DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

The year 2019 has been a busy and productive year for our School! We hosted our first URAD Discover SDSU event in the school this past month, and have actively created and strengthened links within our community in order to continue to offer the best services to people with communication disorders and educational opportunities for our students. Our students at all levels have been actively engaged in the community, have brought their ideas to life in various innovative ways, have been awarded prestigious scholarships, and have presented their research and community efforts in local, national, and international conferences and forums. On par with the school’s long-standing commitment to excellence and leadership, our academic and clinical faculty continue to demonstrate superior teaching and scholarship, as evidenced through numerous teaching awards, research grants, new books and journal articles, and advocacy in the field. We also welcomed our new Provost to the university and school, and are excited about our upcoming visit with SDSU’s President. Please read on for more exciting news about our accomplishments this past year, and as always, thank you so much for your support to our school and to the field of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences!

There are so many ways to keep in touch and ensure that you receive the latest updates from SLHS:

- Let us know of any changes in your life- personal or professional: slhs_alum@sdsu.edu
- Like us on Social Media: Facebook; LinkedIn
- Update your alumni information: https://sdsualumni.org/updatemyinfo
- Become a mentor to current MA students: https://tinyurl.com/slhsmentor
- Refer clients and participants, email us at: slhs@sdsu.edu or visit https://slhs.sdsu.edu/research-labs/ to see what research is ongoing

Congratulations class of 2019!!

Tracy Love, PhD
Director | School of Speech, Language, & Hearing Sciences
APPLAUDING SLHS STUDENTS

Congratulations to our outstanding students' many accomplishments in 2019!

On March 1st and 2nd, 28 SLHS undergraduate and graduate students participated in the annual SDSU Student Research Symposium. Congratulations to SLHS undergraduate students Cassidy Childers-Reid, Chinatsu Takahashi, Elisandra Segal, and Emily Bautista (Faculty mentor: Dr. Nip) for winning the Provost's Award in Health & Human Services for their poster presentation on "Slow Speech Movements in People With Parkinson’s Disease With and Without Deep Brain Stimulation"!

SLHS undergraduate students Cassidy Childers-Reid, Chinatsu Takahashi, Elisandra Segal, Emily Bautista, and Alyssa Zidek were invited to present their poster again at the Student Research Symposium Showcase in honor of President Adela de la Torre’ inauguration on April 11th 2019.

Our students also traveled to several national and international conferences. Shannon Doolittle presented a poster on "Endocytosis and endocytic signaling of spiral ganglion neurons" at the Association for Research in Otolaryngology conference.

Becky Vieira, Da Mok Min, Nicolas Portugal, and Jennifer Retana presented posters at the American Auditory Society (AAS) conference. Two of our JDP-LCD students, Brittany Lee and Meghan McGary, traveled to the annual meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society in San Francisco.

Cristy Sotomayor also received a Paula Menyuk Travel Award to attend the 44th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD) in Boston, Massachusetts. Dr. Stephanie De Anda (recent alumni from our JDP program and current faculty member at the University of Oregon) and Alicia Escobedo (current JDP-LCD student) were recipients of a Research-Mentor Pair Award.

Our SLHS students have received numerous awards to support their travel and research activities this past year, including a total of $57,603 in support from the Student Success Fee to fund travel, workshops, visiting speakers, our annual SAID event, and more (see below)!

Cristy Sotomayor was awarded a UCSD Graduate Student Association’s Travel Grant and traveled to Moscow, Russia, to present her work on word learning in bilingual versus monolingual school-aged children at the annual meeting of the organization for Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing.

Cristy Sotomayor and Dr. Abel at the BUCLD conference in Boston.

Meghan McGarry at the annual meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society

IMPORTANT DATES
Explore SDSU:
March 21, 2020

Speech-Language-Hearing Awareness and Information Day (SAID):
May 4, 2020

AUD White Coat:
May 15, 2020

AUD Doctoral Project Presentations:
May 15, 2020

Commencement:
May 16, 2020

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
Congratulations to our 2019 Outstanding Students:
Angelica To (UG) and Chanel Konja (GR).

