

Finding Aid for the Tripod Collection, 1971-2006

Summary Information

Title: Tripod collection

Creator: Tripod

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Extent: approx. 57.7 linear feet

Language: The materials in this collection are in English with a few documents in Spanish and Armenian.

Abstract: The Tripod collection documents the development, administration, and educational values of the Tripod school in California which was active between 1982 and 2005. Educating through co-enrollment of deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing children in conjunction with the Montessori Method, the model expanded to other schools and districts. The school offered a variety of programs serving students and their families as well as providing information on raising and educating deaf and hard of hearing children.

Repository: National Technical Institute for the Deaf/Rochester Institute of Technology Archives

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Use: This collection is open to researchers.

Conditions Governing Access: VHS and DVD materials require advance notice to access and are limited to on-site researchers only. Access to additional film and digital media cannot be provided. Access to portions of this collection is RESTRICTED; please contact the RIT Archives for more details. Access to digital images of photo albums is available through \\twcfileserv\Archives\Digitized Materials for adding to Cumulus\RITDSA0183_Tripod.

Custodial History: The Tripod collection was donated to the National Technical Institute for the Deaf/Rochester Institute of Technology in 2011. The papers were accessioned under ID 2011:088 and were received from Megan Williams in 94 boxes (along with materials related to the Tripod Captioned Films collection).

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Controlled Access Terms

Personal Names

- Bove, Linda
- Bush, George W. (George Walker), 1946-
- Clinton, Hillary Rodham
- Clinton, William Jefferson, 1946-
- Costner, Cindy
- Dion, Céline, 1968-
- Eastin, Delaine
- Freund, Mark
- Goldberg, Merle
- Ivankovic, Patricia Ann
- Kirchner, Carl J.
- Koopman, Trice
- Montan, Barbara
- Montan, Chris
- Murphy, Cynthia K. (LeBuffe)
- Opie, Christopher
- Shamberg, Michael
- Williams, Megan

Corporate Names

- Burbank Unified School District
- Gallaudet University
- Special Education Local Plan Area
- Tripod [school]
- Tripod Captioned Films

Subjects

- California--Burbank (Los Angeles County)
- Closed captioned films
- Closed captioning
- Deaf children
- Deaf children--California
- Deaf children--Education
- Deaf children--Education--California--Evaluation
- Deaf children--Education--United States--Statistics
- Deaf children--Services for
- Education--co-enrollment
- Education--Primary
- Education--Secondary
- Education--sign language
- Fundraising
- Glendale (Calif.)
- Montessori method of education

- Montessori method of education--California--History--20th century
- School administration
- Sign language

Historical Note

The Tripod school was founded in 1982 by Megan Williams, the mother of a young deaf boy, Jacob, to meet the complex educational needs of deaf children and their families.

The TRIPOD acronym, Toward Rehabilitation and Involvement of Parents of the Deaf, was derived in 1969 to represent a philosophy of cooperation and community between educators, the deaf community, and parents of children with hearing loss, each group representing the three legs on a tripod. The school built its foundation on this philosophy establishing an educational program where deaf, hard-of-hearing, and hearing children learned together in co-enrolled classrooms using sign language.

Supported by two well-known educators of the deaf, Carl Kirchner and Cindy Murphy, as well as parents, educators, and community leaders, Tripod utilized the Montessori Method and provided a variety of programs to support students and their families. These included the Family Sign Program, ASL classes, the Parent-Infant-Toddler Program, tutoring, and summer school. Another program, the Grapevine hotline, was a national toll-free hotline established to provide parents with information on raising and educating a deaf child. The Grapevine was able to reach parents, students, and deaf callers, fielding about a thousand calls a year from across the country. The notable public service announcement featured Chevy Chase, JoBeth Williams, Herb Larson, and Jeff Goldberg.

The Tripod school model was adopted by additional schools and districts in California, including the Horace Mann School, John Muir Middle School in 1990, Laurent Clerc Academy (Project Ladder) in 1993, and the Washington Elementary School. Tripod welcomed over one hundred visitors from around the world annually, including parents, educators, Special Education Directors, and State Superintendents, which encouraged outreach and adoption of the Tripod model.

Fundraising was an important aspect to the school's financial stability which relied on grants, fundraising events, and donations. Movie premiers also served as fundraising opportunities, showcasing captioned films produced by Tripod Captioned Films, a public service and subsidiary of the school. At one point, Tripod Captioned Films was the only source to obtain and distribute first-run open-captioned films anywhere in the United States.

Tripod also produced their own documentaries, one of which was *Language Says It All*. Produced in 1987, the film was nominated for best short documentary at the Academy Awards in 1988. The documentary explores the importance of communication for deaf children using sign language as expressed through the views of four families. Megan Williams' narrative in the film conveys the need that Tripod was created to fulfill, an educational support network for children and their families.

Terms to Note

BUSD – The Burbank Unified School District was responsible for the administration and quality control of the BUSD/Foothill SELPA/Tripod Program and a partner of Tripod starting in 1989.

DHH – “deaf and hard of hearing”

FSP – The Family Sign Program provided in-home tutoring to families.

HEI – House Ear Institute was a partner with Tripod to support the Grapevine hotline program and later ran the Lead Line, the successor of the Grapevine.

IEP – Individual Education Plan

LSIA/BTN – *Language Says It All/Back to Normal* (working title) was a short documentary produced in 1987 about communication with deaf children that was nominated for an Academy Award. It was followed by a sequel, *Once Upon a Time*.

PIT – Parent-Infant-Toddler Program

SELPA – Special Education Local Plan Area (California)

TCF – Tripod Captioned Films

TRIPOD – Toward Rehabilitation Involvement by Parents of the Deaf, the name of which originated in 1969. Tripod is denoted throughout the collection by the figure of a triangle.

Collection Scope and Content Note

The Tripod Collection contains materials from 1971 through 2006 with the bulk of the materials dated between 1982 and 2005.

Materials include correspondence, financial papers, legal papers, organizational documents, notes and speeches, clippings, printed materials, photographic material, drawings, a scrapbook, moving images, ephemera, digital media, and audio.

The Tripod Collection has been arranged into thirteen series, seven of which have been divided into subseries. This collection is housed in 87 archival document boxes, 8 oversize boxes, 1 oversize folder, and 13 additional archival boxes.

Materials in this collection are related to the development, administration, funding, programing, and dissolution of the Tripod school in California. More specifically, financial records document Tripod’s acceptance of donations and grants. Many unique documents from fundraising events include silent auction signs from an annual Casino Night and letters of support from Former President Bill Clinton, Former President George W. Bush, and Hillary Clinton in honor of the Annual Luncheon benefit showing the importance of fundraising to furthering Tripod’s mission. In addition to courting politicians, the school had strong ties to the Hollywood community and employed celebrity support, one of their strongest supporters being Cindy Costner.

Student and personnel records provide documentation of individuals involved in Tripod and show the events that they participated in including a student performance at Delaine Eastin’s oath of office ceremony as California State Superintendent in 1999.

Board meeting materials and minutes provide an important look at the school’s planning process and key individuals that helped to shape its existence.

Tripod brochures, calendars, and newsletters portray Tripod’s marketing and how Tripod disseminated news to its students and their families. Articles provide a look at how the school was perceived in the press and provides records of notable events and historical information.

Program descriptions and related materials provide a look at the variety of programs offered to students, families and the community. Documents describe the Montessori Method, the educational model that was shared at conferences and expanded to other schools. The Grapevine toll-free hotline ads stating, “maybe he isn’t listening because he can’t hear” and fliers describe what the hotline offers. The Grapevine public service announcement featured Jeff Goldblum, Chevy Chase, Herb Larson, and JoBeth Williams, the four of which can be seen in a photograph as well as the original PSA, viewable after the credits of *Language Says It All*.

Much of the digital media in the collection contains *Language Says It All*, the short documentary that received an Academy Award nomination. The film is available on DVD as well as through the Legacy website (<https://www.rit.edu/ntid/radscc/tripod/>) and provides information on the crucial role of communication and context for the creation of Tripod.

