DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

The School of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences (SLHS) is anchored in a long history of excellence in academia, research, and clinical services. Our goal is to continue providing these superior services while always looking forward to modernize our curricula and enhance our research acumen. This enables us to meet the changing needs of the field and the community-at-large through leadership in both technical and applied science.

We aim to use this format to keep you—our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community partners—up to date on events, accomplishments, and program developments. In this edition, we highlight the achievements of our faculty and students, our new alumni mentor program, and our clinics. As part of our alumni outreach focus, we highlight the successes of our student organizations and our inaugural alumni reunion and mixer events.

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:  
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• Refer clients and participants, email us at:  slhs@sdsu.edu or visit  https://slhs.sdsu.edu/research-labs/  to see what research is ongoing
• Spread the word about the Beverly Wulfeck Fellowship:  https://tinyurl.com/wulfeck

Congratulations class of 2018!!

Tracy Love, PhD
Director | School of Speech, Language, & Hearing Sciences
On March 2nd and 3rd, SLHS contributed to 20 student presentations at the annual SDSU Student Research Symposium (SRS). This event is an opportunity for undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students to present the research projects that they have conducted with their faculty lab mentors during the past school year. The 20 projects represented efforts from 45 student authors across 10 different labs within SLHS!

SRS is a university-wide event recognizing the excellent research and scholarly accomplishments of SDSU undergraduate and graduate students. This year, faculty in the College supported 73 poster and oral presentations with students from all five Schools represented. And, nearly half (45%) of the participants were undergraduate presenters! Congratulations to all of our student award winners and we thank all the faculty and staff in the College that support student research!

One of our seniors, Caitlin Williams, was awarded a Research Award for Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Justice for her poster that proposed a preliminary model of speech intelligibility for children with cerebral palsy.

In addition, DeAnne Hunter (a linguistics MA student working with Dr. Tracy Love) along with SLHS MA students Beth Hill, Nina Usuki, and Allyson Fisher won the Dean's Award for their presentation on rate of speech effects on sentence processing in children diagnosed with Specific Language Impairment.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
Congratulations to our 2018 Outstanding Students: Leilani Melendrez (UG) and Carlos Arias (GR).

We also want to honor Alyssa Pitts for being selected as the outstanding undergraduate student within CHHS!
NSSLHA ACCOMPLISHMENTS

SLHS master’s students have created a NSSLHA graduate chapter, and they have been busy! They participated in the ASHA knowledge bowl, sent 21 students to CSHA, and are co-hosting the Speech-Language-Hearing Awareness and Information Day - SAID, May 1, 2018 - with the NSSLHA undergraduate chapter. This group has also engaged our wonderful alumni and created a mentoring program. Forty graduate students have been paired with mentors. The grad chapter held a pre-professional workshop with many alumni providing support, reading resumes, and conducting mock-interviews to help others learn more. The undergraduate NSSLHA chapter has participated in 13 community service events, hosted graduate school and professional panels, participated in advocacy events, and raised over $1500 to support our own Speech-Language and Audiology Clinic. Our most successful campaign was the co-hosted SLHS Loves campaign that sold hearts in honor of clients, clinicians, students, staff, and faculty! The chapter earned $985 to support student clinical training.

Congratulations to Dr. Sonja Pruitt-Lord on her ASHA Board of Directors appointment as the National NSSLHA Advisor!

SLHS AT CSHA & ASHA CONVENTIONS

This March, the NSSLHA Graduate Chapter sent over 20 SLHS undergraduate and graduate students to the 2018 CSHA and ASHA Conventions. Our students made professional connections with individuals and potential employers and attended educational sessions on a variety of relevant topics by the best in the field. At the ASHA Convention, over 20 faculty and student presentations were presented and Joint Doctoral Program (JDP-LCD) student Nilofaar Akhavan was awarded the American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation's International Student Scholarship.

At the CSHA convention, JDP-LCD student Philip Combiths presented on “Applying Phonological Complexity in the Schools: Insights from 32 Case Studies,” and JDP-LCD student Quynh Dam presented a research poster on “Relationships Between Vocabulary and Nonword Repetition in Vietnamese-English Bilingual Children.”

Our very own NSSLHA Graduate Chapter president, Abby Wade, was presented an award from CSHA for “Outstanding Student of the Year". SDSU NSSLHA’s team (2nd year master’s students Brittany Sharp, Elaine Drexler, Carolina Echeverri, Daena Taylor, and June Ki) won 2nd place in this year’s CSHA Knowledge Bowl while their fellow classmates cheered them on.

(Above): Abby Wade, the "Outstanding Student of the Year"

(To the left): SDSU students celebrating a 2nd place victory at CSHA 2018

(To the left): Ju Heun Ki, Elaine Drexler, Brittany Sharp, Daena Rodriguez-Taylor and Carolina Echeverri at CSHA 2018
The SLHS Student Academy of Audiology (SAA) has been very busy this year. They have given lectures on hearing and hearing loss to students of all ages – elementary through high school; presented research findings at the annual American Auditory Society meeting in Scottsdale Arizona; distributed earplugs to the SDSU band and will provide information about protecting ones hearing to band members; and helped launch the iHEARu app, which allows users to rank and review venues (e.g., restaurants, coffee houses) that are hearing friendly.