We also want to honor Haley Brock for being selected as the outstanding undergraduate student within the College of Health and Human Services!
Travel Award to attend the 2019 ASHA convention in Orlando in conjunction with the 29th Annual Research Symposium on Advances in Specific Language Impairment Research & Intervention. Our Speech-Language Pathology MA students, Johnny Gallagher and Karen Gitlin, received Students Preparing for Academic-Research Careers (SPARC) Awards from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) to support their research efforts. Cristy Sotomayor (JDP-LCD), was awarded a scholarship from the CSU Chancellor’s Doctoral Incentive Program (Faculty mentor: Dr. Abel), and Jonathan Robinson Anthony (JDP-LCD) was awarded an SDSU Graduate Fellowship (Faculty mentor: Dr. Blumenfeld). Finally, our Audiology doctoral student, Daniela Kite, received one of the highly competitive Graduate Student Scholarships from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation. Congratulations to all our students!
NSSSLHA ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Our local chapter of the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association has been as busy as ever!

This past Fall, NSSSLHA volunteers helped in multiple events on and off of campus, from the Aztec move-in and Aztecs Rock Hunger campaign, to the Walk to End Alzheimers, the San Diego Brain Injury Association Friendraiser event, The Walk to Defeat ALS, the fall festival with TERI Crimson Integrated Services, the Autism Speaks event, the San Diego Deafestival, and more! In addition, NSSSLHA joined efforts with the Student Academy of Audiology to volunteer at Rady Children’s Hospital Joy of Sound event, and The “Walk 4 Hearing” in Mission Bay (see below).

In October, our NSSSLHA chapter participated in a student advocacy day and sent nineteen letters to members of Congress about the federal-level issues that are impacting the professions in our field.

Finally, NSSSLHA hosted several events on campus including a meet and greet event with the SLHS faculty members around coffee and donuts, and a expert panel at their “Thankful for SLHS” event in November. The events were very well attended and gave members the opportunity to engage with faculty members and professionals in the field!
SAA ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Fall semester has been eventful for the SDSU chapter of the Student Academy of Audiology! They successfully started their first undergraduate chapter, providing the undergraduate members with more information about the field and what audiologists’ day-to-day work-life look like. SAA members volunteered at the Rady Children's Hospital Joy of Sound Event, an event for children with hearing loss or cochlear implants and their families. SAA members also took part in the Hearing Loss Association of America’s Walk 4 Hearing charity event. Finally, SAA members have also been able to set up 3 local hearing screenings, providing all AuD students with richer experiences while also helping the children in our community.

At The Rady Children’s Hospital "Joy of Sound" event, SAA and NSSLHA members were able to volunteer by facilitating a multitude of games available to the children and families of children who had received services through Rady Children's Hospital here in San Diego. At The Walk for Hearing Event located in Mission Bay, SAA and NSSLHA members members were given the opportunity to interact with several members of the community while serving lunch and completing tasks in order to make the walk successful. Many members were excited to utilize their knowledge in American Sign Language at this event to communicate with members of the community.
FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

What a year 2019 has been for both our clinical and academic faculty!

Our Speech-Language and Audiology clinics continue to provide state-of-the-art services and exceed expectations, as showcased in the *July 2019 CHHS newsletter*! In addition, several of our clinical supervisors and lecturers have earned well-deserved recognition through prestigious awards this year.

Congratulations to our Speech-Language clinic supervisor Tanya Buzzanga, CCC-SLP, for being a finalist for San Diego Magazine’s 2019 Celebrating Women Awards! She was included in the September issue of San Diego Magazine and honored at the Celebrating Women Event on September 24 at The New Children’s Museum.

Congratulations to our Undergraduate Advisor and Speech-Language clinic supervisor, Taylor Hye, CCC-SLP, for being selected as the Outstanding Advisor of the College of Health and Human Services!

Finally, congratulations to our Speech-Language clinic supervisor and lecturer, Robert McKinney, CCC-SLP, for publishing his book entitled "Here’s How to Do Accent Modification" with Plural Publishing! Bob hosted a book signing event at the ASHA convention in Orlando this past November.

