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Meet and Greet 2019

Our fourth annual Meet and Greet was held in September at St. John's University campus. Students, faculty, and alumni gather together to network and get to know one another outside of the classroom. This is one of our favorite events because it is the true kick-off to a new semester, new year, and fresh beginnings.

At 2019's Meet and Greet, students also welcomed Shari Eberts who gave an insightful presentation on the Person-Centered Care From The Patient's Perspective. Shari serves on the Board of Trustees of HLAA and is a hearing health advocate, writer, speaker and the founder of www.LivingWithHearingLoss.com!



Meet and Greet 2019

CLASS
OF
2021



CLASS
OF
2022



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OF
2023



Where are they going?

CLASS OF 2021 FOURTH YEAR EXTERNSHIPS

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Joanne Pisciotta

TOTAL HEARING CARE

Brittany Ziarko

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Clinical Preceptor Spotlight:

Diane Davis, Au.D., CCC-A

Diane Davis, Au.D., is a Clinical Supervisor of Audiology at the Hy Weinberg Center for Communication Disorders at Adelphi University for the Long Island Doctor of Audiology Consortium. She is a N.Y.S. Licensed Audiologist and Hearing Aid Dispenser and has been providing audiologic care for 35 years. Dr. Davis was awarded her Masters in Audiology by the University of Tennessee and received her Doctor of Audiology degree from A. T. Still University-Arizona School of Health Sciences. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Audiology and a member of the American Speech and Hearing Association and Long Island Speech Language Hearing Association.



Dr. Davis has provided audiologic services in various settings during her career. Early on, she practiced in the audiology clinic at St. Charles Hospital, and provided services for the patients of an ENT physician. Since 1990, Dr. Davis has been the pediatric audiologist at Just Kids Early Learning/ Diagnostic and Treatment Center and has been providing audiologic services in a private practice setting. Dr. Davis has been a guest speaker at universities, school districts, libraries and senior citizen groups. She has a long-standing history of supervising future audiologists in their required clinical setting practicums.

Throughout her career, Dr. Davis has performed auditory processing evaluations, working closely with various school districts in Nassau and Suffolk County. At Just Kids, she has dispensed hearing aids, softband bone anchored systems, and FM systems for children in the Early Intervention Program. She has conducted research with Dr. Serpanos and Dr. Schoepflin on the accuracy of smartphone sound level meter applications. Her research interests are also in the area of auditory processing disorders. Dr. Davis is involved in community outreach through her church and enjoys singing in the choir and playing handbells. She loves spending time with her family, especially her new grandson.

A few Congratulations are in order...

Congratulations to third-year AuD student, *Raissa El-Houayek*, who has received the 2020 AAA Fellow-In-Training Travel (FITT) Grant to attend the AAA 2020 + HearTECH Expo in New Orleans

Congratulations to second-year AuD student, *Pallavi Sobun*, who was selected to participate in the ASHA 2019 cohort of Minority Student Leaders Program (MSLP) and received the ASHA Travel Research Award (ARTA)

Congratulations to our faculty member, *Dr. Yula Serpanos*, for receiving the prestigious ASHA's Fellowship of the Association award at ASHA's 2019 Convention

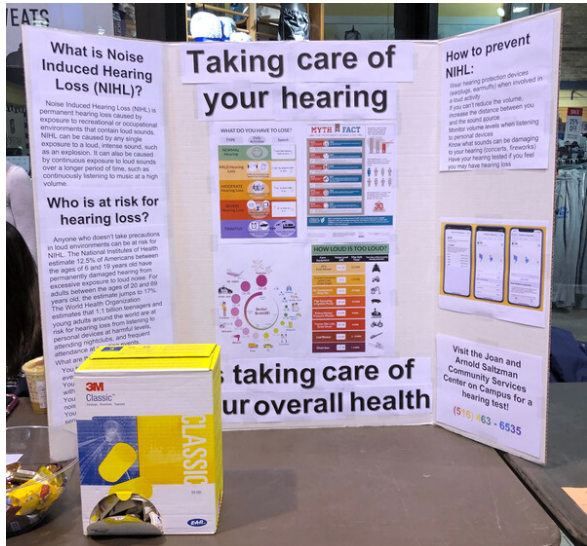
Congratulations to another faculty member, *Dr. Janthe Murad*, for receiving ASHA's Media Outreach Award at ASHA's 2019 Convention

NIHL Awareness

The third-year AuD students tabled at the Hofstra University Student Center to raise awareness about music and noise induced hearing loss (NIHL) as part of their Current Issues class with Dr. Aniruddha Deshpande. People passing through the Student Center were asked to take a quick “Myth or Fact” quiz about different aspects of hearing health and in return were awarded with free ear plugs! Over 100 people who stopped at the table walked away with more knowledge about how damaging loud music and noise can be to their hearing, ways to protect their hearing, and if they were interested in a hearing evaluation to visit the audiology clinic at the Saltzman Center right on campus!



NIHL Awareness



Third Year Spotlight: Brittany Ziarko



Brittany Ziarko is a third-year doctoral student at the Long Island Au.D. Consortium, and her home school is St. John's University. She completed her undergrad studies at Pace University where she received her Bachelor's degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders. Brittany always knew she wanted to work as a health care professional, and decided to pursue Audiology. Like most Au.D.'s to be, she did not enjoy writing lesson plans, creating new material, and waiting to see results.

Brittany will be completing her third external rotation at Lexington Hearing and Speech Center. Previously she spent time at ENT and Allergy Associates as well as Advanced Audiology of NY working under the supervision of LI Au.D. Consortium alumni. Brittany is passionate about her patients and is grateful for the opportunities she is presented with.

Some of Brittany's clinical interests include newborn hearing screening, diagnostic testing for all ages including the use of electrophysiological testing, intra-operative monitoring, tinnitus, and amplification. For her 4th year, Brittany will be at Hackensack Meridian Health, in Hackensack, NJ where she will be working with a diverse population. In the future, Brittany would like to work in a well-rounded practice that services all age ranges. She is excited and eager for the day she gets to add "Au.D., CCC-A" to her signature!

Hearing Screenings



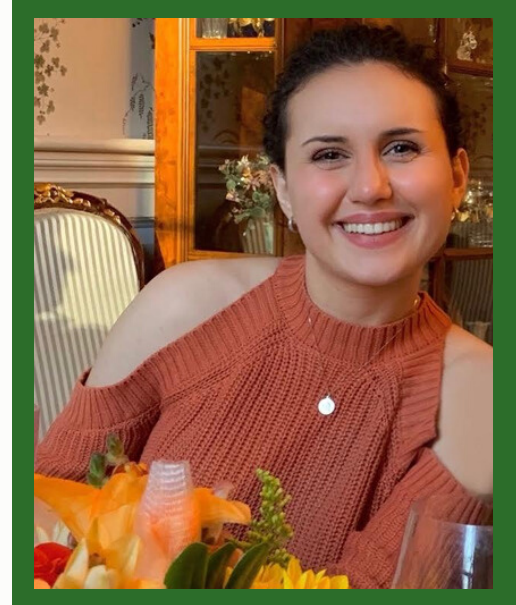
In October 2019, our students were busy providing free hearing screenings within our local underserved communities of Long Island and Queens. All together, over 250 children were screened!



Second Year Spotlight: Lucia Gambino

Lucia Gambino is a second-year doctoral student at the Long Island Doctor of Audiology Consortium. Her home school is Adelphi University, where she earned her B.S. in Communication Sciences and Disorders in 2018.

She has always been interested in the science field and helping others, but was still indecisive between which career path she wanted to pursue. In order to help her make a decision, a close friend proposed she volunteer with an organization called Blanca's House. Blanca's House provides health screenings, on-site surgeries, medical supplies, medicine and education to underprivileged living in outlying communities throughout Latin America.



Having never traveled alone or been the type to make spontaneous decisions, she went against her fears and signed up for a mission trip to Loja, Ecuador. She had the most amazing experience there and was fortunate enough to work and observe alongside an ENT, audiologist, nurses and other volunteers in a hospital setting. Participating in community outreach is something she holds dear to her heart and is also the reason why she applied and currently works as an outreach graduate assistant at the Hy Weinberg Center. Lucia is also an active member of SAA. She enjoys and finds it extremely important that we continue to promote and enhance ear and health services in the community. In the future, she would love to have the opportunity to travel more, specifically go on a hearing mission with the Starkey Hearing Foundation.

Lucia is also excited to announce that her spring placement will be at Island Hearing & Balance Center located in Levittown, Long Island. She is looking forward to working with her clinical supervisor, Dr. Weiss, who was once a student of the Consortium herself. As of now, she doesn't have a specialized area or population that's sparked her interest, but with more exposure within the field, she knows she will find her niche soon.

As she continues her academic journey, she would like to thank all of her clinical supervisors and faculty at Adelphi, Hofstra and St. John's. All of you have fueled her curiosity to learn more and have always provided unwavering support. She's excited to apply all the skills she's practiced so far and wish her fellow classmates the best of luck at their clinical placements!

First Year Spotlight: Michelle Kiedaisch



Michelle Kiedaisch is currently a 1st year student in the LI Au.D. Consortium. She graduated from Towson University with a major in Speech Pathology/Audiology and a minor in Deaf Studies. Her interest in Audiology began when she became hard of hearing at the age of 9. Ever since, she has always had an interest in learning not only about how and why she lost her hearing, but also how hearing loss may develop in others and the different ways to treat it. A population that she hopes to work with in the future are Veterans. Giving back to the people who served for our country is very

important to her. Hearing loss is one of the most common disabilities in this population. Since she has first-hand experience with losing her hearing later in life, she hope to one day be able to help veterans overcome their hearing loss and be able to counsel them through some of the challenges brought along with hearing loss.

In her spare time, she loves spending time with her family, friends, and two adorable dogs. She also absolutely loves reading, exercising and playing sports. She played field hockey throughout college and tries her best to run on a regular basis, and she takes a ton of kickboxing and yoga classes! Her all-time favorite food would have to be Oreos (double stuf specifically) and she also runs on Dunkin. Another fun fact is that she can quote almost all of Talladega Nights. Lastly, what she is most looking forward to in the next 4 years of this program is not only learning more about the field of Audiology, but also meeting new people and being able to help others who are hearing impaired.

Third Year Research Poster Presentations



Our third years presented their research posters in October to faculty and students. There were intriguing proposals, some of which are being carried out by our students. Best of luck, researchers!



St. John's



Hofstra



Adelphi

Service Learning Program



Third year students in Dr. Shruti Deshpande's 'Central Auditory Processing Disorders' course designed & executed a research-based academic service-learning program on neuro-audiology. This past December, they worked with local high school students from marginalized backgrounds.



Meet the 2020 "Ear" Board

Kris Lee Acevedo - Co-President: Hi! My name is KrisLee Acevedo, second year Hofstra home school, and I currently hold one of the co-president positions for the Consortium's SAA chapter. I went to CUNY Queens College where I received my BS in Communication Sciences and Disorders. The second years are just finishing up their in-house rotations this fall and are each moving on to new placements in the spring. I was placed at SightMD in Riverhead and I couldn't be more excited. Along with being on the E-Board, I am a research assistant for Dr. Deshpande in the Hear-Ring Lab. I have the most experience with hearing implants (BAHAs and CIs) but I am interested in all areas of Audiology. I look forward to a great year with you all!

Pooja Sobun - Co-President: Hello, I'm Pooja Sobun and I currently hold the position of being one of the co-presidents for the Consortium's SAA chapter! I am a second year St. John's University home school student. For my undergraduate career, I attended St. John's University where I received a BA in Speech Language Pathology & Audiology and a minor in Psychology. In addition to being on the E-Board, I am a Graduate Teacher Assistant for French at St. John's University. This spring semester I will start my clinical placement at Manhattan Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. I hope in the future to work with children and cochlear implants and afterwards have my own practice and a research center in my country that focuses on my interests. I am excited for the new semester to begin and look forward to seeing everyone.

Ilona Mushailova - Public Relations: Hi! My name is Ilona Mushailova, I am a second year Hofstra University home school student and currently hold the position of Public Relations for the Consortium's SAA Chapter. I went Brooklyn College for my undergraduate career where I graduated with a BA in Communication Sciences and Disorders and Psychology. This Spring semester I'm starting my clinical placement at the Brooklyn VA and am very much looking forward to it. Currently I work as a newborn hearing screener and would like to continue doing diagnostic electrophysiological testing in the future. I am looking forward to a great year with the rest of E-Board and the chapter!

Brianna Murphy - Treasurer: My name is Brianna Murphy. I am a second year Hofstra University home school student and am currently the Treasurer for the Consortium's SAA chapter. I went to Towson University for my undergraduate degree and graduated with a BS in Speech Pathology and Audiology. I am getting ready to go to my first outside clinical placement in the spring which is at the Staten Island University Hospital and I am very excited for the experience I will receive there. I hope in the future to work in a medical setting with the pediatric population and have a great interest in cochlear implants. I'm excited for the upcoming semester and look forward to a great year with the rest of the chapter!

2019 and 2020 SAA Executive Board Members



Thank you to our
2019 SAA E-Board
members for a
successful school year!

Wishing the 2020 E-Board
the best of luck! We can't
wait to see what this year
has in store!

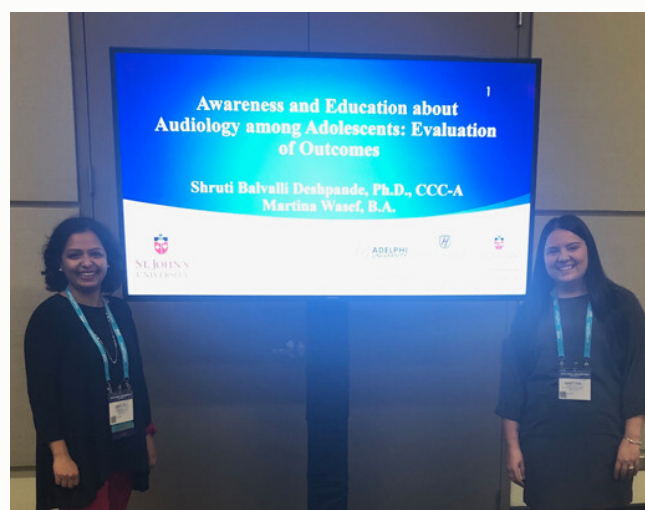


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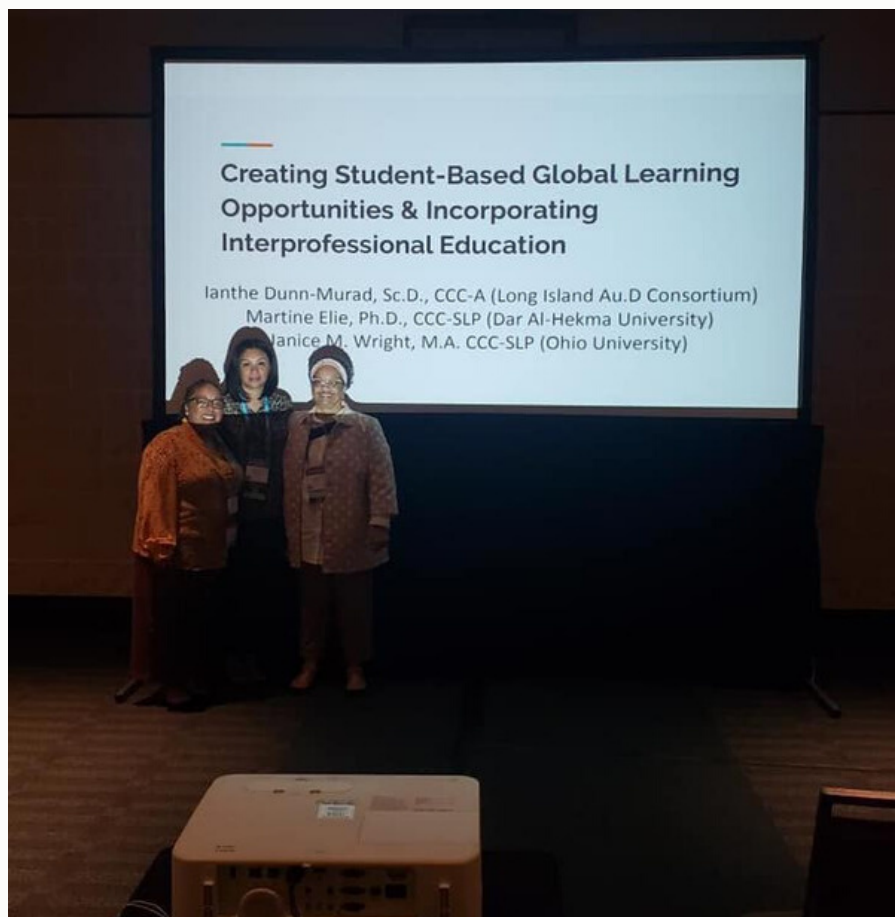
Dr. Aniruddha Deshpande and 4th year extern, Ms. Colleen O'Brien, presented a talk on Misinformation related to Tinnitus. The research was supported by the Faculty Research Development Grant (Hofstra University) awarded to Dr. Aniruddha Deshpande. Colleen was awarded the Students Preparing for Academic and Research Careers grant by ASHA to work on this project under the research mentorship of Dr. Aniruddha Deshpande.

Dr. Shruti Deshpande and Ms. Martina Wasef, second year student, presented a talk on Audiology awareness among adolescents. This research on a large sample of adolescents, has implications for recruitment of a diverse talent pool for our profession and for closing the gender-gap. Dr. Shruti Deshpande was awarded two research grants from St. John's University and one grant from a private funding agency toward this research. A research article on this topic is forthcoming in the American Journal of Audiology.

Palvalli Sobun, a second year student, presented on issues the aging population faces in the field of audiology. She attended ASHA's 2019 Convention for networking purposes and to act as an advocate for the field on various topics.



ASHA 2019 Convention



Dr. Ianthe Murad has been instrumental in leading humanitarian hearing health programs worldwide along with our wonderful students. She was invited to talk on creating global, inter-professional opportunities for students. The Long Island AuD Consortium is committed to student engagement through local and global hearing healthcare service programs to help the under-served population. Through her, our consortium's unique humanitarian approach was highlighted.

Dr. Yula Serpanos accepting ASHA's Fellowship for Association for administrative service, research and publications, and service to related professional organizations



SAVE THE DATES

AAA 2020 + HearTECH Expo in New Orleans
APRIL 1ST TO 4TH

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