

Deaf Culture Question of the Week – Jan. 31 – Feb. 4, 2011
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This Deaf Culture Question of the Week was researched and submitted by WSD staff member Teresa Stotler-Martin to honor the 125th Birthday of the Washington School for the Deaf. Thanks Teresa and Happy Birthday WSD!

Which of the following schools for the deaf were founded before the territories they were in became states?

- a) New Mexico School for the Deaf
- b) Hawaii School for the Deaf
- c) South Dakota School for the Deaf
- d) Utah School for the Deaf
- e) Washington School for the Deaf

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Answers: “a, b, c, d, e” – All of the schools listed were founded before the territories they were in became US states.

- a) New Mexico School for the Deaf – Founded in 1887
New Mexico became the 47th state on Jan. 6, 1912

- b) Hawaii School for the Deaf – Founded in 1914
Hawaii became 50th state on Aug. 21, 1959
- c) South Dakota School for the Deaf – Founded in 1880
South Dakota became the 39th or 40th state on Nov. 2, 1889
(**Note:** North and South Dakota were admitted to statehood on the same date.)
- d) Utah School for the Deaf – Founded in 1884
Utah became the 45th state on Jan. 4, 1896
- e) Washington School for the Deaf - Founded Feb. 3, 1886
Washington became the 42nd state on Nov. 11, 1889

Note: The oldest Day School program for the Deaf in the US is the Horace Mann School for the Deaf founded in 1869. Check out Horace Mann School for the Deaf here: <http://www.hmsboston.org/>

The Washington School for the Deaf will celebrate our 125th Anniversary of our founding on Feb. 3, 2011. Happy Birthday WSD!

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