Thank you notes written by clients and families for the SLHS Clinic when asked: "What has Speech and Language Therapy done for you?"
Congratulations also to all our academic faculty for their outstanding achievements this past year!

Our School Director, **Dr. Tracy Love**, received the 2019 SDSU Alumni Award for Outstanding Faculty Contributions. She was honored on SDSU’s Fall convocation ceremony on August 24th, 2019.

Our school's former Associate Director and current Associate Dean, **Dr. Sonja Pruitt-Lord**, received a prestigious Faculty Innovation and Leadership Award from the California State University (see below). **Dr. Karen Emmorey** was honored as a Fellow of the Linguistic Society of America and a Fellow of the Society of Experimental Psychologists. **Dr. Jessica Barlow** received the Outstanding Faculty Award from the SDSU Cap and Gown Chapter of Mortar Board. **Dr. Stephanie Ries** was nominated by the residential students for a 2019-2020 Favorite Faculty Award. Finally, **Drs. Henrike Blumenfeld and Alyson Abel** were recognized by their students, Angelica To and Chanel Konja, as Outstanding SLHS Faculty members, and **Dr. Pruitt-Lord** was recognized by her student, Haley Brock, as Outstanding CHHS Faculty member during the Commencement Ceremony in May 2019.

Our faculty members also received numerous research awards and grants.

**Dr. Pham** was awarded an ASHA Grant Program for Projects on Multicultural Activities for her project on "Online Resources for the Vietnamese Language: Assessment Tools, Learning Modules, and Databank". **Dr. Pham** was also awarded an NIH NIDCD R01 subcontract on a project titled "Test of English Language Learners" with UC Irvine.

**Dr. Nip** was awarded a New Century Scholars Research Grant from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation for a project titled: "Quantifying Lingual Movement After Radiation Therapy in Patients with Oropharyngeal Cancer".

**Dr. Love** was named PI of the NIH NIDCD T32 doctoral training grant (2017-2022) on “Neurocognitive Approaches to Communication Disorders”.

**Dr. Emmorey** and her colleagues received an NSF Collaborative award on “Quantifying systematicity, iconicity, and arbitrariness in the ASL lexicon” and their R01 NIH award on "Assessing the neural dynamics of reading in deaf adults" was renewed.

**Dr. Ries** received an Early Career R21 award from the National Institute on Deafness and other Communication Disorders to study the brain dynamics of lexical retrieval after left hemisphere stroke. **Dr. Ries**, along with her UCSD colleagues Drs. Halgren, Shih, and Ben-Haim, were awarded an Innovative Research Grant by the Kavli Institute of Mind and Brain for their project entitled “Cognitive Control of Word Retrieval in Speech Production through Cortical Layers”.

Finally, Dr. Pham’s research on Understanding Language Disorders in Vietnam and Dr. Torre’s research on HIV-related Hearing Loss in South Africa showcased in the SDSU summer newsletter.
Our faculty members have also continued and expanded their advocacy activities for people with communicative disorders. In May, Dr. Dreisbach-Hawe along with committee members of ASHA SIG 6 went to Capitol Hill to meet with our Representatives and Senators to advocate for the field of hearing/balance and speech, language pathology. They discussed protecting early hearing detection and intervention (EHDI), promoting access to education services and supports - individuals with disabilities education act (IDEA), enhance Medicare access to audiology services, & enhance older adult access to telehealth -including audiology and speech, language pathology.

SLHS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Pruitt-Lord becomes the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs

On August 22nd 2019, our own Dr. Sonja Pruitt-Lord became the new Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for the College of Health and Human Services! We are so grateful for her many accomplishments and positive influence within our school since her arrival in 2006, and are looking forward to working with her as Associate Dean of our College! Dr. Pruitt-Lord’s stellar record as an educator, administrator, researcher, and mentor were recently recognized through a prestigious Faculty Innovation and Leadership Award from the California State University.

“Dr. Pruitt-Lord’s enthusiasm and commitment to create many opportunities for SDSU students is truly exemplary.”
SDSU President Adela de la Torre

“She is what I would call a master teacher, in that she integrates innovative educational and growth-promoting opportunities for students in the classroom, in her research, and in community outreach activities. She is truly a leader in her field.”
Dr. Steven Hooker, SDSU Dean of the College of Health and Human Services.