In addition to the awards received by the documentary, plaques and awards received from government institutions and politicians show the wide acclaim for Tripod’s teaching methods, its outreach, and staff.

This collection includes photographs, many of which were originally in photo albums that have been scanned and rehoused. Photographs document events, school activities, students, staff, faculty, facilities, and provide a literal glimpse of Tripod.

Related Materials

More information about Tripod and digital images of items in this collection can be found at <https://www.rit.edu/ntid/radscc/tripod/>, a website established as part of the Tripod legacy.

Related materials can be found in Tripod Captioned Films (TCF) collection regarding captioned films as well as outreach and funding as related to Tripod.

Four 16mm (single reel) prints and one 1" open reel videotape of *Language Says it All* were transferred to the Academy Film Archives at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in April 2016.

The “Ties that Bind” friendship quilt made for Megan Williams is on display on the first floor of the Wallace Library at Rochester Institute of Technology, outside of the ASL and Deaf Studies Community Center (RADSCC). The quilt was inscribed on both the front and the back with the names of every child, staff member and director of the board from its inception to 1995.

System of Arrangement

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Content List

Series I. Finances, 1980-2006

Scope and Content Note: This series documents the financial functions of Tripod, notably the extensible donation and grant requests as well as fundraising events. Materials include correspondence, expense reports, financial statements, balance sheets, auditor reports, cash flow reports, bank statements, audit memorandums, tax bills and forms, budgets, ledgers, development plans, minutes, development reports, and a 5 ¼" floppy disk. For further description of subseries materials, see scope and content notes for each subseries.

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Folder 1	Finances, 1984-2000
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Box 2

Folder 1	Financial documents, 2000-2004
Folder 2	Financial documents, 2004-2005

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Folder 1	Financial documents, 2005-2006
Folder 2	Bank statements, 2004-2005
Folder 3	Audit documents, 1999-2001
Folder 4	Tax information, 1986-2005

Box 4

Folder 1	Budgets and supporting materials, 1984-1992
Folder 2	Budgets and supporting materials, 1994-2004
Folder 3	Development Committee, 1988-1994

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Folder 1	Development reports, 1989-1995
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Object 1	Ten year [report], 5 ¼" floppy disk, n.d.
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Subseries A. Donations/Grants, 1980-2006

Scope and Content Note: This subseries contains materials that document Tripod's process of identifying grants and applying for them. Materials document Tripod's acceptance of donations from businesses as well as individuals and include examples of thank you letters sent to donors. See the response letter from John Cleese regarding donating to Tripod. Materials include correspondence, articles, grant reports, lists of funders, notes, clippings, newsletters, fliers, printed materials, employment agreement, resume, donor and donation lists, annual reports, grant applications, donor banks, a 5 ¼" floppy disk, 3 ½" floppy disks, and a mini disc.

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Folder 2 Grant related material, c. 1994-2001
Folder 3 Grants, 1980-2003
Folder 4 Grant writing, 1991-2001

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Folder 1 Grant requests, 1989
Folder 2 Donations, 1984-2006
Folder 3 Tripod friends list, 1982-1992
Folder 4 Matching gift program, 1992-1994
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Folder 6 Donations/grants - B, 1985-1998

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Folder 1 Donations/grants - B-C, 1985-1998
Folder 2 Donations/grants - C-E, 1985-1999
Folder 3 Donations/grants - E-F, 1985-1999

Box 8

Folder 1 Donations/grants - F-G, 1985-1999
Folder 2 Donations/grants - H-L, 1985-1998
Folder 3 Donations/grants - M, 1985-1998

Box 9

Folder 1 Donations/grants - N-S, 1985-1999
Folder 2 Donations/grants - T-U, 1985-1998
Folder 3 Donations/grants - U-W, 1985-1999

Box 10

Folder 1 Donations/grants - W-X, 1985-1999
Folder 2 Donations/grants - A, 1999-2004
Folder 3 Donations/grants - A-B, 2001-2004
Folder 4 Donations/grants - B, 2000-2004

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Folder 1 Donations/grants - B, 2001-2004
Folder 2 Donations/grants - C-E, 2000-2004
Folder 3 Donations/grants - E-G, 2001-2004

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Folder 1 Donations/grants - G-N, 2001-2004
Folder 2 Donations/grants - O-Z, 2001-2004
Folder 3 Donations for Anna Kirchner's memorial, 1991
Folder 4 Donation thank you letters, 1993
Folder 5 Donation thank you letters, 1994

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Folder 1 Donation thank you letters, 1995 (folder 1)

- Folder 2 Donation thank you letters, 1995 (folder 2)
- Folder 3 Donation thank you letters, 1996
- Folder 4 Donation thank you letters, 1997
- Folder 5 Donation thank you letters, 2004
- Folder 6 Donor bank 1992-1993

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- Folder 1 Donor bank - A-E, 1998
- Folder 2 Donor bank - E-L, 1998
- Folder 3 Donor bank - L-S, 1998

Box 15

- Folder 1 Donor bank - S-Z, 1998
- Folder 2 Donor bank, 2002

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- Object 2 Donor list, 5 ¼" floppy disk, 1993
- Object 3 "Times Mirror", 3 ½" floppy disk, 2001
- Object 4 NHLPA "Dreams & Goals", mini disc, c. 2001
- Object 5 Donor records, 3 ½" floppy disk, n.d.

Subseries B. Fundraising, 1982-2004

Scope and Content Note: This subseries contains materials that document Tripod's aggressive fundraising efforts including movie premieres of captioned films, annual campaigns, and fundraising events, many of which were attended by celebrities. Tripod also received support from Former President Bill Clinton, Former President George W. Bush, and other politicians in honor of annual luncheon fundraisers. Materials include newsletter(s), articles, printed material, brochures, correspondence, fliers, reports, donation lists, notes, income statements, forms, booklet, contribution envelopes, pledge cards, transparency, invoices, programs, invitations, drawings, press releases, tickets, trivia questionnaire, receipts, signs, photographs, negatives, floppy disks, CDs, zip disk, books, and contact sheets.

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- Folder 3 Fundraising, 1982-2003
- Folder 4 Various social service forms for fundraising, 1983-1997
- Folder 5 Fundraising with Outreach Productions, 2003

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- Folder 1 Miscellaneous Annual Campaign, n.d.
- Folder 2 Annual Campaign, 1985
- Folder 3 Annual Campaign, 1986
- Folder 4 Annual Campaign, 1988
- Folder 5 Annual Campaign, 1990
- Folder 6 Annual Campaign, 1994
- Folder 7 Annual Campaign, 1996
- Folder 8 Annual Campaign, 1997-1998

Folder 9 Annual Campaign, 1999

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Folder 1 Annual Campaign, 2000
Folder 2 Annual Campaign, 2001
Folder 3 Annual Campaign, 2002
Folder 4 Annual Campaign, 2003
Folder 5 Annual Campaign, 2004
Folder 6 eScrip Program, 2001
Folder 7 Family Pledge, 1990-1991
Folder 8 Family Pledge, 1992-1993
Folder 9 Family Pledge, 1993-1994

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Folder 1 Family Pledge, 1994-1995
Folder 2 Family Pledge, 1995-1996
Folder 3 Invoices for daycare used for pledges, 1992-1993
Folder 4 Rent-a-wreck, 1998-2000
Folder 5 Rent-a-wreck, 2001-2002
Folder 6 Rags for Riches, 1987
Folder 7 Rags for Riches, 1988
Folder 8 Rags for Riches, 1990
Folder 9 Rags for Riches, 1993
Folder 10 Rags for Riches, 1998
Folder 11 1st Annual Valentine's Benefit, 1983

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Folder 1 Valentine's Day Benefit, 1995
Folder 2 Parent Group Holiday Appeal, 1984
Folder 3 Reggae Night, 1985
Folder 4 Comedy performance by Robin Williams, 1985
Folder 5 Tripod dinner at Rex Restorante, 1986
Folder 6 Director's Circle Reception, 1989
Folder 7 1st Annual Celebrity Support Group Dinner, 1989
Folder 8 2nd Annual Celebrity Support Group Dinner, 1990
Folder 9 GTE Golf Tournament, 1989
Folder 10 Adopt a Tree Program, 1991
Folder 11 1st Annual Celebrity Golf Tournament, 1994
Folder 12 2nd Annual Celebrity Golf Classic, 1995
Folder 13 3rd Annual Celebrity Golf Classic, 1996

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Folder 1 4th Annual Charity Golf Tournament, 1997
Folder 2 Casablanca Night, 1992
Folder 3 1st Annual Casino Night, 1991
Folder 4 2nd Annual Casino Night, 1992
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Folder 6 Monte Carlo Jubilee, n.d.

