

Notes on Gallaudet University

- Thomas Gallaudet was neighbors w/ Dr. Mason Cogswell.
- Dr. Cogswell had a Deaf daughter named Alice.
- They decided to start a school to teach Alice and others like her.
- Cogswell funded a trip for Gallaudet to go to England.
- Went to the Braidwood school in England. Was an oral school. Did not share their teaching methodologies.
- Gallaudet went on to Paris, France.
- There he met Laurent Clerc, a Deaf Frenchman, who was a teacher.
- Gallaudet asked Clerc to come back to America to help start a school.
- On the ship back, Clerc taught Gallaudet signs; Gallaudet taught Clerc English.
- The first school for the Deaf opened up in 1817. The Connecticut Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb. It is still open today. (Different name) (American School for the Deaf)
- In 1864, Gallaudet University opened under a land grant charter from Abraham Lincoln.
- In spring of 1988, students protested at Gallaudet University. They had never had a Deaf president. After a week, their wishes were granted and Dr. I. King Jordan became the 1st Deaf President of Gallaudet University.
- There have been Deaf Presidents there ever since.

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1988 — protest at Gallaudet University. 1st Deaf president.

1864 — Gallaudet University opened. Thomas Gallaudet =
1st President of the University.

April 1817 — 1st school for the Deaf opened.

June, 1816 — Clerc + Gallaudet sailed back to U.S.

— Met Laurent Clerc

1816 — Gallaudet went to England → France.