

Hears the News

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Starkey Mission Trip— So the World May Hear

In January 2017 the Class of 2018 packed their bags and their otoscopes and embarked on the mission trip of a lifetime. The students traveled to Trinidad to participate in the Consortium's annual Starkey Hearing Foundation Mission Trip.

Prior to departure the SAA chapter fundraises for an entire year prior to the trip. Through the help of the consortium, family, and friends the chapter was able to raise \$10,000, which was donated to the Starkey Hearing Foundation.

The mission trip consists of three phases in the WFA Community Based Hearing Healthcare Model . The first phase has the volunteers training partners and community-based health workers, conduct hearing screenings, and take ear mold impression. The second phase consists of fitting hearing aids for hearing aid candidates, provide counseling, and provide hearing aid patients with follow up information. The final stage has the volunteers provide outreach and continue to provide education for the new hearing aid users.

Our students were fortunate enough to be able to participate in all three stages of the mission trip during their time in Trinidad. This allowed them to follow patients through the entire process of their hearing aid fitting.

"I was so deeply touched by the love and hospitality that I received from my patients and I don't think that was something I have ever felt before. It's incredible how they were all so eager and excited to learn to use and maintain their

hearing aids and we saw how much of a difference the hearing aid made for them. I was very humbled and emotional during my experience in Trinidad because I really thought I was going there to give the people of Trinidad a gift, not knowing that they were going to be the ones to give me the greatest gift of all, the most beautiful, life-changing experience ever," said Areeka Tiwari as she reflected on her experience.

The program is so greatful to be able to continue this partnership with the Starkey hearing Foundation. We are looking forward to our next mission trip with the class of 2019!



Yonah Orlofsky, Adelphi's Keynote Speaker

Yonah Orlofsky, Communication Sciences and Disorders doctoral candidate, was the keynote speaker for Adelphi's Doctoral Hooding Ceremony held on Friday, May 19, 2017. This was the first time a student has been invited to address the Doctoral Robing Ceremony. Orlofsky graduated summa cum laude from Touro College in 2012 with a bachelor of science degree. He has specialized in diagnosing, assessing and treating hearing loss and balance disorders, fostering

a passion for understanding his patient's needs and helping them improve their quality of life. He is a member of the Student Academy of Audiology and has served as a research, graduate and teacher's assistant during his tenure as a student. Orlofsky is eager to begin his professional career using the tools he has acquired at The Long Island AuD Consortium. We are so proud to have him represent our community!



2nd Year Student Spotlight: Emily Norton



Emily is second year in the Long Island Au.D consortium. She attended Hofstra for undergrad, which is also her homeschooled, where she majored in Speech-Language- and Hearing Sciences and minored in Disability Studies. During her first year, Emily became extremely active in our SAA chapter. She has volunteered at several hearing screenings including West Islip High school, Queens College Special Olympics, and Eastchester's health fair. Additionally, she was able to attend the American Academ-

my of Audiology conference in Indianapolis and was chosen to volunteer at the event. Emily said, "It was a great experience to meet many other people in the field of audiology and learn about all the advancements being made in the field."

In order to further her clinical experience, she also attended Starkey and Phonak summer programs for students this summer. I have learned so much just within my first year in the consortium and I look forward to what the second year will bring

Congrats to the Class of 2017



Meet your SAA E-Board

Jaclyn

Jaclyn Castoro is a third year AuD student whose home school is Hofstra University. She graduated with a BA from Hofstra University where she majored in Speech and Hearing Sciences and minored in Disability Studies. Jaclyn conducted her first placement, outside of the university clinics, at Long Island ENT associates in spring 2017. She will start her placement for the fall of 2017 at the Lexington Hearing and Speech Center. This is Jaclyn's second year as part of the E-board. Her first year on the E-board she held the position of treasurer where she helped to raise money for the annual Starkey Hearing Foundation Mission Trip. Jaclyn is now president of the SAA E-board and enjoys working with her co-president Rebecca, as well as the rest of the E-board. Together they schedule community outreach hearing screenings, organize teams for walks such as the March of Dimes, and decide on new apparel to sell for fundraising. Jaclyn's career goals include working in a hospital setting providing care for all populations.