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Folder 1 4th Annual Monte Carlo Jubilee, 1996 (folder 1)
Folder 2 4th Annual Monte Carlo Jubilee, 1996 (folder 2)
Folder 3 5th Annual Monte Carlo Jubilee, 1997
Folder 4 "Casino Night" photographs, 1997
Folder 5 Macy's benefit shopping day, 1998
Folder 6 Pinot/Tripod Dinner, 1999-2000

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Folder 1 Academy Awards Party, 2000-2001
Folder 2 Wine tasting, 2001
Folder 3 2nd Annual Wine Tasting, 2003
Folder 4 3rd Annual Wine Tasting, 2004
Folder 5 1st Annual Songwriters Salon, 2003
Folder 6 1st Annual Songwriters Salon - correspondence, 2003
Folder 7 Miscellaneous luncheon documents, n.d.

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Folder 1 Luncheon photographs, n.d.
Folder 2 1st Annual Luncheon, 1991
Folder 3 2nd Annual Luncheon, 1992
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Folder 1 4th Annual Luncheon, 1994
Folder 2 4th Annual Luncheon - Boutique/Vendors, 1994
Folder 3 5th Annual Luncheon, 1995
Folder 4 5th Annual Luncheon - Boutique/Vendors, 1995

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Folder 1 6th Annual Luncheon, 1996
Folder 2 7th Annual Luncheon, 1997
Folder 3 8th Annual Luncheon, 1998 (folder 1)

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Folder 1 8th Annual Luncheon, 1998 (folder 2)
Folder 2 8th Annual Luncheon photographs, 1998
Folder 3 8th Annual Luncheon programs, 1998
Folder 4 9th Annual Luncheon, 1999 (folder 1)

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Folder 1 9th Annual Luncheon, 1999 (folder 2)
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- Folder 5 10th Annual Luncheon, 2000 (folder 1)
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- Folder 1 10th Annual Luncheon, 2000 (folder 2)
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- Folder 1 11th Annual Luncheon, 2001 (folder 2)
Folder 2 11th Annual Luncheon programs, 2001
Folder 3 11th Annual Luncheon photographs, 2001
Folder 4 12th Annual Luncheon, 2002 (folder 1)
- Box 30**
- Folder 1 12th Annual Luncheon, 2002 (folder 2)
Folder 2 12th Annual Luncheon, 2002 (folder 3)
Folder 3 12th Annual Luncheon, 2002 (folder 4)
Folder 4 12th Annual Luncheon programs, 2002
Folder 5 13th Annual Luncheon, 2003
- Box 31**
- Folder 1 14th Annual Luncheon, 2004
Folder 2 14th Annual Luncheon programs, 2004
- Box 99**
- Envelope 1 [5th Annual Luncheon, "Ties that Bind" quilt presentation] negatives, 1995
Envelope 2 [Casino Night] negatives, 1997
- Oversize Box 74**
- Object 1 County of Los Angeles congratulations on 14th Annual "Friends of Tripod" Luncheon, 2004
- Box 96**
- Object 6 Annual Campaign, 3 ½" floppy disk, 2000-2001
Object 7 Annual Campaign letter, 3 ½" floppy disk, n.d.
Object 8 1st Annual Songwriter's Salon images, CD, 2003 (disc 1 of 2)
Object 9 1st Annual Songwriter's Salon images, CD, 2003 (disc 2 of 2)
Object 10 Tripod luncheon information, 3 ½" floppy disk, n.d.
Object 11 Tripod luncheon information, 3 ½" floppy disk, n.d.
Object 12 8th Annual Luncheon, 3 ½" floppy disk, 1998
Object 13 9th Annual Luncheon, 3 ½" floppy disk, 1999 (disk 1 of 2)
Object 14 9th Annual Luncheon, 3 ½" floppy disk, 1999 (disk 2 of 2)
Object 15 11th Annual Luncheon, 3 ½" floppy disk, c. 2001
Object 16 11th Annual Luncheon, iomega zip 100 disk, c. 2001
Object 17 12th Annual Luncheon, 3 ½" floppy disk, 2002 (disk 1 of 2)

- Object 18 General luncheon information, 3 ½" floppy disk, 2002 (disk 2 of 2)
- Object 19 Ad [for 12th Annual Luncheon program], iomega zip 100 disk, 2002
- Object 20 14th Annual Luncheon, CD, 2004
- Object 21 Sales list works from Outreach [Productions], 3 ½" floppy disk, n.d.

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- Folder 1 Film premier documents, 1987-1997
- Folder 2 The Big Chill premier, 1983
- Folder 3 The Big Chill premier photographs, 1983
- Folder 4 The River premier, 1984

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- Folder 1 Club Paradise premier, 1986
- Folder 2 Baby Boom premier, 1987
- Folder 3 A Fish Called Wanda premier, 1989
- Folder 4 Back to the Future II premier, 1989
- Folder 5 Back to the Future II articles, 1989
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- Folder 1 Dances with Wolves premier programs, 1990
- Folder 2 Dances with Wolves book, 1990
- Folder 3 Back to the Future III premier, 1990
- Folder 4 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles II premier, 1991
- Folder 5 Grand Canyon premier, 1991
- Folder 6 Grand Canyon premier programs, 1991

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- Folder 1 Grand Canyon screenplay, 1990
- Folder 2 Hoffa premier, 1992
- Folder 3 Princess Caraboo premier, 1994
- Folder 4 Wyatt Earp premier, 1994
- Folder 5 Wyatt Earp book, 1994
- Folder 6 Mr. Holland's Opus premier, 1996

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- Folder 1 A Thousand Acres premier, 1997

Series II. Personnel, 1982-2005

Scope and Content Note: This series provides information on personnel at Tripod including volunteers, applications, resumes, staff events, policies, and evaluations. Materials include correspondence, memorandums, resumes, evaluation forms, policies and procedures (handbooks), job descriptions, contracts, employment forms, fliers, speeches, invoices, biographies, and notes.

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- Folder 2 Faculty/staff, 1989-2005

- Folder 3 Evaluation forms and information, c. 1993
- Folder 4 Handbooks, 1989-1993
- Folder 5 Job descriptions, 1990-2001
- Folder 6 Resumes, 1983-2001

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- Folder 1 Personnel files - A-J, 1982-1994
- Folder 2 Personnel files - K-Z, 1986-1999
- Folder 3 Carl J. Kirchner employment documents, 1985-1997
- Folder 4 Megan Williams employment documents, n.d., 1999
- Folder 5 Staff event, 1998
- Folder 6 Volunteerism at Tripod, c. 1999-2000

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- Folder 1 Termination of Carl Kirchner's employment, 1997

Series III. Students and Families, 1984-2003

Scope and Content Note: This series provides information about Tripod's students and their families. For further description of subseries materials, see scope and content notes for each subseries.

Subseries A. Families/Parents, 1984-2003

Scope and Content Note: This subseries portrays family and parent involvement with the school mainly in the parent association, attendance at workshops, and completion of evaluations. Materials include fliers, surveys, correspondence, notes, printed materials, handbooks, bylaws, organization charts, and minutes. The original "Ties that Bind" friendship quilt is on display on the first floor of the Wallace Library outside of the ASL and Deaf Studies Community Center. Negatives of the quilt being presented to Megan Williams can be found in Subseries B: Fundraising (Box 99, Envelope 1).

