



MISSY KEAST - BA, CT, EIE III

Missy Keast - The chocolate addicted mother of two, was born deaf and is considered the "Shakespeare" of Sign Language. Her clarity and complexity in the use of ASL is unmatched, which has led to great success for her college level teaching. She began teaching at Mesa Community College while still a student at Arizona State University. She has continued to teach in a variety of environments and just took time off from teaching at Phoenix College in Arizona to raise her two daughters aged 6 months and 2 1/2 years. While teaching at Phoenix College she was asked to teach the fingerspelling course. The lack of a defined curriculum to standardize fingerspelling from one class to the next is what inspired her to produce a multi-level fingerspelling curriculum entirely on DVD. This led to the formation of "Signs For Intelligence, LLC", a company dedicated to the creation of easy to use ASL educational materials.

In addition to teaching she tells stories at both bookstores and elementary schools. She fine tuned her storytelling skills while touring with the National Theater of the Deaf (NTD) in the 90s.