Dr. Steven Kramer retiring after 34 years at SDSU!

Our dear Dr. Kramer will be retiring at the end of the Fall semester 2019. Dr. Kramer came to us from the University of Texas, Galveston, in 1985 and has been a cornerstone of our department, college, and university ever since! He served as our Department Chair for 11 years from 1990 until 2001, in addition to serving as the Interim Associate Dean from 1993 to 1994. He then served as the Interim Audiology Clinic Director from 2001 to 2002, Interim Dean of Graduate Affairs from 2006 to 2007, and has served as our Audiology Program co-Director since 2003. He has earned numerous awards for his exceptional teaching and mentoring, has published numerous journal articles, and has edited several textbooks, including several editions of "Audiology: Science to Practice". Some of his extracurricular service has included dressing up as Santa Claus for the school’s holiday parties. We will miss you Dr. Kramer!!
Congratulations Marla Fulton for 20 years at SDSU!

Our dear Marla Fulton, Clinic Office Administrative Coordinator, is celebrating her 20th year at SDSU, including 15 years of service within our school! In the words of our Clinic Education Coordinator, Charlotte Lopes (CCC-SLP), "Marla is the "face of the clinic." She's typically the first contact that our clients have with our clinic and she knows everyone! And they all love her. She's always helpful, calm in the midst of chaos, and always willing to help out in any way she can. We couldn't do it without her." Our students also all love Marla, please see a few example quotes below:

"The SLHS building would not be the same without Marla! From clients and families to masters students and supervisors, she makes everyone feel welcomed with her kindness and warmth. I am thankful for Marla and the positive impact she’s had on so many students, including myself!"
Jaclyn Morris, SLP MA student

"Marla is the glue that holds the clinic together. She greets every client each day with a smile and keeps morale high."
Emily Bautista, SLP MA student

"Thank you for listening, for your guidance, for inspiring us, for your kindness, for encouraging us, but most importantly for making our clinic as spectacular as you."
SDSU MA Class of 2018

Welcome to our new staff member, Danielle Martin!

Danielle Martin joined the SLHS family last Spring. She is our new Administrative Technician for the Audiology clinic. Danielle completed her Bachelor's degree in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences at SDSU in 2009, and most recently was a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant at a private practice. Danielle works to help with the day to day operations of the audiology clinic. She provides supervised support services to our hearing aid patients to help ensure timely access to care, and works alongside first year students in the Audiology Lab, helping to reinforce skills related to hearing aids. We are so glad to have her on our team! Welcome Danielle!

CHHS and SDSU Announcements

In May 2019, Dean Hooker initiated a new CHHS Staff Council to facilitate staff interaction among our 5 Schools. Our own Janet Park, Main Office Administrative Coordinator, is serving as co-Chair with Lanya Pena-Buskirk from the school of Exercise and Nutritional Sciences. Since its inception, the CHHS Staff council has had a retreat, presentations of various on-campus labs, lunches, and other get-togethers and trainings, allowing our staff members to meet their peers in the other college schools.

In July 2019, Provost Salvador Hector Ochoa came to us from the University of New Mexico where he served as dean of the College of Education. His nationally-recognized research focuses on bilingual psycho-educational assessment and educational programming issues related to Latino students. Dr. Ochoa served on a U.S. Department of Education Expert Advisory Panel for the Study of English language learners with special needs and has also received awards and honors for his teaching excellence and efforts promoting diversity and inclusion. Welcome Provost Ochoa!
ALUMNI OUTREACH

Thank you for coming to our 2nd Annual SLHS Spring Alumni Networking event! On March 12, 2019, SDSU SLHS alumni, faculty, staff, and graduate students got together to welcome new alumni to the community, reconnect with old friends, and meet current Aztec students. This is a great way to hear about SLHS activities and connect with students ready to enter the professional world. The event was hosted at Oggi’s in the Aztec Student Union. Thank you to those who are serving as mentors to the NSSLHA students. We are eager to build a strong network across all our graduate programs and our undergraduate program.