Rebecca

Rebecca Mancini is a third year Au.D student, with a home school of Adelphi. She graduated with a BA in Speech-Language—Hearing Sciences from Hofstra University. She is currently serving as the LI AuD Consortium as the co-president of SAA, outreach screening coordinator for Adelphi, and research assistant. Her first clinical placement was at Mill Neck Center for Hearing Health in the spring, and in the fall she will begin her placement at Cornell Medical Center. In the future, she hopes to work in a hospital setting where she can help people with a variety of hearing anomalies, especially pediatrics with cochlear implants. The Consortium takes the necessary steps to prepare us to achieve our personal and professional goals, and she could not be more grateful to be apart of this program.

Colleen

Colleen O'Brien is a second year student who is currently serving as treasurer of SAA. She is a graduate of St. John's University, which is also her home school. Colleen has served as a student volunteer and represented our SAA chapter at the 2016 ASHA convention in Philadelphia and the 2017 AudiologyNow! conference in Indianapolis. She has also presented research at the 2015 Cognitive Neuroscience Society conference, the 2017 AudiologyNow! conference, and is expected to present research at the 2017 ASHA convention. Colleen is interested in electrophysiology, counseling, and loves working with geriatric populations. She hopes to pursue a career in research.

Lauren

Lauren Keller is a second year AuD student, with St. John's University as her home school. She attended undergrad at Iona College, where she double majored in Psychology and Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. In her time as secretary on the SAA E-board, she has loved being able to maintain the social media accounts, volunteer at hearing screenings, as well as representing the chapter at the Student Academy of Audiology national meeting at the 2017 AudiologyNow! conference in Indianapolis. This year she is also serving with SAA on the national level, as a member of the SAA conference sub-committee. Lauren also volunteered at the New York State Speech-Language and Hearing Association conference this past spring. Her career goals include working with pediatric patients and intraoperative monitoring.

Dr. Ianthe Murad Sc.D CCC-A

Dr. Murad is the clinical program coordinator for the Long Island AuD Consortium and SAA faculty advisor.

3rd Year Student Spotlight: Sasha Kheyfets



My name is Alexandra and I graduated with a BA from Brooklyn College, CUNY in the Fall of 2014. I completed my first outside clinical placement at Omni Speech and Hearing Rehabilitation Center and will be beginning my second outside clinical placement at NY Audio Associates this fall. Outside of school, I work as a part-time administrative assistant for Dr. Mark Zelnick, Au.D. in Brooklyn, NY and volunteer for the National SAA on the media committee editing articles for the Audiology To-

day magazine. This year I have had the opportunity to travel to Indianapolis to the annual AAA convention as well as perform a community hearing screening funded by NY state senator Simcha Felder. The Long Island Au.D. Consortium is a wonderful program with amazing and supportive faculty who strive to see you succeed!

Widex Factory Field Trip

Widex, Inc hosted the second years at their US headquarters in Hauppauge, NY. Here, our students took a tour of the facility where they got a first-hand look at how repairs and new orders are processed. The detail-oriented setup stressed the importance of organization and a speedy process. Two lecturers greeted us and gave information about the company. One described what set Widex apart from the other "big 6" hearing companies, and explained new technological features of their products. The other described the future of the industry, focusing on how the "Over the Counter" Law is not the end of the road for audiologists, rather just another change in practice we must adjust to. The Widex mission is to provide the absolute best hearing aids and customer services. "Helping people hear is our business."



Clinical Supervisor Spotlight: Jason Thomas

Dr. Thomas is the Clinical Coordinator of Audiology and Clinical Instructor at St. John's University for the Long Island Doctor of Audiology (Au.D) Consortium. He earned his clinical Doctor of Audiology degree from the same program in 2010 and received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2016 from the St. John's University Chapter of the National Student Speech-Language Hearing Association. Prior to his appointment at the University, Dr. Thomas was the Supervisor of Audiology, Newborn Hearing Screening Program Manager, Pediatric Audiologist, and Clinical Vestibular Rehabilitation Audiologist at the Medysis Hospital network, where he managed three audiology hospital departments and served as chief consultant of hearing care for local geriatric nursing residences. Prior to the hospital position, Dr. Thomas served as a manager and Chief Audiologist of a dual office private practice in Staten Island, New York.



