



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Deaf Community Education Subject of January Speaker Series Event**

SPRINGFIELD, OH (Jan. 4, 2019) — The Global Education and Peace Network will hold the next installment in its Global Education Speaker Series, “Befriending the Deaf Community: Stories and More,” with Arlon Nash and friends on Thursday, Jan. 10 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 105 of Shouplin Center at Wittenberg University.

Nash will discuss the importance of deaf culture and the role of American Sign Language (ASL) between deaf and hearing people in our community. A performance by a sign language choir is also planned for the event.

Arlon Nash is deaf and has taught ASL at Springfield City Schools for 17 years, and has taught ASL at Wittenberg University and Wright State University. Nash holds a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Bowling Green State University and a master’s degree in deaf education from McDaniel College in Maryland.

Nash was a runner at the United States Deaflympics in New Zealand and now has leadership roles in several deaf organizations with a goal of promoting leadership for the deaf, bridging the gaps between deaf and hearing communities and supporting ASL as a native language. He enjoys traveling, photography, sports, socializing and family activities. Native to Springfield, Nash still lives in his hometown with his wife and three children.

The Global Education and Peace Network celebrates its 17th season with the speaker series, “Practicing Kindness in Changing Times.” Monthly programs will explore ways local residents practice kindness in their lives. The Global Education and Peace Network formed during City-sponsored study circles after the tragedy of 9/11. They seek to build bridges of understanding across cultural divides with their monthly speaker series and annual calendar.

The 2018-2019 Global Education calendar, which features the series, will be available at no charge at the Jan. 10 program. Information is also available on the City of Springfield’s website at [springfieldohio.gov/global-education](http://springfieldohio.gov/global-education).