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SUBJECT: Southeastern Florida Chapter of the Galaudet University Alumni Association
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

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☐ \$78.75
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☐ \$87.50
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FROM: Joel M. Silberstein
Name (Printed or typed)

9765 Parkinsonia Tree Trail #B
Address

Boynton Beach, FL 33436
City, State & Zip

(561) 536-4130
Daytime Telephone number

pelnyscfla@gmail.com
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

SOUTHEASTERN FLORIDA CHAPTER OF THE GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE I—NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Southeastern Florida Chapter of the Gallaudet University Alumni Association, Incorporated

ARTICLE II—OBJECTIVES

First, to preserve and increase the influence and prestige of Gallaudet University as an institution of higher education for the deaf;

Second, to promote those concerns that affect the welfare of the deaf in general, especially those associated with education;

Third, to perpetuate the friendships formed during college life, and to promote social and fraternal relations among alumni of different college generations.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The members shall be divided into two classes: 1) Active, and 2) Social. Social members shall be entitled to all of the Chapter's privileges except that of voting, making motions, and holding office.

Section 2. Active members shall include all individuals who attended Gallaudet University. Only active members are entitled to hold office in this Chapter.

Section 3. Social members shall include individuals who not qualify for active memberships; who are spouses of members; or who are supporters and friends of Gallaudet University.

ARTICLE IV—DUES

Each member shall pay annually, such dues as are established by the Chapter. The Board of Directors shall determine procedure for payment of dues.

ARTICLE V—MEETINGS

Section 1. The membership meeting shall be held in the fall and spring. Regular meetings shall be on such days and at such places, as the members may choose. A quorum shall consist of 20% of the active membership, but no less than 10 members.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall have the power to call special meetings at any time.

Section 3. All meetings shall be governed by Roberts' Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

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ARTICLE VI—DIRECTORS

Section 1. The directors of this Chapter shall be: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and liaison officer. Their terms of office shall be for four years. They will perform the duties customarily assigned to these offices. The president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and liaison officer shall constitute the Chapter's Board of Directors.

Section 2. The President shall preside at all board and membership meetings, and shall have such other duties as are incidental to his/her office, including power to appoint all committees subject to the approval of the Board. He or she shall submit a written report at each meeting.

Section 3. The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, carry out all the President's duties, and shall have other duties as are incidental to his/her office.

Section 4. The Secretary shall be responsible for the minutes of the membership and the Board meetings. He or she shall submit a written report at the regular meeting and make semi-annual reports on board activities and decisions to members.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the Chapter, and shall pay out such funds as the Board directs him or her.

Section 6. The Liaison Officer shall be responsible for official communications between the Chapter and the parent organization, and shall keep the Alumni Office informed of all chapter activities.

Section 7. The president may appoint a member to fill a vacancy on the Board until the next meeting, when a successor shall be elected.

ARTICLE VII—COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Board shall administer the affairs of the Chapter during the intervals between meetings, have general supervision of the funds of the Chapter, and shall audit the books of the treasurer annually.

Section 2. The president, with the approval of the Board, shall appoint such committees as deemed necessary to carry out the work of the Chapter. The president will be an ex-officio member of all committees.

ARTICLE VIII—ELECTIONS

Nominations and elections of directors shall be conducted at the fall meeting during the election year. Active members may nominate themselves or other active members attending the meeting. The directors shall be elected by a majority vote of the membership attending the meeting.

ARTICLE IX—AMENDMENTS

Amendments may be made to this Constitution at any regular or special meeting, but notice of such amendment must be given, in writing, at least thirty (30) days in advance.

Section 1. Any active member may submit proposed amendments to these Bylaws in writing to the Board at any time. Each proposed amendment must be accompanied by a rationale.

Section 2. Any affirmative vote of two-thirds of active members casting valid votes during a membership meeting shall be required to adopt a proposed amendment.

ARTICLE X—DISSOLUTION

Upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the executive committee and the approval of two-thirds of the membership of the Chapter, this Chapter shall be dissolved and the treasurer shall cause to be transferred all of the funds, including deposits and investments and all other assets and property of the Chapter to the Gallaudet University Alumni Association for the full and restricted use and benefit as its Board may deem appropriate.

ARTICLE XI—CONSTITUTION

The Constitution of this corporation shall be the foregoing Articles I through X, inclusive.

ARTICLE XII—PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The office of this corporation shall be the residence of Hilary Ainbender: 9048 Bay Pointe Circle, West Palm Beach, Florida 33411.

ARTICLE XIII—INITIAL DIRECTORS

The initial directors were nominated and elected in accordance with Article VIII. Their names and addresses are the following:

Hilary Ainbender	President	9048 Bay Pointe Circle, West Palm Beach, Florida 33411
Leslie Solomon	Vice President	12401 Summer Springs Drive, Boynton Beach, Florida 33437
Martin Belsky	Secretary	2524 NW 104th Avenue, Apt 301, Sunrise, Florida 33322
Joel Silberstein	Treasurer	9765 Parkinsonia Tree Trail #B, Boynton Beach, Florida 33436
June McMahon	Liaison Officer	5215 Espana Avenue, Boynton Beach, Florida 33437

ARTICLE XIV—INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT

The registered agent shall be Joel Silberstein, 9765 Parkinsonia Tree Trail #B, Boynton Beach, Florida 33436.

ARTICLE XV—INCORPORATOR

The incorporator shall be Hilary Ainbender, 9048 Bay Pointe Circle, West Palm Beach, Florida 33411.

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Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Joel M. Silberstein  
Registered Agent

03/13/12  
Date

Hilary Ainbender  
Incorporator

3/13/12  
Date

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