

Deaf Culture Question of the Week –November 3 - 7, 2008

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In honor of the Presidential Election the Deaf Culture Question of the Week involves US Presidents and their connections with Deaf Culture.

Who were the Presidents of the United States when Gallaudet College and the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) were founded?

- a. George Washington and Franklin Roosevelt
- b. Abraham Lincoln and Lyndon Johnson
- c. Andrew Jackson and Jimmy Carter
- d. George H. Bush and George W. Bush
- e. Grover Cleveland and William Clinton

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Answer: "b" Abraham Lincoln and Lyndon Johnson ---

Gallaudet College - In 1864, Congress authorized the the Columbia Institution (original name of Gallaudet University) to confer college degrees, and **President Abraham Lincoln** signed the bill into law. Edwin Miner Gallaudet (son of Thomas H. Gallaudet) was made president of the entire corporation, including the college, which that year had eight students enrolled. (Read the History of Gallaudet University here: <http://www.gallaudet.edu/GUHistory.xml>)

NTID - In 1965 Public Law 89-36, the National Technical Institute for the Deaf Act, was signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson. The bill will provide for the establishment and operation of a coeducational, postsecondary institute for technical education of persons who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. (Read about the History of NTID at: <http://www.rit.edu/about/history-ntid.html>)