

# Mara Rist

Mara Rist is a high school graduate of 2026. Raised in a christian family, she lives with her parents (Mark and April) and her sister Anessa. Mara is pursuing 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, as well as at STWE last year. Her teaching experience also extends to being an assistant dance teacher for three years.

Mara feels strongly that more people should be taught ASL to help facilitate conversations between hearing and deaf people. This class is the beginning of teaching others on how to do that.