

Deaf Culture Question of the Week – January 14-18, 2013

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Who is the first Deaf person to become President of the Conference of Interpreter Trainers?

- a. Nancy Bloch
- b. Leslie Greer
- c. Gertrude Galloway
- d. Evelyn Zola

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Answer “b” – Leslie Greer is a contemporary deaf leader. She is ASL Program Director at Mt. San Jacinto College in San Jacinto, CA. She is a past-president of the American Sign Language Teachers Association and has held other leadership roles. In October, 2012 she was elected as the first deaf president of the Conference of Interpreter Trainers. You can see a video featuring Leslie here: <http://www.cit-asl.org/12conf.html>.

You might be wondering what the Conference of Interpreter Trainers is all about. The CIT is the professional organization for teachers of ASL/English interpretation. The organization provides professional development, exchange of best practices in the field of ASL/English interpretation and strives to maintain high quality ASL/English Interpreter Education programs. You can learn more about the CIT here: <http://www.cit-asl.org>.

By the way all of the women mentioned in the answer choices are notable deaf leaders. Do you recognize their names and know why they are inspiring leaders in their own rights?