As a student, Dr. Thomas has been featured in articles in the Advance for Hearing Practice Management magazine, received the Long Island Speech & Hearing Association Joan Fox Award for Student Leadership, and was a member of the American Speech and Hearing Association Minority Student Leadership Program. Also during his time as a student and into his early audiological career, he served on the Academy of Doctors of Audiology Political Advocacy Committee for several years where he fought for patient rights and legislation in favor of direct access for Audiological services.

Dr. Thomas has also volunteered his services to several non-for profit organization including the No Kid Hungry foundation to End Child Hunger in America, Team Gleason to end ALS, the Unity Games (for community unity) and Catholic Charities. His areas of audiological interest include vestibular diagnosis/rehabilitation, pediatric electrophysiology, and clinical diagnostic audiology. In his spare time Dr. Thomas collects vinyl records, is an avid animal lover, enjoys traveling, creates music, instructs martial arts and spends time with his large family.

Hearing Screenings

This semester our chapter conducted hearing screenings at Queen's College Special Olympics, West Islip High school, headstart program in Brooklyn, Hempstead Senior Center, and Eastchester Health Fair.



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Alumni Spotlight: Dr. Stephanie Garcia '11

Dr. Stephanie Garcia, Au.D. is a pediatric audiologist at Hackensack Audiology and Hearing Aid Associates where she specializes in dispensing amplification for pediatrics, as well as FM and assistive listening devices for schools. Dr. Garcia can also be found working full-time within Hackensack University Medical Center's pediatric audiology department, where she specializes in the clinical diagnosis and management of pediatric hearing loss.

Dr. Garcia graduated from Long Island Audiology Consortium, with a home school of Adelphi, in May 2011. Dr. Garcia completed her audiology residency at Hackensack UMC and at Hackensack Audiology and Hearing Aid Associates. She maintains her Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology (CCC-A) from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, and she is also licensed by the state of New Jersey as an audiologist and as a hearing aid dispenser. When not behind the audiometer or advocating for your child in school, Dr. Garcia enjoys reading, traveling, and cheering on the New York Mets.



Oticon Day



SAA Raises over \$1,200 for March of Dimes



On April 30th, our SAA chapter participated in the March of Dimes walk at Jones Beach .The chapter's goal was to raise awareness for infants born prematurely and the affects that prematurity can have on their hearing.

Due to the hard work of our chapter members our team was able to raise \$1,241 for the organization. Many Thanks to our top fundraiser Arianna Hatzioannides who raised \$433.

Congrats to the Class of 2018— Good Luck at your Externships!

Where are they going?

Eckhaus, Yocheved - Hear USA

Eframi, Rufina - NY Audio Assoc.

Gelernter, Tara - ENT & Allergy

Gielarowiec, Marta—Total Hearing Care

Matskina, Regina—Total Hearing Care

Tiwari, Areeka—ENT & Allergy

Gnolfo, Jessica—ENT & Allergy

He, Jenny—Hearing Help Assoc

Muzii, Nichole—Audiology Unlimited (Maryland)

Shah, Krupi—Northwell-LIJ Hospital

Sposito, Adriana — ENT & Allergy

Verkhovsky, Jessica—ENT & Allergy

Hanna, Sandra—AuDSLP (NJ)

Hartnett, Samantha—Hearing Help Assoc

Ledogar, Amanda—Hearing Help Assoc

Laurella, Victoria — NYC Hearing Assoc.

Naim, Ariella — NY Hearing Doctors

Valenti, Roseann — McGuire's Hearing Services



Externship Supervisor Spotlight:

Dr. Jasen A. Ruiz attended Iona College where he earned his Bachelor's degree in Speech Language Pathology and Audiology. Dr. Ruiz then went on to attend Montclair State University where he earned his Doctorate of Science in Audiology. He has extensive training and experience in vestibular and neurological testing. Dr. Ruiz's specialized interests focus on the evaluation and fitting of amplification for the adult population. Dr. Jasen A. Ruiz excels in aural rehabilitation and creates a specific plan for each individual patient. He regularly attends continuing education seminars to maintain his expertise in the latest advancements in hearing aid technology. He is an active member and fellow of the American Academy of Audiology (AAA) and the American Speech Language and Hearing Association (ASHA). He is certified by Townsend University to administer tinnitus retraining therapy for management of tinnitus and hyperacusis. Dr. Ruiz holds licenses in New York and Florida in Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing.



