



**Video Title:** Why the Passion: 1 Minute Tip

Why I'm so passionate about this is because I did my dissertation research looking at the decisions of qualified educational interpreters and saw the kinds of things they were trying to do, and sometimes it worked well and sometimes it didn't. Then I looked at what I am training interpreters to do in our interpreting program, what I have time to teach people to do; given the language proficiency that you have when you come out, and the length of time that we have, I can't get to these nuances. So, I found that often interpreters recognize when we are doing something well, but we don't see how many times we're actually missing opportunities. So what I am trying to get people to recognize is how many more opportunities may be out there, to make language connections and to make sure that Deaf students are involved.

**Image Description:**

Melissa, who wears a light purple shirt, states that to include Deaf students, educate yourself to make sure you're improving not only your skills but the experience the Deaf student has. Renea interprets in American Sign Language in a black shirt and Marisa wears a black shirt and sits on the right.