



# Antonietta Alfano

## Deaf Motivational Speaker

### Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility

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#### Signature Keynote Presentation & Workshops

##### *Overcoming Adversity – The Power of Being your own Conduit*

When we look at someone who's "disabled" specifically someone who is Deaf, what our usual approach? Do we feel bad for them? Are we nervous or unsure how to communicate? This keynote specifically brings to light the challenges of following passions in a world created for hearing people. The talk highlights the potential that accessibility provides for *everyone* to benefit. Using her story, Antonietta talks about communication issues *regardless* of disability or "impairment." The takeaway is getting a perception of what it is like to be Deaf and how YOU can diversify and be accessible in all areas for the people in your life personally and professionally.



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#### About Antonietta

Antonietta Alfano is a Founder of *Alfano Speaking Ventures* where she is also a consultant, and coach. As a passionate Deaf advocate, she is bridging the gap between the Deaf and the Hearing communities nationally. She is one of the *TedxRochester* speakers bringing light to the Hearing community about the diversity of Deaf Culture. She also founded and hosts a monthly "Deaf Coffee Chat" locally for the purpose to unify all communities to overcome barriers and to learn ASL. She was the Master of Ceremonies for the National Society of Leadership and Success at RIT as well as one of RIT's Women Legacy Leaders for 2014. She strives to bring awareness into the Hearing community and how they can be accessible and inclusive for ALL to promote Diversity in their lives.

Antonietta lives in Rochester, NY with her Balinese cat companion, Otter.



## TESTIMONIES

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"Antonietta added humor in with her presentations and kept everyone's attention. I walked away inspired."

"I took a lot away from Antonietta's presentation on Diversity. It was interesting seeing and understanding her different experiences and perceptions from being deaf."

"I learned how to spell my name in ASL!" (With workshop)

"Antonietta helped me to understand how things I take for granted can be challenging sometimes for people with disabilities."

"It was interesting to see and learn ASL. I feel we should have someone from the disability community come in each year so we can learn from them."