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- Folder 7 Information for parents, 1986-2003

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- Folder 1 Parent handbooks, 1985-1993
- Folder 2 Parent handbooks, 1993-1995
- Folder 3 Parent handbooks, 1995-1999
- Folder 4 Tripod Parent Association, 1988-1999
- Folder 5 Tripod parent support group board meeting minutes, 1993-1995

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- Folder 1 Parent workshops/forums, 1984-1987
- Folder 2 Parent questionnaires, c. 1993
- Folder 3 Family needs assessments, 2002
- Folder 4 "The Ties That Bind" friendship quilt, 1995

Subseries B. Students, 1985-2003

Scope and Content Note: This subseries provides information about students, test scores and statistics, enrollment, work, and events. Materials include statistics, correspondence, surveys, printed material, articles, rosters, drawings, poems, booklets, permits, forms, schedules, programs, press releases, photograph, and a 3 ½" floppy disk.

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- Folder 5 Students, 1985-2003
- Folder 6 Rosters/enrollment statistics, 1991-1998 (folder 1)
- Folder 7 Rosters/enrollment statistics, 1989-1999 (folder 2)
- Folder 8 Rosters, 1998-1999
- Folder 9 Class/student schedules, n.d., 1996

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- Folder 1 Student work, n.d., 1986-1990
- Folder 2 Transfer permits, 1990-1999
- Folder 3 Student event related, 1992-1998
- Folder 4 The night before Christmas event, 1988
- Folder 5 Cirque Du Soleil, 1990
- Folder 6 Grandparent Day/Day of Celebration, 1992
- Folder 7 Imagination Celebration, 2002
- Folder 8 Delaine Eastin oath of office ceremony, 1998-1999

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- Folder 1 Academic Decathlon, 1999
- Folder 2 Photo release forms, 1998
- Folder 3 Photo release forms, 1999
- Folder 4 Test statistics, 1987-1994
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- Folder 6 Daycare schedules, 1991-1992

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- Folder 1 Students riding Metrolink, 1993-1999

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- Folder 2 Student test scores, 1987-1996
- Folder 3 Student test scores, 1997-1999
- Folder 4 Student records/reviews, 1992-1997

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- Folder 1 Ofili, N. student file, 1992-1997
- Folder 2 Okamoto, T. student file, 1990-1997

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- Object 22 Delaine Eastin oath of office ceremony, 3 ½" floppy disk, c. 1999

Series IV. Board of Directors, 1983-2005

Scope and Content Note: This series documents board meetings, board members, appointments, and evaluations. Meeting minutes contain updates on Tripod Captioned Films and show the relationship between the captioning company and school. Materials include agendas, minutes, amendments (of bylaws), reports, financial documents, correspondence, memorandums, statistics, articles, planning documents, calendars notes, rosters, evaluation forms, bios, packets, booklet, and 3 ½" floppy disk.

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Folder 2	Board meeting materials, 1983-1986
Folder 3	Board meeting materials, 1986-1988
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Folder 1	Board meeting materials, 1990-1993
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Folder 1	Board meeting materials, 1998-1999
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Folder 1	Board information, 1988-1993
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Folder 3	Appointments/resignations, 1985-2003
Folder 4	Board contact lists and rosters, 1984-2004
Folder 5	Responsibility and evaluation documents, n.d., 1990
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Folder 1	Board packets, 2003
Folder 2	Information book, 1995

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Object 23	Board of Director files, 3 ½" floppy disk, n.d.
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Series V. Press and Publicity, 1973-2005

Scope and Content Note: Materials in this series document Tripod's marketing plan, marketing materials, presence in the press, and communication with students, families, and the community. Materials include correspondence, notes, surveys, articles,

newsletters, planning documents, and brochures. For further description of subseries materials, see scope and content notes for each subseries.

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Folder 3 Press and publicity, 1983-2001
Folder 4 Press/public relations plan, 1999
Folder 5 Tripod presence in directories, 1998-2003

Subseries A. Logos, 1991-2003

Scope and Content Note: The materials in this subseries show the design process of Tripod logos, website, and window sign. Materials include drawings, logos, newsletter templates, correspondence, notes, mechanicals/negatives, masks, 3 ½" floppy disks, zip disk, and proofs.

Box 46

Folder 6 Logos, n.d., 1991-2003
Folder 7 Website design, n.d.
Folder 8 Window sign design, 1998

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Objects 1-6 Mechanicals/negatives for printing (offset lithography), n.d.
Objects 7-11 Masks, n.d.
Objects 12-15 Proofs, n.d.

Box 96

Object 24 Tripod logo, 3 ½" floppy disk, n.d.
Object 25 Tripod logo used with window sign, 3 ½" floppy disk, 1998
Object 26 Tripod logo tifs, iomega zip 100 disk, n.d.

Subseries B. Calendars, 1987-1999

Scope and Content Note: This subseries contains materials that constitute the Tripod calendars documenting school events and news. Materials include calendars, fliers, correspondence, articles, pamphlets, and surveys.

Box47

Folder 1 Calendars, 1987-1989
Folder 2 Calendars, 1990 (folder 1)
Folder 3 Calendars, 1990 (folder 2)
Folder 4 Calendars, 1991 (folder 1)
Folder 5 Calendars, 1991 (folder 2)

Box 48

Folder 1 Calendars, 1992
Folder 2 Calendars, 1993
Folder 3 Calendars, 1994
Folder 4 Calendars, 1995-1997
Folder 5 Materials for Tripod calendars, 1994-1998 (folder 1)

Box 49

- Folder 1 Materials for Tripod calendars, 1994-1998 (folder 2)
- Folder 2 Other school calendars, 1995-1999

Subseries C. Fliers/Brochures, 1985-1999

Scope and Content Note: Materials in this subseries include drafts and versions of Tripod marketing brochures and fliers. Some brochures contain Tripod timelines, mission statements, program descriptions, milestones, and fundraising information. Materials include brochures, fliers, correspondence, and printed materials.

Box49

- Folder 3 Brochures, n.d., 1996-1999
- Folder 4 Fliers, n.d., 1985-1999

Subseries D. Articles, 1973-2005

Scope and Content Note: This subseries contains original and photocopied articles providing information about Tripod, students, staff, and events. Most articles have multiple copies, both original and photocopied. All of the articles in the oversize box have duplicates/copies in Box 49 and two of which have been removed from frames as noted. All clippings are about Tripod or contain a mention relating to Tripod. For articles in the collection that do not contain any mention of Tripod, see Series IX: Supporting Materials.

Box 49

- Folder 5 Articles, n.d., 1973-1986
- Folder 6 Articles, 1987-1989
- Folder 7 Articles, 1990-1991

Box 50

- Folder 1 Articles, 1992-1993
- Folder 2 Articles, 1994-1999
- Folder 3 Articles, 2000-2005

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- Object 1 Article, "Deaf, hearing youngsters teach each other" from *Los Angeles Times*, 1991
- Object 2 Clipping with ad for House Ear Institute from *Children*, 1988 [removed from frame]
- Object 3 Copy of article, "Sure signs of Christmas" from *Los Angeles Times*, 1987 [removed from frame and matting]

Subseries E. Newsletters, 1983-2002

Scope and Content Note: This subseries includes newsletters produced by Tripod or parents. Working materials for these newsletters as well as additional newsletters and magazines mentioning Tripod are included in this subseries. Materials include newsletters, notes, fliers, brochure, correspondence, and a 3 ½" floppy disk.

Box 50

- Folder 4 *Sense* newsletters, 1984-1992
- Folder 5 Parent to Parent newsletters, 1988
- Folder 6 Tripod newsletters, 1998-1999

Box 51

- Folder 1 Working materials for Tripod newsletters, 1978-1992
- Folder 2 Correspondence re Tripod newsletters, 1989-1990
- Folder 3 Newsletters/magazines mentioning Tripod, 1983-2002

Box 97

- Object 1 Eli's Newsletter, 3 ½" floppy disk, n.d.

Subseries F. Scholarly Papers, 1991-2000

Scope and Content Note: This subseries contains scholarly papers that mention Tripod or were written by individuals associated with Tripod including Carl Kirchner and Cynthia Murphy.

