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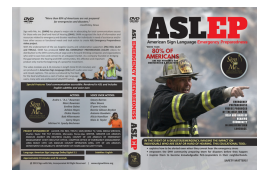
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## about me

Dr. D'yann Elaine is the Founder and Executive Director of Sign with Me Incorporated, a nonprofit organization whose **mission is to bridge the communication gap that exists between the deaf and hard-of-hearing**. Dr. D'yann has focused her business on bringing awareness and delivering resources in service to the deaf community. As an accomplished educator for over 16 years, she has influenced thousands of students teaching American Sign Language (ASL) in both the classroom and community. As a professional ASL interpreter she promotes advocacy for ADA compliance for equal communication access in education, medical legal, religious, film and entertainment settings. Dr. D'yann holds a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Communications from the University of Southern California, B.A. in Deaf Studies from California State University Northridge, Masters in Organizational Management, Masters in Education, two secondary Teaching Credentials in English and ASL. Currently, Dr. D'yann teaches ASL in both secondary and post-secondary levels and recently joined the teaching pool at California State University Northridge (CSUN) Deaf Studies Department, one of her Alma Maters.

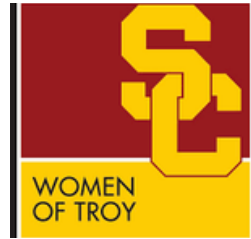
## about my work

SWM, and its projects have been pioneered and spearheaded by Dr. D'yann's vision to empower marginalized groups, and to be an agent that inspires change. Her integrity aligns with her deep levels of compassion and unwavering commitment. Backing her drive and determination to serve others and her relentless pursuit to educate the hearing majority, collaborate with the deaf community and work in collaboration to **deliver the highest quality accessible media products to a market that is diverse, equitable and inclusive**.



# education

D.Div, Bible Believers Christian  
College 2023  
M.A. Education, UOP 2011  
B.A. Deaf Studies, CSUN, 2008  
M.A. Organizational Management,  
UOP 1998  
B.A. Communications, USC 1989



# certifications

Clear Single Subject Teaching  
Credential American Sign Language  
since 2017

Clear Single Subject Teaching  
Credential ELA since 2011

# affiliations

- National Association of African American Parents and Students (NAAAPY) Founding Member (2022)
- Greater Los Angeles Agency on Deafness (GLAD), Board member 2021
- National Association for the Deaf (NAD) 2021
- Los Angeles Deaf Festival, Volunteer Coordinator 2019
- Southern California Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (SCRID), Member Coordinator 2006-2008
- National Association of Black Interpreters 2005-2008
- National Black Deaf Advocates, Washington, DC 2000-2004

# honors/awards

**2022 Certificated Employee of Year**

**2021 Woman of Empowerment**

**2018 Konnectory Perfect Pitch  
Winner**

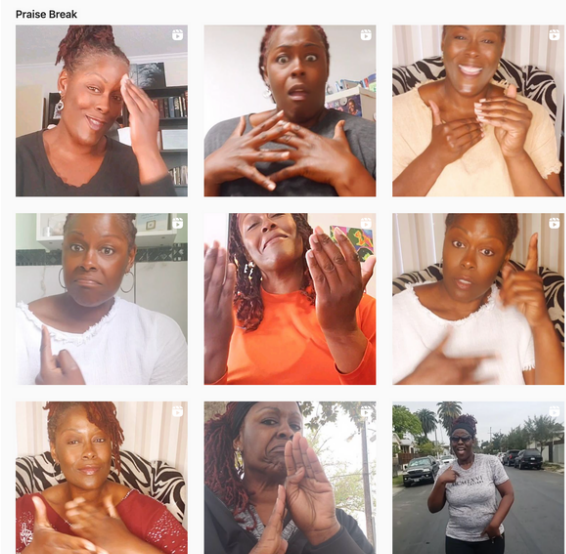
**2018 Kingdom Humanitarian  
Awards**

**2008 Who's Who in Black L.A.**



# projects, brands, and sponsors

Seniors Sign, Too! Book Series  
Atria Senior Facilities  
ASL Emergency Preparedness DVD Series  
Compton Unified School District  
AARP  
102.3 FM KJLH Performance Choir  
San Pedro Library  
El Segundo Unified School District  
Kaiser - South Bay  
LISC Grant



## events/features

- Co-author Book Launch: Seasons of Divorce Feb. 2023
- Lawndale HS Teacher of the Year 2022-2023
- I-Dominate Magazine: Phenomenal Women Edition-April 2022
- Cosandra Calloway Alta Med 2015, Telethon 2020-2022
- LA Deaf Festival Volunteer Coordinator, 2019
- Bethel Music International, 2019
- Power of Song Concert, 2018
- KJLH Performance Choir (How Sweet the Sound, House Full of Toys), 2014-2017

## accolades

### **Dexter, Former Student**

*"The passion D'yann has for the language and the craft is amazing . I am grateful to have spent a few years with D'Yann learning the art of Sign language."*

### **Randi-Lee, Former Colleague**

*"All the love she puts into her work shows everyday!"*

# Seniors Sign, Too!

ASL ALPHABET BOOK#1



Written with the aging adult perspective in mind, the HearZero Seniors Sign, Too! book series is the perfect way for seniors 55 and up to learn sign language as an alternative visual communication tool while using cognition skills.



## The Vision

With the challenges of aging and addressing unmet support needs of an aging population, SWM endeavors to see HearZero books and videos in every senior facility nationwide. By delivering another first-of-its-kind accessible media product to the marketplace, we are poised to spark a whole new community of signers among older adults and the family, friends, and caregivers who empower them during hearing loss.

my  
newest  
project



## Features

- 26-letter alphabet in English & ASL
- Delightful interplay between letters and drawings
- Word Association with each letter
- Nostalgic graphics that connect memories to today's reality

## Brand expansion includes

- 12 titles slated for production
- 12 companion video lessons
- 6 Product variations in print, tech, education, and digital verticals



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## Radio Features

- **Testimony Tuesday w/ Dr. A. Davis Jan. 2023**
- **Unshakeable Woman w/Cheryl Stabler Jan. 2023**
- **U.N.G. Radio December 2022**
- **I.A.M. Spotlight w/ Glenn & Crystal Glass Aug. 2022**
- **Radio Theatre for Your Soul Feature: July 2022, January 2023**
- **ESPN LA The Experience 710 Radio w/LaFern Cusack 2018**

## Print Features

- **iDominate January 2023**
- **Voyage LA, December 2022**
- **iDominate April 2022**

## TV/ Film/Streaming Appearances

**Power of Praise Network: Praise House Ministries w/Pastors Billy and**

**Debbie Green, Jr. 2022**

**Ginger the Movie 2022**

**Sesil and Lujon "Fulfill My Needs" Music Video 2021**

**#FEEDTHESTREETSLIFE 24hr Telethon 2020 & 2021**

**Carrivision That Channel w/Darrell Barrs 2021**

**HCTV City News, 2019**

**HVTV Education Edition Principals 2019**



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