

# Distinguished Graduate

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## Karen Acosta

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETING

*“It’s never impossible, it’s always I’M POSSIBLE.”*

**Audrey Hepburn**

Karen Acosta is a proud Hispanic student. She fell in love with the Deaf community and ASL language back in 2018. Ever since, she persisted in getting her A.A.S. degree in ASL interpreting. She is also part of the American Sign Language Honor Society.

She has overcome many life and academic obstacles along the way. She discovered that her background, growing up bilingual, is part of her superpower in becoming a successful interpreter. She viewed every day as a new opportunity to improve the skills necessary for her career and to make meaningful connections with the faculty to better herself.

It all paid off when she passed state certification, BEI Basic, on the first attempt. She is now a working certified interpreter and is pursuing a goal of becoming a trilingual certified interpreter with hopes of earning a bachelor’s degree in Spanish. She aims to bring her culture and Deaf culture together and increase the ways to facilitate communication between both worlds.