Box 51

- Folder 4 Scholarly papers, 1991-2000

Series VI. Education, 1983-2004

Scope and Content Note: The materials in this series provide crucial information about Tripod's education methodology as well as the programs it offered to students, their families, and the community. Materials include articles, correspondence, printed material, fliers, and forms. For further description of subseries materials, see scope and content notes for each subseries.

Box 51

- Folder 5 Montessori methodology/co-enrollment, 1983-1999

Subseries A. Programs, 1983-2004

Scope and Content Note: This subseries contains materials that document Tripod's programs, many of which helped the school's students and their families. Programs to note include the Grapevine toll-free hotline and ads stating, "maybe he isn't listening because he can't hear" and fliers describe what the hotline offers. Weekly status reports for the Family Sign Program shows content families were taught through the in-home sign language sessions. Materials include correspondence, statistics, notes, fliers, financial documents, surveys/evaluation forms, memorandums, printed materials, call logs, photograph, program descriptions, schedules, programs, request forms, order forms, participant lists, lesson plans, attendance sheets, and a 3 ½" floppy disk.

Box 51

- Folder 6 Tripod programs and workshops, 1989-2003
- Folder 7 Education program evaluation, n.d., 1993
- Folder 8 ASL classes, 1997-2002
- Folder 9 ASL Access, 1998-1999

Box 52

- Folder 1 Grapevine/Ear House Institute (EHI), 1984-1994
- Folder 2 Octicon, 1994-1995
- Folder 3 Parent-Infant-Toddler Program (PIT), 1987-1999
- Folder 4 Summer school, 1983-1992
- Folder 5 Tutoring/service requests, 1983-1987
- Folder 6 Interpreter request forms, 1996
- Folder 7 Reading to deaf children, 2004
- Folder 8 Hooked on Books, 1999-2004
- Folder 9 Family Literacy Program, 1999-2004

Box 53

- Folder 1 Family Sign Program, 1989-2003
- Folder 2 Family Sign Program forms, n.d., 1994-1996
- Folder 3 Family Sign Program lesson plans for families, 1996
- Folder 4 Family Sign Program records - A-B, 1998-2004
- Folder 5 Family Sign Program records - B-G, 1998-2004

Box 54

- Folder 1 Family Sign Program records - G-K, 1998-2004
- Folder 2 Family Sign Program records - K-M, 1998-2004
- Folder 3 Family Sign Program records - N-R, 1998-2004
- Folder 4 Family Sign Program records - S-Z, 1998-2004

Box 97

- Object 2 Family Sign, 3 ½" floppy disk, n.d.

Box 69 - Restricted

- Folder 3 Oticon medical evaluations, 1992-1995

Series VII. Administration, 1971-2006

Scope and Content Note: Materials in this series document the administrative functions of Tripod including creation of the school, strategic planning, school events, correspondence, facility rental and improvements, legal work, reports, working committees, and dissolution of the school, including setting up a legacy committee which intended to establish a “living” archive on the web. Materials include licenses, certification, policies and procedures, forms, notes, stationary, labels, mailing lists, subject files, financial documents, order forms, brochures, insurance forms, directories, storage logs, agreements, request forms, correspondence, planning documents, 3 ½" floppy disks, 5.25" removable cartridge, and mini data cartridges. For further description of subseries materials, see scope and content notes for each subseries.

Box 55

- Folder 1 Administration, 1987-2001
- Folder 2 Policies and procedures, 1987-1992
- Folder 3 Miscellaneous meeting notes, n.d., 1991-2000
- Folder 4 Stationary/labels, n.d.

- Folder 5 Address/mailling lists, 1989-2001
- Folder 6 Holiday card list, c. 2004
- Folder 7 Subject files, c. 1984
- Folder 8 School supplies and equipment, 1993-1998
- Folder 9 School insurance, 1994-2003
- Folder 10 Directories, 1989-2001

Box 56

- Folder 1 Storage information/logs, 1997-2005
- Folder 2 Information/tour requests, n.d., 1987-1997
- Folder 3 Information/tour requests, 1998-1999
- Folder 4 Information/tour requests, 2000-2004
- Folder 5 Strategic planning, n.d., 1986-1991

Box 57

- Folder 1 Strategic planning, 1991-2005

Box 97

- Object 3 Tripod file backup, 5.25" removable cartridge, c. 1994
- Object 4 Mailing list, 3 1/2" floppy disk, n.d.
- Object 5 "Boot", 3 1/2" floppy disk, n.d.
- Objects 6-7 Untitled, 3 1/2" floppy disks, n.d.
- Object 8 Hard drive backup and donor perfect, mini data cartridge QIC-WIDE 5122F, 1995-1996
- Object 9 Hard drive backup, mini data cartridge QIC-WIDE 5122F, 1996 (1 of 2)
- Object 10 Hard drive backup, mini data cartridge QIC-WIDE 5122F, 1996 (2 of 2)
- Object 11 Untitled, preformatted QIC-40 mini data cartridge, n.d.
- Objects 12-14 Untitled, 3M DC 2120 mini data cartridges, n.d.

Subseries A. Committees, 1984-2003

Scope and Content Note: This subseries contains minutes, committee descriptions, correspondence, printed materials, rosters, a report, memorandums, and notes that describe the purposes, planning, and actions of Tripod committees.

Box 57

- Folder 2 Committee information, 1988-1997
- Folder 3 Endowment committee, 1997-1998
- Folder 4 Executive committee, 1984-2003
- Folder 5 Governance committee, 1991-1992

Subseries B. Organizational Documents, 1971-2006

Scope and Content Note: This subseries contains materials that were used in the formation of Tripod, mission statements, bylaws, and articles of incorporation, Tripod history, the dissolution of the school, and founding of a legacy committee. Materials include articles, correspondence, organization chart, timelines, brochures, programs, articles, minutes, memorandums, planning documents, articles of incorporation, mission statements, financial documents, and bylaws.

Box 57

- Folder 6 Tripod history, 1983-1999 (folder 1)
- Folder 7 Tripod history, n.d. (folder 2)

Box 58

- Folder 1 Operation Tripod (precursor organization), 1971-1980
- Folder 2 Creation of Tripod, 1980-1983
- Folder 3 Articles of incorporation, 1982
- Folder 4 Mission statements, 1993-2004
- Folder 5 Bylaws, 1982, 2001
- Folder 6 Dissolution of Tripod, 2004-2006
- Folder 7 Legacy Project/Committee, 2005-2006

Subseries C. Events, 1984-1993

Scope and Content Note: This subseries contains fliers, correspondence, invitations, programs, photographs, transparencies, a speech, a newsletter, press releases, printed materials, articles, and stamps. These materials document events that Tripod held or participated in including the commemorative stamp ceremony by the United States Post Office celebrating the first day of issue of two stamps recognizing the contribution of deaf and hard of hearing individuals and the importance of American Sign Language.

Box 59

- Folder 1 Tripod events, n.d., 1984-1988
- Folder 2 Commemorative stamp ceremony, 1993

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- Object 4 Deaf Communication Commemorative Stamps, 1993

Subseries D. Correspondence, 1982-2001

Scope and Content Note: Materials in this subseries include correspondence, photographs, greeting cards, post cards, memorial book, drawings, newsletters, call logs, and a 3 ½" floppy disk. These materials constitute correspondence at Tripod, including greeting cards that Megan Williams received and call logs that were kept in response to a public service announcement by Lou Ferrigno in 1983.

Box 59

- Folder 3 Correspondence, 1984
- Folder 4 Correspondence, 1985
- Folder 5 Correspondence, c. 1997-2001
- Folder 6 Correspondence – Carl Kirchner, 1988-1997

Box 60

- Folder 1 Correspondence – Megan Williams, c. 1982-1998
- Folder 2 Correspondence – Trice Koopman and Lynn Cook, 1999-2000
- Folder 3 Call logs for Lou Ferrigno public service announcement, 1983

Box 97

- Object 15 Cindy Murphy disk (letter), 3 ½" floppy disk, n.d.

Subseries E. Facility, 1983-2005

Scope and Content Note: Materials in this subseries document Tripod's rental of facilities, building and playground improvements, and employment of contractors. Materials include photographs, conceptual plans, planning documents, correspondence, agreements, memorandums, contractor documentation, floor plans, funding documents, donation lists, minutes, drawings, certificates, articles, invoices, and leases.

Box 60

Folder 4 Construction and buildings, 1987-1999, 2005
Folder 5 Playgrounds and landscaping, 1983-1991
Folder 6 Leases and rental agreements, 1989-1999

Subseries F. Legal, 1989-2002

Scope and Content Note: This subseries contains legal-related materials that include agreements Tripod made with the Burbank Unified School District. Materials include legal documents including orders, a proof of claim, memorandums of understanding, as well as correspondence, and assembly bills.

Box 61

Folder 1 Legal, 1989-2002
Folder 2 Tripod/BUSD Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs), c. 2000

Box 69 - Restricted

Folder 4 Shapiro v. Sulphur Springs School District, 1989

Subseries G. Reports, 1984-1994

Scope and Content Note: This subseries contains reports and statistics that were generated by Tripod or the Burbank Unified School District.

Box 61

Folder 3 Reports, 1984-1994
Folder 4 BUSD Special Education Study Report, 1995

Series VIII. Outreach/Partnerships, 1983-2003

Scope and Content Note: Materials in this series document Tripod's efforts towards outreach and partnerships with schools and individuals in an effort to expand and share the educational model. Materials include correspondence, greeting cards, job descriptions, notes, agreements, fliers, brochures, school descriptions, minutes, planning documents, printed material, memorandums, newsletters, and articles. For further description of subseries materials, see scope and content notes for each subseries.

Box 61

Folder 5 Outreach/partnerships, 1983-2000

Subseries A. Conferences, 1992-2002

Scope and Content Note: This subseries contains programs, correspondence, schedules, memorandums, brochures, evaluation form, and speeches that show participation in conferences by Tripod staff including Carl Kirchner, Barbara Montan, and Patty

Ivankovic. Also included in this subseries are speeches and keynotes used at conferences and events and provide historical information on Tripod and individuals.

Box 61

- Folder 6 Conferences, 1992-2002
- Folder 7 Speeches/keynotes, c. 1991-1995

Subseries B. Schools, 1985-2003

Scope and Content Note: This subseries contains materials that describe Tripod's partnerships with schools that integrated the Tripod program and model. These materials are notable for Tripod's efforts to encompass new locations and students of different ages. Materials include program descriptions, invitations, printed materials, memorandums, correspondence, planning documents, statistics, speech, notes, minutes, job descriptions, financial documents, contact lists, rosters, invoices, brochures, fliers, reports, programs, mission statements, and contracts/agreements.

Box 62

- Folder 1 Burbank Unified School District (BUSD), 1991-2003
- Folder 2 Foothill and Pasadena SELPA, c. 1995-1996
- Folder 3 Horace Mann School, 1994-1999
- Folder 4 John Muir Middle School, 1990-1994
- Folder 5 Laurent Clerc Academy/Project Ladder, 1993-1995 (folder 1)

Box 63

- Folder 1 Laurent Clerc Academy/Project Ladder, 1993-1995 (folder 2)
- Folder 2 PS #1 Elementary School, 1985-1989
- Folder 3 SELPA, 1994-1997
- Folder 4 Washington Elementary School, c. 1999

Series IX. Supporting Materials, 1984-2004

Scope and Content Note: Materials in this series do not mention Tripod, but were part of the collection with most subject matter on deafness and education. Materials include original and photocopied articles, brochures, a booklet, a book, scholarly papers, newsletters, magazines, and reports.

Box 63

- Folder 5 Miscellaneous supporting materials, 1994-1998
- Folder 6 Supporting articles, n.d., 1987-1989
- Folder 7 Supporting articles, 1990-1997
- Folder 8 Supporting articles, 1998-2000

Box 64

- Folder 1 Supporting articles, 2001-2004
- Folder 2 Supporting newsletters/magazines, 1984-1991
- Folder 3 Supporting newsletters/magazines, 1997-2001
- Folder 4 Supporting scholarly materials, 1987-2001

Box 65

Folder 1 Supporting reports, 1988-1995

Series X. Ephemera, 1980-2002

Scope and Content Note: This series contains ephemera and printed material including a guest book, clothing items, a plaque, a poem, a musical score, and magnets. These materials give an idea of the products produced with the Tripod logo as well as materials that were saved for their importance.

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Object 5-6 Tripod magnets, n.d.
Object 7 Guest book, 1984-1995
Object 8 “*I Will Lend You My Ears*” musical score, n.d.
Object 9 “The Rights of the Deaf Child” framed poem, 1980
Object 10 Burbank Chamber of Commerce member plaque, 2001-2002

Oversize Box 73

Object 1 *Back to the Future Part III* bolero, c. 1990
Object 2 Tripod sweatshirt, n.d.
Object 3 Deaf communication commemorative stamps sweatshirt, c. 1993

Oversize Folder 1

Object 1 Playground dedication plaque rubbing, 1992

Series XI. Plaques/Awards, 1984-2000

Scope and Content Note: This subseries contains award materials that Tripod and staff received, many of which are from politicians and government agencies including members of Congress and the Senate. Also worth noting is the Academy Award nomination that *Language Says It All* received in addition to several other awards. Materials include awards, certificates, correspondence, plaques, invitations, programs, and recommendation forms.

Box 65

Folder 2 Awards, 1984-2000

Oversize Box 74

Object 2 Burbank Partnership Program certificate of appreciation to Tripod, n.d.
Object 3 City of Burbank award to Tripod, 1998
Object 4 City of Burbank Mayor’s Commendation to Tripod, 1993
Object 5 City of Burbank proclamation for Deaf Awareness Week, 1993
Object 6 City of Burbank proclamation for service organizations recognition week, 1998
Object 7 City of Pasadena commendation to Tripod, 1998
Object 8 Letter of Appreciation to Tripod, 1992
Object 9 National Center on Deafness Distinguished Service Award to Megan Williams, 1993
Object 10 Service to Mankind Award to Megan Williams, 1994

Box 70

- Object 1 American Film and Video Festival finalist for *Language Says it All*, 1988
- Object 2 Birmingham International Educational Film Festival Electra Certificate of Award to Tripod's *Language Says it All*, 1988
- Object 3 California State University, Northridge, Distinguished Service Award to Megan Williams, 1993
- Object 4 Intercom, The Industrial Film Festival Silver Plaque Award for *Language Says it All*, 1987
- Object 5 International Film & Television Festival of New York medal (not dedicated), 1987
- Object 6 Lee Katz Memorial Award to Megan Williams, 1988
- Object 7 National Educational Film & Video Festival Silver Apple Award for *Language Says it All*, 1988
- Object 8 Superfest XV presentation award to Megan Williams for *Language Says it All*, 1988-1989
- Object 9 Tripod Friends Annual Award to Megan Williams, 1991

Oversize Box 72

- Object 1 California Legislature Assembly commendation to Tripod on the celebration of the first graduating class, 1998

Series XII. Films, 1982-2002

Scope and Content Note: Materials in this series portray the strong use of films by Tripod in the form of documentaries, fundraiser premiers, events, as well as coverage in the media. Watching *Language Says It All*, available at <https://www.rit.edu/ntid/radscc/tripod/> provides a wealth of information the crucial role of communication and context for the creation of Tripod. To see awards that this documentary received, refer to Series XI: Plaques/Awards. Note that Celine Dion sang the song used in the *We Can Do Anything* music video. Materials include correspondence, planning documents, articles, film descriptions, festival information, applications, forms, notes, film lists, order forms, award list, VHS case inserts, press releases, agreements, receipts, invoices, financial documents, catalog, fliers, printed materials, release form, bylaws, resolutions, schedule, negatives, photographs, log sheets, shot lists, 35mm films, 1" open reel videotapes, 35mm magnetic stripe, 16mm film, 3/4 small u-matic videocassettes, betacams, betacam SP, VHSC videocassettes, DVD, u-matic videocassettes, VHS tapes, VHS cassette adapter, video 8 tapes, compact discs, and an 8" floppy disk. For more details on films and media types, see the inventory at \\twcfileserv\Archives\Deaf Studies Archive\Tripod\Finding Aid Materials\Film and media type inventory.

