% improvement
  o Overall - 14% improvement

• SAT vs. ACT

• Be assertive
Accommodations

IT’S NOT OKAY...

You need to reach your own full potential
Applying

- Common application
  - Start early!

- “Greatest challenged faced”
  - Deaf in a hearing world
Transitioning

- DVR - Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
  - Equipment
  - Career/Vocational counseling

- School’s office of accessibility
  - Same high school accommodations
  - New accommodations
    - CART (similar to CC)
    - Paid notetakers

- Home away from home
  - Fire horn/strobe, vibrating bed

- Socializing
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- High school challenges
- College = High School * $10^\infty$ +
- No parents
  - Parents = Personal interpreters
  - Need to pick up the slack
- Freshmen FaceBook Post
This is an example of what various types of hearing loss sound like to the individual with the loss. I had been looking for something like this that would gi...
Final Advice
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- Be assertive - Be like a New Yorker
- Try new things - Test limits and aptitudes
- Do not spread yourself too thin
- Anticipate! - Check out resources BEFORE you arrive
- Ask for help - Find your TEAM
Taiko Drums

Source: http://web.stanford.edu/group/stanfordtaiko/cgi-bin/about.php
Quidditch

Stay Tuned!
Thank you!
**Resources**

- Hands & Voices New Mexico Chapter Web Site: [http://HVNM.org/](http://HVNM.org/)
- New Mexico Division of Vocational Rehab: [www.dvr.state.nm.us/](http://www.dvr.state.nm.us/)
- Rachel Kolb: