

HARRISON ASHER SMITH

INTERPRETER

CONTACT

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📍 New Jersey/New York/Philly

SKILLS

Strong work ethic

Artistic/performer

Belief in lifelong learning

Problem solving

MEMBERSHIPS

RID Student Member

NJRID Student Member

CERTIFICATIONS

Lifeguard/CPR/First Aid Instructor

Lifeguard Management

Lifeguarding/CPR/First Aid

LANGUAGES

English 

ASL 

French 

PROFILE

An energetic, developing professional who aims to build his work and career in both the interpreting/accessibility and performing arts fields. A recent graduate of an IEP taught by figureheads in the NJ Deaf and interpreting communities, Harrison believes in lifelong learning and development. With particular strength in theatrical interpreting, he hopes to provide access to the arts for all communities - although his growing passions are shown through his continued education and expansion into all fields of interpreting.

EDUCATION

BA Linguistics - Concentration in ASL Interpreting
BFA Musical Theatre

Montclair State University

2018-2023

- Graduated summa cum laude
- College of the Arts Dean's Scholar Award recipient

WORK EXPERIENCE

ASL Interpreter (Freelance)

New Jersey

2023-Present

- Collaborate with diverse clients to provide on-demand ASL interpretation services for various settings, including educational environments and social events.
- Translate spoken English into ASL and vice versa, ensuring accurate conveyance of information while preserving context and emotional nuances.
- Adapt interpretation techniques based on clients' preferences and communication styles, promoting effective communication between Deaf and hearing parties.
- Maintain a professional demeanor and upheld confidentiality standards while working with sensitive information.
- Navigate complex technical vocabulary in specialized industries, including theatrical and religious terminology.
- Managed scheduling and administrative tasks independently to ensure smooth operations of the freelance business.

ASL Interpreter (Intern)

Montclair State University

2022

- Collaborate with experienced American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters to gain practical experience and develop proficiency in ASL interpretation.
- Assist in providing ASL interpretation services in various settings, such as educational institutions, public events, and theatrical performances.
- Collaborate with Deaf individuals and hearing clients to facilitate effective communication, bridging the linguistic and cultural gap.
- Actively participate in meetings, workshops, and professional networking events within the interpreting community to expand knowledge, build connections, and stay informed about industry trends and advancements.