

# Mara Rist

Mara Rist is a high school senior. Raised in a christian family, she lives with her parents (Mark and April) and her sister Anessa. After high school, Mara plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in wildlife conservation at UW River Falls.

Mara has had three years of sign language, which was taught by a deaf person. She taught an Intro to ASL class at Sparrows this spring. She has also been an assistant dance teacher for two years.

Mara feels strongly that more people should be taught ASL to help facilitate conversations between hearing and deaf people.