Greetings. I thought you and your organization would appreciate knowing that NPR's Talk of the Nation is devoting the entire two hour broadcast on Thursday October 12 to discussions on the future of deaf education and culture. Outgoing Gallaudet President, I. King Jordan will join host Neal Conan in the first hour for a conversation about his legacy and the controversy around the appointment of his successor Dr. Jane Fernandes.

We're excited to announce that we'll be providing live captioning of the discussion through our web site -- www.npr.org. Those tuning in to the program will also be able to email questions to Dr. Jordan over the course of the hour. We also hope to include deaf and hard of hearing participants as callers on the show though the use of TTY.

Additional details about the October 12th broadcast are below for your reference and to distribute. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

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Outgoing Gallaudet University President I. King Jordan Joins NPR'S Talk of the Nation: For Discussion on His Legacy and the Controversy Over his Successor.
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Special Two-Hour Broadcast to Explore Future of Deaf Culture In Light of New Technological Advancements

Washington, D.C.; September 21, 2006 - NPR's Talk of the Nation will feature I. King Jordan in a special 2 hour broadcast on the future of deaf education and culture on Thursday October 12, 2006. Dr. Jordan plans to retire at the end of this year as president of Gallaudet University, the world's only university dedicated to deaf and hearing impaired students. As the first ever deaf president of the institution, he began the job in 1988 amid controversy and leaves 18 years later in the midst of more controversy over
the appointment of his successor.

In Hour One of the broadcast, Dr. Jordan weighs in on the debate and his legacy.

Hour Two will examine the shifting debate over the cochlear implant. Once an issue that divided the deaf community, the use of cochlear implants is now more accepted. Yet, very difficult questions remain about how people with cochlear implants can successfully live in two worlds - the hearing and the deaf - about how children with these implants should be educated. Guests during this hour will include documentary filmmaker Josh Aronson, whose film "Sound and Fury" tells the story of two brothers split apart by their different approaches to the implants for their children. Mr. Aronson has recently completed a follow-up to his film, "Sound and Fury: Six Years Later" and will join the program with Peter and Heather Artinian who were featured in both films.

The deaf and hearing impaired community will be able to follow in real-time Dr. Jordan's discussion with Talk of the Nation host Neal Conan through live captioning on www.NPR.org <http://www.npr.org>; . The captioning technology enabling the streaming of broadcast captions on the Web is developed and provided by the Media Access Group at WGBH Boston. Those tuning in to the program through the live caption stream will also be able to email questions to Dr. Jordan over the course of the hour.

The October 12th broadcast will be the second time Talk of the Nation has employed a captioning service to accommodate the deaf and hard of hearing audience. On February 2, 2005 for an interview with Dr. Jordan and the authors of the 1990 book, "Inside Deaf Culture," the program offered real time captioning to enable participation among the hearing impaired community. Audio and text of the interview is available at www.NPR.org <http://www.npr.org>; .

The program airs on 276 NPR Member stations around the country; for local stations and time periods, check http://www.npr.org/schedule/index.php.

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