Become a mentor to current MA students: https://tinyurl.com/slhsmentor

You are invited to the Speech-Language-Hearing Awareness and Information Day (SAID), which will take place on May 4th, 2020 in the Aztec Student Union. SAID is a collaborative community event that aims to raise awareness about speech-language and hearing disorders and to provide educational interdisciplinary resources to students, faculty, and related professionals in the San Diego area.

SAID SCHEDULE - MAY 4TH 2020

9:00 am to 12:00 pm – Current Doctoral Student Research in Speech-Language Pathology; Inter-Professional Collaboration with SLPs

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm – Speech-Language Hearing Sciences Info Fair and Poster Presentations

1:00 pm to 2:00 pm – Keynote Presentation

2:00 pm to 3:00 pm – Expert Panel Discussion

SAID 2019!

The 2019 Speech-Language-Hearing Awareness and Information Day was a big success! The event was centered around adult neurogenic disorders, and organized by our talented SLHS MA and PhD students who obtained funding through the Student Success Fee. Our current PhD students presented their work in the morning session, followed by an Inter-Professional Education Panel, including professionals from the fields of Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology, Physical Therapy, and Nursing, to talk about the importance of cross-disciplinary collaborations in clinical practice. During the lunch hour, attendees visited the poster session and the SLHS Info Fair tables. Dr. Julius Fridriksson was our keynote speaker in the afternoon session, which was followed by an Expert Discussion Panel. Here are some pictures of the event below!

SAID attendees visiting the poster session at the 2019 SAID event.

Inter-Professional Education panel during the morning session. From left to right: Shefali Chauhan (MA student, presenting), Kellie Scott, MSW, Linda Oliver, AuD, Rosalia Arellano, DPT, Michael Gates, PhD RN, Yumi Petrisko, MS, RDN, CSSD
HOW TO KEEP IN TOUCH AND GIVE BACK

There are so many ways you can keep in touch with us and donate to our programs! The Speech-Language clinic is now supported on a donation-only basis. Audiology diagnostic services are likewise provided on a donation-only basis, with fees charged for hearing aid-related products and services only. Funds raised through the donation efforts go to purchase diagnostic and treatment materials as well as to support graduate assistants in the clinic. Here are some ideas and links below.

- Donate directly to our clinic through: https://slhs.sdsu.edu/clinics/support/
- Donate to our graduate programs through The Beverly Wulfeck Fellowship: https://tinyurl.com/wulfeck
- You can also donate by writing a check payable to the SDSU Campanile Foundation and note on your check that your gift will support SLHS or The Beverly Wulfeck Fellowship. Mail your check to: The SDSU Campanile Foundation, Attn: Gift Administration, 5500 Campanile Drive, San Diego, CA 92182-1968.

- Stay Connected! See links at the bottom of the page.
- Become a mentor to current MA students: https://tinyurl.com/slhsmentor
- Watch and share a short video about our clinic services: https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=4icWW79wtl4

URAD DISCOVER SDSU EVENT

SDSU's University Relation and Development, with SLHS, hosted Tools for a Richer Life on November 13, 2019. This series (sponsored by Richard and Sharon Fogg) is designed to engage and educate donors about SDSU programs by showcasing distinctive programs at SDSU.

The School was able to demonstrate the cutting-edge technology and life-changing services SLHS offers to the community. In this intimate one-of-a-kind experience, 65 attendees learned how our students in our SLHS graduate programs help people of all ages who have communication impairments through hands-on demonstrations that were student-led.

Attendees included SDSU President Adela de la Torre, CHHS Dean Steven Hooker, CHHS Associate Dean Sonja Pruitt-Lord, SLHS Director Tracy Love, Speech Language and Audiology Directors Drs. Ignatius Nip and Carol Mackersie, and clinical faculty Taylor Hye, Carrie Goodwiler, and Christy Kirsch.

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See what research is going on: https://slhs.sdsu.edu/research-labs/

https://www.facebook.com/SDSUSLHS/

Child Development Program
Paul Grand (AuD student), Chelsie Saunders (MA student), and Adult Speech-Language client Mr. Sal Terrones describe the impact of the clinic on their families.

MA students educating URAD event attendees about how different textures affect swallowing.