Goodbye Seniors!

As this semester comes to an end, we say goodbye to the Graduating Class of 2016. As you all move on to new jobs, graduate school, etc. remember all the wonderful experiences you have had here at WSU. Take those memories onto the next part of your journey to help teach others.

We wish you all the luck in your next steps and hope to hear back from you sometime next year with an update on what you are all doing!

Good Luck!

Changes in WSUSSLHA

As this school year comes to an end, we would like to thank all of our members who helped make this year great! We would also like to thank our Supervisors Terese Conrad and Doug Parham for all their support and dedication to WSUSSLHA. Thank you to the executive officers for their hard work. As we say goodbye to this executive board, we welcome our new board! Below you will find out more about them!

Save the Date!

Graduation Reception
May 13th at 7pm
If interested in volunteering contact us!

Graduation
May 14th at 1pm
Support the Graduating class of 2016!
The 2016-2017 Exec Board

Please congratulate them when you see them and be on the lookout for some summer events!

Speech-Language President

My name is Kylie Harmon. I will be a senior in the upcoming school year. I have served as treasurer of WSUSSLHA this past year and it is a pleasure to be able to be a part of this executive board again as the new SLP Co-President. I am a Shocker Navigator at WSU and I just recently received a position at HeartSpring. I am so excited to have the opportunity to be president this year - I am hoping to implement more volunteer opportunities as well as social events for our organization. I also hope to bring more information about NSSLHA and KSHA for the upcoming year and how we, as an organization, can get more involved. I am so ready for this upcoming year with WSUSSLHA.

Audiology President

I am Kirstyn Linares, Audiology Co-President for the 2016-2017 school year. I work for the Child Development Center on campus as well as volunteer there during special events. I volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House Charities through Wesley Hospital like to fill my time with productive activities. During my time as president, I will strive to provide additional networking for my classmates through shadowing and volunteering off campus. I plan to raise the awareness of WSUSSLHA throughout the city and on campus with opportunities that will represent our association through both professions. I hope to use my passion for Audiology to expand the desire for students to explore Audiology as a path of their own. My goal is to leave a positive mark on campus and WSUSSLHA this upcoming year by being available to all of you, and bringing everything I have to this position.

Vice President

Hi! I will be Vice President of WSUSSLHA the next school year. I will be a senior next year in the CSD program, along with a minor in psychology, and will be pursuing a master’s in Speech-Language Pathology after graduation. In my spare time, I enjoy volunteering at various places such as Rainbows and the Kansas Food Bank, traveling, and reading. I am looking forward to WSUSSLHA's upcoming year!

Social Chair

Hello, my name is Kylie Wuestewald and I am thrilled to be your new Social Chair for WSUSSLHA. In the fall of 2016 I will be a senior, interested in furthering my education in Speech Language Pathology. Throughout the last three years at Wichita State I have been involved in many different organizations, but I am so excited to become more involved in this year. Through this position, I not only hope to get our organization more recognized throughout campus but, getting us involved outside of the Wichita State campus as well. Along with the other members of our executive council, I want to engage our members in more than just our monthly member meetings, through fundraisers as well as small community events. I am very open to all suggestions, so please feel free to contact me with any ideas!
Secretary
Hi everyone! My name is Sarah Joy Schwartz. I am a senior Communication Sciences and Disorders and Psychology major graduating in Spring of 2017. I am thrilled to be your WSUSSLHA Secretary and serve on the executive board this next year. I am a non-traditional student and after coming back to school I realized how important being connected to people who have similar goals can be. We all have family, jobs, and other commitments outside of school that can make it difficult to be involved and stay connected. My goal is to be the person who helps the members to know what is going on when they can't make meetings or events so that they can feel connected and maintain a high level of interest and involvement. I am excited to continue the work of the previous officers and grow WSUSSLHA over the next year creating an even stronger support system for our members.

Treasurer
My name is Emma-Lee Sherbon and I will be the Treasurer for the 2016-2017 year! I was born and raised in Wichita, Kansas (although I enjoyed a small year and a half stint in Phoenix, Arizona). I am 20 years old and am going to be a senior at WSU after the end of the Spring 2016 semester. I have wanted to go to WSU since my class did a campus visit in elementary school, so here I am! I also got engaged last October, and will be getting married next May! Yay! As your treasurer I hope to make due payment, and ordering t-shirts more organized (although it seems to be pretty organized already), and maybe offer a few t-shirt designs for this upcoming year. I plan to accomplish more as the year goes on and I get a better idea of what my role is in WSUSSLHA, but I am still very excited to be on the executive board leading us into the new year! I can't wait to see what this next academic year has in store!

Under Grad Reps
My name is Anne Perez. I am currently finishing up my sophomore year. I am going into speech language pathology. I am especially interested in helping those with neurological disorders. I will be the undergraduate representative for the 2016-2017 year. As undergrad rep I hope to bring better awareness to WSU of what WSUSSHLA is and does. I also hope to better the communication of events to all members. I can't wait to hit the ground running with the rest of the executive board to making WSUSSHLA the very best that it can be.

Hello! My name is Sara Harms and I am a junior. I am in the CSD program focusing in Speech Pathology and minoring in Psychology. A few things I love are learning American Sign Language, Singing with my siblings, and doing anything creative like making scrapbooks or quiet books. I currently work at the WSU Child Development Center, however, I plan to work as a para-educator under a SLP this coming fall. I am really excited to be a part of the WSUSSHLA leadership team, and I can’t wait to see what is in store for this year.
May is Better Hearing and Speech Month (BHSM), a month that is dedicated to raising awareness about communication disorders and to promoting treatment that can improve the quality of life for those who experience problems with speaking, understanding, or hearing.

Check out these blogs:

- Sean Sweeney, MS, MEd, CCC-SLP, shared a hearing loss prevention infographic as well as some resources about brain injury prevention.
- Christopher Bugaj, MA CCC-SLP, did a blog post and podcast about contextualized communication.
- Heidi Hanks, MS, CCC-SLP, shares some BHSM resources and highlights the winners of ASHA’s BHSM video contest.
- The PediaStaff blog links to several organizations’ BHSM resource pages.
- The Deafness Research Foundation shares 17 Misconceptions about People with Hearing Loss.
A Letter to Faculty

A big thank you to all of the faculty and graduate clinicians, who dedicate their time to helping others learn. Four years ago our undergraduate classes averaged about 30-40 students. This year our classes are averaging about 60. This is a drastic jump! Thank you for stimulating the learning environment and helping us bring more students in! To those faculty that are retiring, that you for your dedication to our school and helping us grow as individuals.

Wichita State has grown immensely in the last few years as a whole. This helps us to work as inter-professionals and learn the world of working with other departments. Working closely with psychology students and health professionals has been an important learning process for jobs.

The faculty has gone above and beyond in their duties to prepare us for our profession. They spend countless hours inside and outside of the classroom to make sure their students have the best education. They spend their nights grading and editing and putting time and effort into every student who walks into the classroom. Thank you for all of the dedication, time, love, hard work, patience, and effort. We appreciate all of you! Thank you for an incredible year and we look forward to another great one!

Have a Great Summer

A note from the writer:

Thank you all for your support and help with creating this newsletter. I would have never been able to do it without you. Please keep supporting next year’s board and help them achieve the greatness they have the potential to meet! You all have been a wonderful group and have been incredibly inspiring! I am excited to see what is in store for all of you!!

Have a wonderful summer!