## **BIO – BRIAN GAUCI**

Brian Gauci is a nationally certified American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter. He holds a B.A. in Deaf Education and a B.A. in Theology from Central Bible College in Springfield, MO.

Brian has been working in the community as an ASL interpreter for over 20 years. He has his NIC and Missouri State (MICS IV) certifications and holds licenses in 7 other states. He is a member of both RID and FRID. He is currently working as an Amazon Staff Interpreter. In this role he serves as interpreter and SME (Subject Matter Expert). He also tackles multiple projects and manages teams.

He served as Director Of Interpreting with CodaLink for 2 years before returning to the community. He takes workshops and attends seminars to continually improve his skills. He works in multiple arenas such as: the school systems, hospitals, doctors' offices, and court rooms. Brian is also the Shadow Director for Shadow Theater here in South Florida. He and his team bring theater to life for the Deaf. Each actor is paired with a Shadow Interpreter. The Deaf can catch all the action and not miss any of the language. Along with his interpreting experiences, Brian has directed recreational programming for children, ages 3-17. For 8 years he worked with Royal Caribbean as Director of Youth Programs. He devised curriculum and recreation used to entertain kids onboard their cruise ships. This included arts, crafts, sciences, games, social play, and more. He trained staff and worked directly with the children. Prior to this he taught deaf children for 2 years in the public school setting.

Brian moved to Florida about 8 years ago. He has been an integral part of the Deaf Community. He hails from New Orleans, Louisiana. In his spare time (when not interpreting or doing theater) he likes to play volleyball and hang at the beach.