Box 65

- Folder 3 Films, 1983-2001
- Folder 4 Tripod Captioned Films (TCF)/captioned films, 1983-2002
- Folder 5 *Language Says It All* (LSIA/Back to Normal) and *Language Says It All Part II* (LSIA II/Once Upon a Time), 1985-1988

Box 66

- Folder 1 *We Can Do Anything*, 1994-1999
- Folder 2 Tripod films on Kaleidoscope channel, 1994
- Folder 3 YASNY Productions' *My Perfect Child is Deaf (What do I do now?)* with House Ear Institute, 1982-1983
- Folder 4 Aquarius Productions, 2001-2002
- Folder 5 Bass Lake, c.1988
- Folder 6 *Montessori for Deaf Children*, n.d.
- Folder 7 *Parson's Storytelling*, n.d.
- Folder 8 Summer session, n.d.

Box 97

- Objects 16-18 Mr. Holland's Opus motion picture soundtracks, compact discs, 1995
- Object 19 *Language Says it All/Back to Normal* with Grapevine PSA after credits, DVD, 1987

Box 76

- Objects 1-2 1st Day Stamp Ceremony, 3/4 U-matic videocassettes
- Objects 3-4 1st Day Stamp Ceremony, VHS tapes
- Object 5 Aimee Walker, VHS tape
- Objects 6-7 Bass Lake, 3/4 U-matic videocassettes
- Objects 8-12 Bass Lake camping trip, 3/4 U-matic videocassettes
- Objects 13-17 Bass Lake camping trip, VHSC videocassettes
- Objects 18-20 Bass Lake interviews, 3/4 U-matic videocassettes
- Object 21 Bass Lake interviews, VHS tape
- Object 22 VHS cassette adapter

Box 77

- Objects 1-6 Bass Lake Interviews, VHSC videocassettes
- Objects 7-9 Bass Lake Interviews, 3/4 U-matic videocassettes
- Object 10 *Because I love you (sign language)*, VHS tape
- Object 11 *Bridging the Gap*, VHS tape
- Object 12 *Bring it On, Meet The Parents, Pay it Forward, Bedazzled, The Grinch*, VHS tape
- Object 13 Cindy, 3/4 U-matic videocassette (small)
- Objects 14-15 Classroom, VHS tapes
- Object 16 *Dances with Wolves*, 3/4 U-matic videocassette (small)
- Objects 17-19 *Dances with Wolves*, VHS tapes
- Object 20 *Dances with Wolves*, 35mm film
- Objects 21-23 *Dances with Wolves*, Betacams
- Objects 24-25 Jimmy Cliff Benefit for Tripod, 3/4 U-matic videocassettes (small)
- Object 26 Harvey Production Inc. Episode 67, 3/4 U-matic videocassette
- Object 27 Home Show 1993, VHS tape
- Object 28 Inclusion (Tripod at Washington), VHS tape

Box 78

- Objects 1-2 *Club Paradise*, reels 1 and 2, 35mm projection prints on reel

Box 79

Objects 1-2 *Club Paradise*, reels 3 and 4, 35mm projection prints on reel

Box 80

Objects 1-2 *Club Paradise*, reels 5 and 6, 35mm projection prints on reel

Box 81

Objects 1-2 *Dances with Wolves*, 35mm films
Objects 3-5 *Dances with Wolves*, 1" open reel videotapes
Objects 6-7 *Grand Canyon*, 1" open reel videotapes
Objects 8-9 Grapevine PSA, 35mm films
Object 10 *Grand Canyon*, 8" floppy disk

Box 81a

Object 1 Grapevine PSA, 35mm magnetic stripe

Box 82

Objects 1-5 *Language Says it All/Back to Normal*, 1" open reel videotapes
Object 6 *Language Says it All/Back to Normal*, 3/4 U-matic videocassette (small)
Object 7 *Language Says it All/Back to Normal*, Slat, 1" open reel videotape

Box 83

Object 1 *Grand Canyon*, VHS tape
Object 2 *Grand Canyon*, 3/4 U-matic videocassette
Object 3 Kraft Singles ATM "Moonbeams/In her own words", VHS tape
Object 4 Kraft Singles Moonbeam ("Emily Test"), VHS tape
Object 5 Kraft Singles: 'Ta Da,' 'Two girls,' 'Mommy cow,' ..., VHS tape
Objects 6-7 L.A.U.S.D. Special Board Meeting, VHS tapes
Objects 8-16 *Language Says it All/Back to Normal*, VHS tapes
Objects 17-20 *Language Says it All/Back to Normal*, 3/4 U-matic videocassettes

Box 84

Object 1 *Language Says it All/Back to Normal*, 3/4 U-matic videocassette (small)
Objects 2-15 *Language Says it All/Back to Normal*, 3/4 U-matic videocassettes

Box 85

Objects 1-22 *Language Says it All/Back to Normal*, 3/4 U-matic videocassettes (small)

Box 86

Objects 1-17 *Language Says it All/Back to Normal*, 3/4 U-matic videocassettes (small)
Object 18 *Language Says it All/Back to Normal*, Cindy and Kips Photos, 3/4 U-matic videocassette (small)

Box 87

Objects 1-3 *Language Says it All (Part II)/Once Upon a Time*, VHS tapes
Objects 4-7 *Language Says it All (Part II)/Once Upon a Time*, 1" open reel videotapes
Objects 8-9 Larry King, 3/4 U-matic videocassettes
Objects 10-11 Larry King, VHS tapes

- Object 12 Lou Ferrigno PSA, 3/4 U-matic videocassette
- Object 13 Mansky Productions, 1" open reel videotape
- Object 14 Megan, 3/4 U-matic videocassette (small)
- Object 15 Megan (Dub)/BTN, 3/4 U-matic videocassette (small)
- Object 16 Montessori Lecture, 3/4 U-matic videocassette
- Objects 17-18 Montessori School, 3/4 U-matic videocassettes
- Object 19 Montessori for Deaf Children, 3/4 U-matic videocassette (small)
- Object 20 *Mutant Ninja Turtles II*, VHS tape
- Objects 21-22 *My Perfect Child is Deaf*, VHS tapes
- Object 23 Off-Hand (Megan Williams & Michael Shamberg Air), VHS tape
- Object 24 Open Forum #11 Deaf Culture, VHS tape
- Object 25 Open Forum #4 & Pick Ups, VHS tape

Box 88

- Object 1 Open Forum #7 Reading and your hearing impaired child, VHS tape
- Object 2 Photos, Flowers, TV, 3/4 U-matic videocassette (small)
- Object 3 Playground Dedication, VHS tape
- Object 4 Popcorn Channel, VHS tape
- Object 5 PSA [public service announcement], 1" open reel videotape
- Object 6 Reach for the Stars, VHS tape
- Object 7 School #1, 3/4 U-matic videocassette
- Object 8 School 3, 3/4 U-matic videocassette
- Object 9 School for the Deaf-Saigon, VHS tape
- Object 10 Sen. Tom Harkin, VHS tape
- Object 11 Sign a Book with Charles: The Snowy Day, VHS tape
- Object 12 Special training tape for parents, VHS tape
- Objects 13-14 The Book Adventure, VHS tapes
- Object 15 *The Tonight Show, Kids and Clichés*, VHS tape
- Object 16 *The Tripod Story*, 16mm film
- Object 17 *The Tripod Story*, VHS tape
- Object 18 *The Tripod Story*, 3/4 U-matic videocassette (small)
- Object 19 Tripod Preschool, 1" open reel videotape
- Object 20 Tripod Preschool, 3/4 U-matic videocassette
- Objects 21-22 Tripod Summer Session '88, VHS tapes
- Object 23 Tripod Summer Session last day celebration, VHSC videocassette

