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## So the World May Hear starkey HEARING FOUNDATION Peru Mission Trip

In January 2019, the Class of 2020 along with two clinical professors, Drs. Murad and Valvezan got the opportunity to travel to Peru for the program's annual Global Initiative in collaboration with the Starkey Hearing Foundation. The Starkey mission trip in Peru consisted of 4 mission days, 3 cities, and in this time the group fit approximately 1,800 children and adults with hearing aids.

Upon arriving in Pisco, their first city, they completed a Starkey hearing aid fitting training including hands-on training about how to properly fit hearing aids using a community-based model. While in the city of Pisco, they also toured the beautiful attractions. The goal for the first mission day in Pisco was to fit 200 patients, but ultimately the group fit almost 500 patients.

After a successful mission day in Pisco, our students and faculty traveled to Ica, Peru where the next mission took place. The city of Ica was a 2-day mission where they fit almost 1,000 patients.

Lastly, the group took a flight to their last mission city which was in Cusco, Peru. During this mission the group fit almost 300 patients. In Cusco, Starkey hosted a cultural group dinner where everyone could wear Latin American traditional clothing to honor the Latin American culture. On the final day in Peru, the group had the lovely opportunity to travel to one of the seven wonders of the world, Machu Pichu.

What a wonderful experience where fond memories were made among our Consortium family!



# So the World May Hear

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Third year student, Rachel Cohen, had this to say about her Peru experience:

"It was an experience of a lifetime. There was nothing but smiles, tears of joy, laughter, dancing, kisses and hugs. Throughout the entire mission you witness families coming together and reuniting with their loved ones who have been struggling to hear them, and these moments are ones you never forget. Each person I encountered has touched my heart and changed my life. It is difficult to put into words the feeling you get when you witness a child who has had severe hearing loss all of their life without access to hearing aids, look at her mother after being fit with tears in her eyes once she hears her mother's voice. A beautiful part of the mission was that everyone works together as a team, and it was an amazing learning experience. Because the Starkey WFA community-based model is unlike the traditional way we fit hearing aids, it forces you to be flexible and use all of your knowledge and skills of audiology, to ensure each unique patient you see leaves with a proper fitting. After leaving the mission, you know that you did more than just give these people hearing aids-- you gave them hope for a better future. I feel beyond grateful to have had this incredible experience, 'so the world may hear!'"





# So the World May Hear

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# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2019



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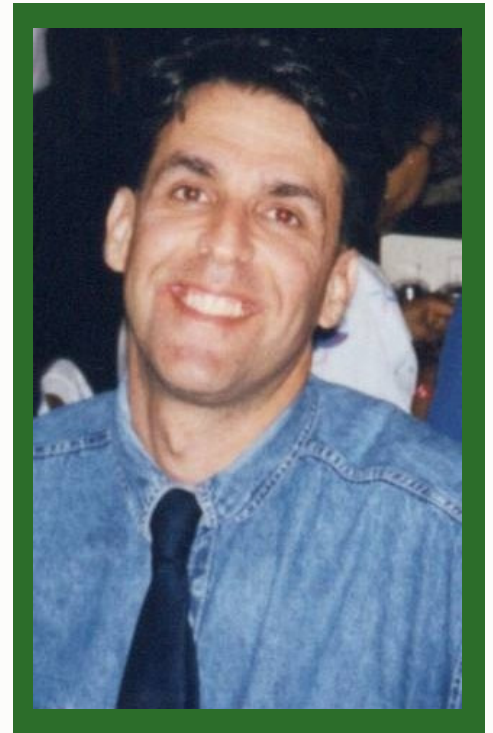


CLASS OF 2019



# Faculty Spotlight: Doron Milstein, Ph.D.

After earning a B.A. in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and an M.A in Audiology from Hofstra University, Dr. Milstein completed his audiology Clinical Fellowship Year at Long Island Jewish hospital. He went on to earn a Ph.D in Speech and Hearing Science/Audiology from the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. Dr. Milstein worked at the department of otolaryngology at Montefiore Medical Center, the University Hospital for Albert Einstein College of Medicine, as a senior audiologist. The central theme of Dr. Milstein's research is geriatric audiology. Dr. Milstein's scholarly publications have appeared in various peer-reviewed journals. Dr. Milstein is a full-time audiology professor in the Department of Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences at Hofstra University, teaching undergraduate, masters, and doctoral level students. Dr. Milstein is a two-time recipient of Hofstra's Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award: for the Hofstra University College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and for the Hofstra University School of Health Sciences and Human Services. Dr. Milstein is also a recipient of the Hofstra University Alumni Achievement Award.



*Thank you, Dr. Milstein, for all that you do!*



# The Grand Annual Audiology Debate

On April 4th, 2019 our third year students took part in the 3rd Grand Annual Audiology Debate. Each student was able to select which side they wanted to debate. This year's topic was the use of apps in audiology (and other disciplines). The use of apps in audiology and other health disciplines has increased exponentially in recent years. People may use apps to better understand certain health conditions, leading to greater awareness and hence identification and prevention of the condition. On the other hand, apps may also be used for self-assessment and self-management of health conditions, thereby leading to erroneous and sometimes serious outcomes. This student-led debate explored both sides of this important and timely topic.

