

CSD well represented at the National Student Life for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing Conference

The biannual national conference for schools and programs with student life or after-school activities was hosted at our sister school, California School for the Deaf, Riverside last June. CSD attended well with a group of 18 consisting of the Dean of Students, Supervisors of Residence Programs, Supervising Counselors, Cottage Counselors and Night Attendants.

A total of 90 attendees from approximately 20 schools and programs, plus conference staff from CSDR, came together to socialize and share their expertise working with Deaf and Hard of Hearing students at their respective schools. They shared similar experiences and challenges as they sought solutions from each other.

Ethan Bernstein, Dean of Students, kicked off the conference with his keynote address focusing on positive discipline and restorative discipline. It followed with several experts giving sessions on reading and ASL literacy outside of the classroom, operating student organizations, after-school activities, trends and issues in student life, mental health, creating safe space for LGBTQ students, and creating a happy environment for students and workers. The closing ceremony was held at the beautiful mansion-like old Mission Inn in Downtown Riverside.

Our staff took in the entire event with a renewed spirit and enthusiasm, excited to share their experience with other staff, and to work with our students with a new spark in their eyes.