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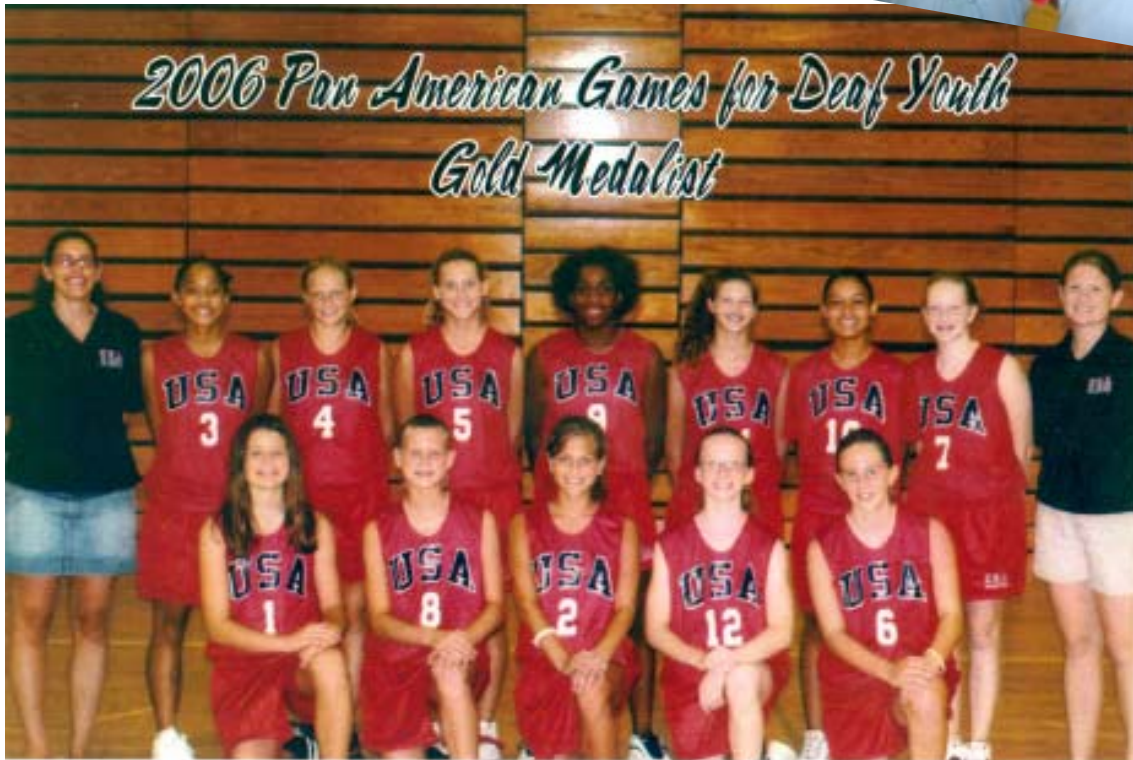
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California School for the Deaf athlete Jonathan Ford wins five medals at the Pan American Games for Deaf Youth held at Gallaudet University

**CSD athletes
join international
competition**



CSD athlete Alexis Madayag-Thompson brings home the gold with **Team USA** at the Pan Am Games.



Jonathan Ford receives his gold medal, given by our own Jack Lamberton.

CSD students bring home the gold

Two seventh graders from the California School for the Deaf participated in an international sporting event and brought home gold medals—Jonathan Ford and Alexis Madayag-Thompson. Jonathan and Alexis competed in the fourth annual Pan American Games for Deaf Youth, which is organized by the USA Deaf Sports Federation. The Pan Am Games were held July 30 through August 6, at Gallaudet University, in Washington DC.

It was the first time that the Pan Am Games have been held in the United States. Previously, the Games were held in Mexico in 2000; Venezuela in 2002; and Canada in 2004.

JONATHAN

Jonathan Ford competed in track and field, winning two gold medals, two silver medals, and a bronze medal. He also broke two international records.

In order to become an athlete on **Team USA**, Jonathan's coach sent in a recommendation to the Pan Am Games track and field selection committee. His coach highlighted Jonathan's times throughout the track season, and described his ability to compete in multiple events. His coach complimented Jonathan on his sportsmanship, maturity level, citizenship, and expressed confidence that Jonathan would represent the United States well.

Once accepted into the competition, Jonathan faced some additional challenges. The first two days of the track competition were cancelled due to a heat wave. So, all of the events were contested over a 2-day period instead of over 4 days.

Jonathan competed in eight events, which was twice as many as he was used to doing during the regular season. He also did the 4x400 meter relay, 400 meter hurdles, and 100 meter hurdles for the first time ever, since those events are not regularly offered during his league competitions.

Jonathan represented CSD and the United States well with his performances. His sportsmanship and hardworking attitude were outstanding.

Jonathan Ford Youth Boys 14-15 Division Competition Results

100 meter hurdles (18.37)
bronze

400 meter hurdles (1:19.77)
gold + Pan Am Games record

100 meter dash (12.89)
9th place—preliminaries

400 meter dash (1:04.96)
5th place—finals

4x100 meter relay (51.64)
Team USA—silver

4x400 meter relay (4:34.53)
Team USA—silver

long jump (4.47 meters)
5th place

high jump (1.55 meters)
gold + Pan Am Games record

Jonathan said that his favorite memory from participating in the Pan Am Games happened when he first arrived: He was alone, without any friends on the team, and some of his fellow teammates invited him over to join them. Jonathan said there was a lot of support from the athletes on other teams, as well.

Jonathan was excited about breaking the international record for the high jump. Many of the people there congratulated him on all his medals. Even his coach told him that he was doing very well.

ALEXIS

Alexis Madayag-Thompson was on the girls' basketball team that won the gold, defeating the teams from Mexico, Canada, and Venezuela.