Box 89

- Object 1 Toys for Tots Silent Sleigh, VHS tape
- Object 2 Tripod, VHS tape
- Objects 3-4 Tripod, 3/4 U-matic videocassettes
- Objects 5-22 Tripod, Betacams
- Object 23 Tripod Christmas Party at Kirchner, VHS tape
- Object 24 Tripod Edit Mstr, 3/4 U-matic videocassette
- Object 25 Tripod Pierce college farm trip #1, VHSC videocassette
- Object 26 Tripod Preschool, VHS tape
- Object 27 Tripod PS1, Video 8
- Object 28 Tripod Reading, Math, VHS tape

Object 29 Tripod School Video, 3/4 U-matic videocassette
Object 30 Tripod Signs of Change, VHS tape
Object 31 Tripod T.V. Commercial, VHS tape
Object 32 Tripod/BSU (Air ch. 9 News), VHS tape

Box 90

Object 1 Tripod (Music Transfer), 1" open reel videotape
Objects 2-6 Tripod Preschool, 1" open reel videotapes

Box 91

Objects 1-4 Tripod Presentation, 1" open reel videotapes

Box 92

Object 1 Tripod Preschool, 3/4 U-matic videocassette
Objects 2-6 Tripod Preschool, VHS tapes
Object 7 Tripod 9th Annual Luncheon, 3/4 U-matic videocassette
Object 8 Tripod 9th Annual Luncheon, betacam SP
Object 9 Tripod May 1999, VHS tape
Object 10 Tripod on ABC, 3/4 U-matic videocassette (small)
Object 11 Tripod Presentation, VHS tape
Object 12 Tripod Program & PSA, 3/4 U-matic videocassette
Objects 13-15 *Varsity Blues*, 3/4 U-matic videocassettes
Objects 16-17 *Wanda*, 1" open reel videotapes

Box 93

Object 1 *Wanda*, 3/4 U-matic videocassette
Objects 2-4 *Wanda*, VHS tapes
Objects 5-12 *Wanda*, 3/4 U-matic videocassettes
Object 13 Washington school classroom moments, VHS tape
Object 14 *We Can Do Anything*, 3/4 U-matic videocassette
Objects 15-16 *We Can Do Anything*, VHS tapes
Object 17 *What Can My Child Hear?*, VHS tape
Objects 18-20 *What Do I Do Now?*, VHS tapes
Objects 21-23 Wizard Ent. Tripod, Betacams
Objects 24-25 Woody Signing, VHS tapes

Box 94 (heavy)

Objects 1-14 *We Can Do Anything*, 35mm films

Box 95

Object 1 Untitled, VHS tape
Objects 2-4 Untitled, 35mm films
Object 5 Untitled, Betacam SP
Object 6 Untitled, 35mm film

Series XIII. Photographs, 1983-2003

Scope and Content Note: This series contains photographs from photo albums and loose photographs. Content includes daily activities, facilities, events, and include staff, students, and posed individuals. For further description of subseries materials, see scope and content notes for each subseries.

Box 67

Folder 1 Photos from Megan Williams's binder, c. 1984-1995

Subseries A. Photo Albums, 1984-1994

Scope and Content Note: This subseries contains photographs, slides, a scrapbook and negatives that were originally in albums which have been scanned and rehoused for preservation purposes. Digital images of the albums, in their original state, can be viewed at \\twcfileserv\Archives\Digitized Materials for adding to Cumulus\RITDSA0183_Tripod. Non-photographic materials from albums including calendars and printed drawings have been housed in Box 67. Corresponding negatives have been housed in Box 99. These materials document programs including the summer sessions, events, and school activities. Note that albums are not listed in chronological order, but for the most part, follow a subject and chronological arrangement.

Box 67

Folder 2 Summer school album materials (album 3), 1991
Folder 3 Animal Adventures, summer school album materials (album 7), 1988
Folder 4 Summer school album materials (album 4), 1989
Folder 5 Infant Toddler Program album name memory cards (album 12), 1989-1990

Folder 6 Tripod album materials (album 13), 1984
Folder 7 Tripod album oversize photo (album 14), 1984-1985
Folder 15 Tripod (album 18), 1989-1990

Box 100

Album 1 Preschool, 1990-1991
Album 2 Summer School, 1990
Album 3 Summer School, 1991
Album 4 Summer School, 1989
Album 5 Summer School, 1989-1990

Box 101

Album 7 Summer School, 1988 (album 1 of 2)
Album 8 Summer School, 1988 (album 2 of 2)
Album 9 Preschool, n.d.
Album 10 Preschool [preschool-elementary], 1998
Album 11 Indian Summer, 1986
Album 12 Infant Toddler Program, 1989-1990

Box 102

Album 13 Tripod, 1984

Album 14 Tripod, 1984-1985
Album 15 Tripod, 1985
Album 16 Tripod, 1987

Box 103

Album 17 Tripod, 1988
Album 18 Tripod, 1989-1990
Album 19 Tripod, 1991-1992
Album 20 Tripod, 1992-1993

Box 104

Album 20 Tripod, 1992-1993 (continued from Box 103)
Album 21 Tripod, 1994
Album 22 Tripod, 1993-1994
Album 23 Tripod, 1992

Box 105

Album 24 Summer School, 1993

Box 98

Album 6 Slides, n.d.

Box 99

Envelope 3 Summer School (album 5) negatives, 1989-1990
Envelope 4 Preschool (album 10) negatives, 1998

Oversize Box 71

Album 25 Tripod Friends Scrapbook, 1991-1997

Subseries B. Loose Photos, 1983-2003

Scope and Content Note: This subseries contains photographs, negatives, contact sheets, and memorization cards that portray Tripod students, events, staff, school activities, class photos, and facilities. Notable photos include Jamie Lee Curtis, Jeff Goldblum, autographed photos of Bill Bixby and Allison Mills, Former President Bill Clinton with Megan Williams, and a photo labeled as an RIT ad. Many groups of loose photographs have corresponding negatives which are housed in Box 99. Some photographs had sticky notes with marketing notes to reduce or enlarge and have been removed.

Box 67

Folder 8 Oversize photos, c. 1993-1996, n.d.
Folder 9 Autographed photos, n.d.
Folder 10 Elementary contact sheets and photograph, n.d.
Folder 11 Parent/Toddler/Infant photographs and negatives, n.d.
Folder 12 Preschool/Pre-K contact sheets, n.d., 1986
Folder 13 Preschool/Pre-K negatives, n.d.
Folder 14 Preschool/Pre-K photographs and copies, n.d.

Box 106

- Group 1 Beach day, n.d.
- Group 2 [Casino Night], n.d.
- Group 3 [Classroom], n.d.
- Group 4 [Classroom/facility], n.d.
- Group 5 Class photos, 1991-1997
- Group 6 Faculty, n.d.
- Group 7 LASOMA, 1985
- Group 8 Name memory cards, n.d.
- Group 9 Parent/Toddler/Infant, n.d.
- Group 10 [Playground interaction], n.d.
- Group 11 Preschool/Pre-K, 1993, n.d.
- Group 12 Spring Picnic, 2002
- Group 13 Untitled, 1986-2000, n.d.
- Group 14 Untitled, 2003
- Group 15 Miscellaneous

Box 107

- Group 15 Miscellaneous (continued from Box 106)

Box 98

- Group 1 Loose slides, n.d., 1984-1985

Box 99

- Envelope 5 [Casino Night] negatives, n.d.
- Envelope 6 [Classroom] negatives, n.d.
- Envelope 7 LASOMA negatives, 1985
- Envelope 8 [Playground interaction] negatives, n.d.
- Envelope 9 Spring negatives, 1995
- Envelope 10 Spring Picnic negatives, 2002
- Envelope 11 Untitled negatives, 1990
- Envelope 12 Untitled negatives, 2003
- Envelopes 13-25 Untitled negatives, n.d.
- Object 1 Untitled negatives, 5"x3", n.d.
- Object 2 Grapevine PSA negatives, 5"x3", c. 1983

Oversize Box 72

- Object 2 Color photograph of children on foam board, n.d.
- Objects 3-5 Black and white laminated photos of children with captions, c. 1986
- Objects 6-10 Black and white photos of children, 11"x14", n.d.
- Objects 11-18 Black and white photos of children, 20"x16", n.d.