

Happy 2009!

My fall semester went by with a wink of the eye. I have been busy with school; I am having double majors in Business Administration and Accounting. I also have a job at Gallaudet University. I work as a hearing assistant for Office of Student Conduct. I also was selected to be DC Youth Environmental Alliance (DCYEA) Representative for Green Gallaudet. It was a big honor for me. I had to go to monthly meetings at different universities around DC. We all bring our accomplishments to the meeting from our school and share. We also bring ideas and ask other representatives some questions with their experiences. It is amazing to see universities in DC to work together to make our campus to be green friendly. I got the position to be a treasurer for Vagina Monogules. Those activities also kept me busy as well. I did some volunteering during my spare hours. I volunteered to help dogs to be adopted to loving homes. I went to Arlington, Virginia, and the weather was really cold with freezing rain. I was layered in a lot of clothes but I still was cold. I helped walking the dogs around and letting people to play with them and see if they want to adopt those dogs. It was successful. 39 dogs out of 50 were adopted that day. It was a wonderful experience for me. Then the midterms and finals were in my face before I knew it. When I came home for my winter break, I used my time to visit my families which I only see twice a year. I also volunteered more. I volunteered at American Heart Association. I was helping them to prepare for their big event coming up in February. Now I have few days left to pack and return back to DC to continue my 8<sup>th</sup> semester at Gallaudet University. I was utterly disappointed that I had to miss my chance to give a presentation at Kansas School for the Deaf. One major problem for me; I have been keeping myself being busy with a lot of things and I forget about my health. I rarely have a lot of time to rest. The results from that, my body crashed. From now and on, I will be sure to give my body some rest, so I can be able to make some more appearance around Kansas! It is unbelievable that my time will come to an end soon. I am really looking forward to see who will win the big honor of being the next Miss Deaf Kansas. It will be mixed emotions for me. It will be exciting for me to see the young ladies to go through the experience to win the title of Miss Deaf Kansas. It also will be sad for me to see my time to come to an end. To the young ladies out there, please grab your opportunity and try out to be our next Miss Deaf Kansas!

Yours dearly,

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