

Distinguished Alumni

Patty Tadak – Class of 1961



- Teacher Assistant at St. Mary's School for the Deaf for 30 years before retiring
- Advisor of SMSD Junior National Association of the Deaf for 26 years
- Taught ASL classes at New York State University of Buffalo, Erie Community College and community at large
- Past President of Catholic Deaf Association
- Past Deaf Advisory Council Member at WNY Deaf Adult Services
- Current Board Member at WNY Deaf Adult Services
- Board Member of the Buffalo Civic Association of the Deaf
- Member Buffalo Club of the Deaf
- Member of Buffalo Deaf Senior Citizens & Assistant Editor to BDSC newsletter
- Past President and Vice President of the St. Mary's School for the Deaf Alumni Association
- 1997 – Received Outstanding Contribution to Deaf Community Award from Buffalo Civic Association of the Deaf
- 2003 – Received Russell Martina Award from St. Mary's School for the Deaf Alumni Association
- 2006 – Received Staff Award from St. Mary's School for the Deaf
- Coordinator of Buffalo Education & Awareness of the Deaf (BEAD)
- Facilitator of WNY Susan G. Komen Cancer Awareness for the Deaf Community
- Married to Francis Tadak (Class of 1957) with four children and eight grandchildren