

Deaf Culture Question of the Week – January 4-8, 2010

Bill Newell, Principal Washington School for the Deaf

Who was the first African-American student to attend Gallaudet University?

- a. Kenny Walker
- b. C.J. Jones
- c. Curtis Pride
- d. Andrew Foster

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Answer: "d" Andrew Foster (1925-1987) – Andrew Foster, the first African-American student to graduate from Gallaudet University with his BA in Education in 1954. “In 1956, he organized the Christian Mission for Deaf Africans, and set up his first school in Accra, Ghana. He founded 31 schools for deaf African children and adults. By 1974, there were 74 schools for the deaf in Africa, a sixfold increase over the 12 that existed before he began his mission. In 1970, he became the first black person to receive an honorary degree from Gallaudet. His career ended when he died in a plane crash in Rwanda—but his mission continues.”

(Cited from:

http://deafpeople.com/history/history_info/foster.html)

For a complete biography of Andrew Foster including pictures go to:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andrew_Foster_\(educator\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andrew_Foster_(educator))