In order to be picked for the **Team USA** basketball team, a screening committee made of members from the USA Deaf Basketball, reviewed Alexis' school and team performance records from January 2004 through March 2006; the committee picked Alexis to be a member of the team based on her team performance. Other requirements for joining **Team USA** were that Alexis'

proficiency in her basketball skills warranted participation at an international level, that she was between the ages of 12 and 15 years old, and that she was a member of the USA Deaf Sports Federation and USA Deaf Basketball. Alexis also had to submit a resume to be considered by the team.

Alexis and her teammates on **Team USA** won the gold medal for girls basketball, with a score of 57-17 in the championship game against Canada.

About her experience competing on the international team, Alexis said, "I had a great time at the Pan Am Games, meeting people from other states and other countries. My favorite part was talking with the players from the other countries, especially Canada, and seeing different kinds of sign language."

"Washington DC was beautiful, and I was able to visit the Presidents House (White House), the Washington Monument, and the Lincoln Memorial."

"My teammates from **Team USA** were from all over the country. They were from Maryland, Arizona, Massachusetts, Texas, DC, and I was the only one representing California. I was also the youngest girl on the team (12 years old). It was a lot of work and we practiced hard everyday. It was a big honor for me, and it was even more exciting because we were the champs."

"I have been invited back to the next Pan Am Games in Venezuela, and was also invited to try out for the Deaf Olympics in 2009."

Oskar

Our own Oskar Schugg helped coach **Team USA** boys basketball. The boys basketball team won a gold medal, scoring 98-47 in the championship game against Canada.

Both the girls USA basketball team and the boys USA basketball team did an outstanding job and dominated the competition. Both teams were undefeated during the games.

—Lisa Kalsbeek and Meta Metal

400 meter hurdles – Jonathan struggles in on the homestretch of the 400 meter hurdles. He sets a new Pan Am Games record and wins a gold medal for his efforts.



Jonathan clears the bar at 1.55 meters for a new Pan Am Games record.



Alexis plays defense against Canada.



Opening Ceremonies – Jonathan Ford holds the flag for *Team USA*.

Team USA track and basketball teams assemble with their coaches in front of Chapel Hall at Gallaudet University.



Jonathan receives a silver medal with his relay team.

Dear CSD Community,

You are aware that CSD strongly believes in training students to become self-directed leaders of the future. Because of this belief, various student organizations, campus programs, and campus activities afford each and every high school student the opportunity to take an office, serve on various committees, or be involved in other ways to support the needs of our community. By doing this, our high school students make a difference with the help of their peers and under the guidance and support of the entire CSD community.

The student life high school department would like to share the point system that exists for our high school students to earn rewards based upon their participation in CSD community activities. Over the summer, we made several revisions to the point system, based on feedback from our high school students and the CSD community. Please take a moment to review and learn about the point system. The point values for the different activities are shown below.

Julie Bella, our supervising counselor for high school boys and student organization coordinator, is keeping track of the students who have already begun to earn points. The point tally paper is posted in the high school activity center and points will be updated monthly. Thank you.

700 Points

Eligible to apply for a Youth Leadership Camp scholarship of \$650

500 Points

Weekend retreat activities

400 Points

Eligible to apply for Youth Leadership Camp

300 Points

Rewards

Officers for any of the following organizations:

- Student Body Government
- Foothills Athletic Association
- Jr. National Association of the Deaf
- Class
- Gay Straight Alliance
- FHA-HERO

President = 30 points

Vice-President = 20 points

Secretary = 20 points

Treasurer = 20 points

Chairperson = 20 points

Reward Point Keeper = 20 points

Participation in any event

Chairperson = 30 points

Cleaning Crew = 10 points

Co-Chairperson = 15 points

Decoration = 10 points

Flyers = 10 points

Food = 10 points

Games Provider = 10 points

Head Committee = 20 points

Attendance

Drama Audition = 10 points

General Meetings = 5 points

Leadership Workshop = 10 points

Student Council Meeting = 10 points

CSD Activities

Academic Bowl Team = 100 points

Athletic Sport = 25 points

Dance Club = 50 points

Mr. & Miss CSD = 50 points

NFO/Leadership Weekend = 75 points

Robotics Team = 100 points

School Play = 100 points

Community Service (hourly basis)

Christmas Party (Klopping) = 5 points

Cottage = 10 points

Elementary (reading) = 10 points

FAA Snack Bar = 10 points

Fremont Oak Garden = 15 points

Food Drive = 5 points

Mocha Café = 10 points

Open House = 5 points

Toys Drive = 5 points

NOTE—ILS and Slice of Life community hours do not apply

Russell O. West

Supervisor of Residence Programs

Julie Bella

Supervising Counselor for High School Boys & Student Organizations



Eagles,

The department of athletics is truly pleased to announce that **Leila Hanaumi**, varsity volleyball, is our first recipient of the **Athlete of the Week** for this school year. The announcement to high school students took place on October 12, during our weekly mini pep rally, outside of the cafeteria.

The main purpose of the **Athlete of the Week** is to encourage athletes to strive for excellence in: academics, career/technical education, career center activities, athletics, their cottages, and all other programs at CSD. The goal of the athletics department is to assist students in becoming well-rounded, and to strive to meet the **Expected Schoolwide Learning Results**.

Go Eagles!

Len Gonzales, Athletic Director



The Gallaudet University Alumni Association called for a rally on the CSD campus in support of the students at Gallaudet. Photos by Cat Cassidy

mayor and her drum

The drum is our way of making noise...making music...and Moe Klusza is the mayor.



our vibration

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Friday, November 10, 2006
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Gold medal winner
Alexis Madayag-Thompson
with her teammates
from *Team USA*