Guest Speaker: Eric Parker

The Long Island AuD Consortium welcomed guest speaker Mr. Eric Parker on May 16, 2017. Mr. Parker is the Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Widex USA, and he used his insights and experiences to offer our students an optimistic perspective on the future of audiology. Mr. Parker started with a discussion on the current state of our field, revealing the alarming statistic that less than 25% of amplification candidates are currently fit with hearing aids. One possible reason for this is the lack of a national awareness campaign around hearing loss, along with many public misconceptions surrounding audiology and hearing loss. Mr. Parker suggested that although audiology organizations should be more responsible in spreading advocacy for our field, it is also our job as future audiologists.

The current Over-the-Counter Hearing Aid Act of 2017 was another hot topic of the night. Although many of us expressed our concerns with the bill, Mr. Parker fulfilled his duty of providing an optimistic perspective! He reminded us that not only would passage of this bill increase awareness, but also it can increase job opportunities for us as future audiologists. In some states, pharmacies like CVS are already hiring audiologists. Similarly, stores like Best Buy are predicted to begin hiring audiologists as technology levels in hearing aids continue to advance. Some hearing aid companies are making hearing aids that can monitor overall health and fitness, almost like a "Fitbit hearing aid." Similarly, hearing aids will soon have built-in trackers if devices are misplaced. More importantly, this can potentially serve as a GPS tracker for caretakers of individuals with dementia who may get lost or wander from home.

We thank Mr. Eric Parker for his time and thoughts. The future of audiology is certainly bright, and we appreciated all of his optimistic insights. This event served as a reminder to all of us that we have a rewarding future ahead of us!



Starkey University



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Congrats to Greg Bonistalli who won a trip to visit Dr. Gyl Kasewurm's private practice!

Phonak University



Oticon Summer Camp



Congrats Areeka and Colleen

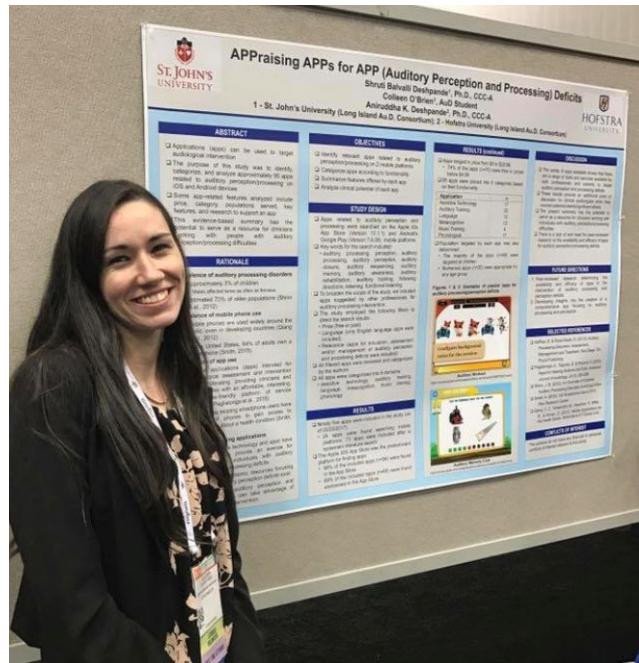
Congrats to Areeka Tiwari and Colleen O'Brien who have been awarded the Audiology/Hearing Science Research Travel Award (ARTA) to attend the 2017 ASHA Convention in Los Angeles, California, November 9–11. Areeka will be presenting her research Effects of Self & Peer Perception in Children & Adolescents Wearing Amplification. Colleen will be presenting 'A Review of Applications (Apps) for Auditory Perception & Processing Deficits' at ASHA.



Dr. Yula Serpanos representing NYSSLHA at Lobby Day in Albany



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