Presentations/Workshops

On April 3, 2018, SAA hosted a workshop by Dr. Michael Metz on professional legal ethics for those entering healthcare professions. This was co-sponsored by the SDSU Student Success Fee and A.S. Campus Program Funding. The event was open to all faculty and students within the College of Health and Human Services.

On May 2, 2018, Dr. Lisa Hunter will present on "New ways of Exploring Auditory Processing Disorders from the Bottom Up and Top Down" to faculty, students and members of the SDSU community.

Volunteer work

SAA performed hearing screenings at a local elementary and middle school in April and will also do so at the Speech-Language-Hearing Awareness and Information Day (SAID) on May 1st.

They will also volunteer for the annual Rady Children's Hospital Good Vibrations Event in June 2018.

This academic year, SAA has welcomed with open arms a cohort of undergraduate students interested in audiology and are looking forward to continually including and serving these students who add a whole new dimension and vitality to SAA.

Congratulations to the newest Doctors of Audiology!
ALUMNI OUTREACH
Thank you for coming to our ASHA Reunion Friday, November 10, 2017, at Prank Bar. The turnout exceeded our expectations (literally and figuratively). We hope that this was just the start of our alumni outreach. There was also a networking event held Tuesday, March 13, at Eurekal, co-sponsored by the SDSU Alumni Center. Thank you to those who are serving as mentors to the NSLHA 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/alhamentor

SAID SCHEDULE
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
Dr. Elena Plante - University of Arizona, Tuscon

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

SAID | San Diego State University
Speech-Language-Hearing Awareness & Information Day

You are invited to the Speech-Language-Hearing Awareness and Information Day (SAID). 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. SIGN UP AT https://slhs.sdsu.edu/said-2018/

BEVERLY WULFECK FELLOWSHIP

Dr. Beverly Wulfeck passed away September 8, 2017. She shaped the lives and curriculum of SLHS and the JDP-LCD with integrity and compassion, and she will be greatly missed by all of us. Beverly was a founding member of the JDP-LCD and was its director since its inception in 1997 until her retirement in 2014. Given Beverly’s passion for supporting graduate student studies, we honor her by establishing a fellowship in her name. We hope to raise $50K to endow the Beverly Wulfeck Fellowship and support SDSU graduate students in perpetuity. You can help honor Beverly by supporting The Beverly Wulfeck Fellowship.

You can make a tax deductible donation by going to: https://tinyurl.com/wulfeck

-If you prefer to pay by check, please make your check payable to the SDSU Campanile Foundation and note on your check that your gift will support The Beverly Wulfeck Fellowship. Mail to: The SDSU Campanile Foundation, Attn: Gift Administration, 5500 Campanile Drive, San Diego, CA 92182-1968.

-If you are interested in making a pledge (paid over 3-5 years) or exploring planned giving options, please contact Stacy Carota, Senior Director of Development, at scarota@mail.sdsu.edu or 619-594-2324.
Dr. Marilyn Newhoff has retired after over 40 years in higher education. Marilyn earned her clinical speech-pathology degree and then her Ph.D. from the University of Memphis in 1978. She then began a position here at SDSU as an Assistant Professor, and then Associate Professor, in the Dept. of Communicative Disorders (SLHS's prior title) and remained until 1986. She then moved to the University of Georgia where she was faculty in the Dept. of Communicative Sciences and Disorders, serving as the Chair of the department from 1994-1996. She then served as the Senior Associate Dean for the Graduate School at 1996-1999. In 2001, she returned to San Diego State University, serving as the Director of the School of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences. For three years she skillfully directed our programs with an administrative style that was both strong and nurturing.

In 2004, she became Dean of the College of Health and Human Services where she served until 2016. During her tenure as Dean, she saw the rapid growth of our College and the rise in graduate program rankings across all Schools.

Thanks to Marilyn's tireless efforts, she secured funding so that our School now resides in a state-of-the-art academic, research and clinical facility. This was a dream we had for over 20 years but it was Marilyn who was able to make it come true. Also, under her leadership, SLHS was successful in establishing the first AuD program in California. In addition, her national reputation as an outstanding mentor and her actions in providing more stable funding support has been enormously important to the continued success of our Ph.D. program in Language and Communicative Disorders – again the only one of its kind in California.

Marilyn did not give up her passion for the field, even while serving in administration. She is an internationally known scholar in the normal and disordered aspects of both child and adult language. She was the Founding Editor of the American Journal of Speech-Language Pathology (AJSLP) and is a Fellow of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). She is a recipient of ASHA Honors, the most prestigious award given by the Association. Until her retirement, she continued her role at ASHA as the Chair of the Publication Board and in the Clinical Aphasiology Conference, which has had a large influence on doctoral students and junior faculty in the profession.

Congratulations to a lifetime of achievements Marilyn! We are forever indebted to you.

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Peter Torre III, Ph.D.

Special thanks to Dr. Torre for 12 (yes, twelve!) years of service as our School's undergraduate advisor.

Dr. Torre started advising our undergraduates in 2006 and helped over 2700 undergraduate students navigate their way through our major to attain their Bachelors of Arts degree.

Thank you for all your efforts
Dr. Torre!!

Sharron Turner, MA, CCC-SLP

After graduating from SDSU with her M.A. in Speech-Language Pathology in 1994, Sharron joined the staff at Scripps Encinitas Hospital, working with adults with neurogenic communication disorders and she also supervised interns from the SLP Program at SDSU. From 1997-2005, Sharron served as a part-time supervisor in the Speech-Language Clinic and joined the faculty as a full-time lecturer in 2006. During her time at SDSU, Sharron was responsible for greatly increasing the services provided to clients following strokes, traumatic brain injuries, and other neurological injuries. She also started the Adult Language Groups which provide a social communication experience for our clients.

We wish Sharron the best in her new endeavors. She will be missed her coworkers and the clients in the Speech-Language Clinic.
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS OF THE SLHS FAMILY!

T/TT Faculty
JoAnn Silkes, Ph.D., CCC-SLP (starting Spring 2019)

Dr. Silkes’ research interests are in examining implicit language processing in people with aphasia and how such processing might underlie the language deficits in this population, particularly the time course of lexical processing and retrieval. She uses behavioral methods and event-related potentials (ERPs) obtained from electroencephalography (EEG) to answer her research questions. She has recently completed a grant (R03 NIH-NIDCD) to examine how to use this information to treat language deficits in individuals with aphasia.

Speech-Language Clinic Director
Carrie Goodwiler, MA, CCC-SLP (SLHS Alum)

Carrie graduated from SDSU (SLHS) May 2012 with her clinical degree in Speech-Language Pathology. Upon graduation, Carrie took a position with the San Marcos Unified School District where she has worked as an SLP providing services for children starting at the preschool level and through adult transition programs. Carrie joined SLHS in 2017 as a clinical supervisor. Her new role will begin July 1, 2018.

Undergraduate Advisor and SL Clinic Supervisor
Taylor Hye, MA, CCC-SLP (SLHS Alum)

Taylor graduated from SDSU (SLHS) May 2016 with her masters degree in Speech-Language Pathology. Upon graduation, Taylor took a position with Metro Nashville Public Schools (yes, in Tennessee!). Since graduating, Taylor has provided services for culturally and linguistically diverse children. Her work focused on children, kindergarten through 4th grade. She is excited to return home and support our SLHS programs.

Student Worker
Julia Greene

Julia is a 1st year undergraduate at SDSU. She comes to us from Colorado and is currently enrolled in the highly competitive BSN (Bachelors of Science in Nursing) program. Julia has won numerous awards for her academic achievements (including being named Valedictorian of her high school). She brings with her a number of skills that will benefit our school’s initiatives.
The student clinicians in the Speech-Language and Audiology Clinics have been very productive this year. The 38 speech language clinicians of the graduating class of 2018 provided over 5,300 hours of services in the on-campus clinic and are on track to complete close to 9,000 hours in their off-campus placements by their May graduation date.

The 11 audiology doctoral students of the graduating class of 2020 have provided a total of over 1270 hours of services in the on-campus clinics at SDSU and UCSD. Over the course of their 4 year program, they are expected to complete approximately 2775 hours each (in on- and off-campus rotations) for a class total of over 30,000 hours.

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.

https://slhs.sdsu.edu/clinics/support/
https://tinyurl.com/slhsclinic

COORDINATOR OF CLINICAL EDUCATION

Charlotte Lopes is transitioning into a new role within SLHS. Charlotte has a long history with SDSU. She graduated from our MA program, became a clinical supervisor in 1989, and in 1993 became our SL Clinic Director. Charlotte’s service in her current role has been invaluable and we appreciate her guidance during this transition to a new S-L Clinic Director. We are thrilled that she is staying on as a clinical supervisor, coordinating our CTC and CAA reviews!

CLIENT STORIES

"Back in January of 2017, my hope was that by the time he started kindergarten in September, he would be understood by his classmates and teachers. With the help of incredibly talented and patient staff at the clinic, that goal has been reached - Michael's school teacher says that she understands everything Michael is saying and notices no speech-related problems when he communicates with his peers!"

"My child has benefited so much and grown in ways I don't think would have been possible had we just settled for the services offered in her IEP. I hope that I am in a position someday to be able to donate to the program. The program at SDSU would be out of reach for my child if we had to pay what the services are worth."

"I bring my son to SDSU because I see that the things that they teach are practical and realistic. The program caters to the specific needs of my son."

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