The panel of judges included:

**Dr. Alicia Bosley**, PhD, RMFTI is an Assistant Professor and Graduate Director of the Marriage and Family Therapy Program at Hofstra University. She teaches courses related to couple and family therapy, systemic assessment, individual and family development, diversity and social justice, and sociocultural factors in therapy in the LGBTQ+ studies minor. She was part of the committee which developed a certificate program in advanced LGBTQ+ health.

**Melissa Kern Fitzgerald**, MA, CCC-SLP is an Adjunct Professor and full time Supervisor and Coordinator of Speech-Language Services in the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic located at Hofstra University's Joan and Arnold Saltzman Community Services Center. She has well as over 28 years of experience in the field with a concentration in adult neurogenic communication disorders and school-aged child language and literacy difficulties.

**Patrick Quinn** is thirty-six years old born and raised in Yonkers, NY. In March of 2013, a month after Pat's 30th birthday, he was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis or ALS. Shortly after, Pat committed to a mission of spreading awareness and to advocate for this little known disease. In July of 2014, the biggest movement in ALS fundraising history began, the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge. Pat was at the forefront of the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge which raised over \$220,000,000 globally. Pat continues to advocate for ALS and has received many accolades for his advocacy work including a nomination for TIME Magazine Person of the Year.

**Dr. Aniruddha K. Deshpande**, PhD., CCC-A is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences at Hofstra University and coordinator for The Grand Audiology Debate. His research interests include tinnitus, hyperacusis, amplification, noise induced hearing loss, hearing conservation, and how technology plays a role in these conditions. Dr. Deshpande directs research projects at his lab - The Hear-Ring Lab. His research has been supported through intramural and extramural funding. Dr. Deshpande has authored several publications, presentations, and book chapters.

The debate was one of the signature events featured during the National Public Health Week. Approximately 100 people attended the debate, which ended in a tie since there was a deadlock among the judges. Thank you to Dr. Deshpande and the third year students for a successful and engaging event!





# The Grand Annual Audiology Debate



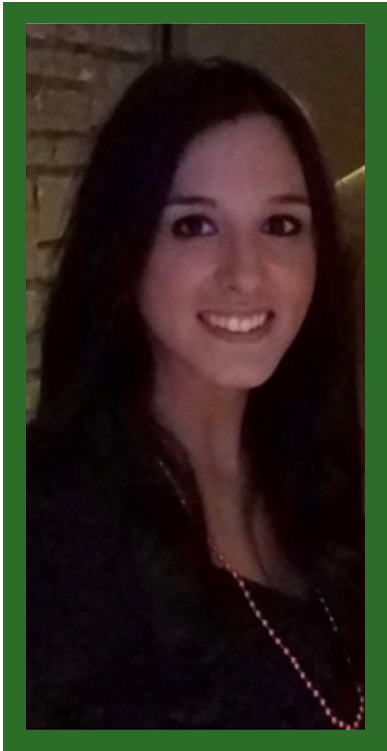
"AGAINST" use of apps

"FOR" use of apps





# Third Year Spotlight: Meagan Allegrini



Meagan Allegrini is a 3rd year doctoral student from the Long Island Au.D. Consortium of Adelphi, Hofstra and St. John's Universities. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology from Molloy College in 2016.

Her interest in audiology stems from her interest in American Sign Language. She took Sign Language courses at Molloy College for 4 years. With her profound interest in the deaf culture it afforded her the ability to attend many events that involved the deaf or profoundly hearing impaired community. This allowed her to understand the difficulties individuals with hearing impairments face on a day to day basis to communicate with the non-hearing impaired world.

This experience inspired her to pursue the field further.

Through her courses in the field of Speech Language Pathology and Audiology at Molloy College her interest in the audiology aspect grew and she immediately knew this was the career that she wanted to pursue. Meagan was a doctoral intern at Adelphi, Hofstra and St. John's University clinics, Mineola ENT, Lenox Hill Hospital and The Center for Hearing and Communication. These diverse clinical placements have equipped her with the skill to work with a variety of individuals with a range of hearing disorders. Her 4th year placement will be at ENT and Allergy Associates in Garden City.

Meagan is a member of The National Student Speech Hearing Association (NSSLHA), and The Student Academy of Audiology (SAA). Meagan hopes to continue to grow in the field of audiology and continue to help those with hearing loss and balance issues that affect their quality of life.

*Good luck at your Fourth Year Externship, Meagan!*





# Hearing Screening

On March 8th, 2019, the audiology first and second year students had the opportunity to participate in a full day of hearing screenings at PS/IS 116 William C. Hughley School in honor of World Hearing Day. Under the direct supervision of Dr. Ianthe Murad, LI AuD Clinical Program Coordinator and SAA Faculty Advisor, the students screened 130 children in grades K-6. A special thank you to Dr. Antonellis and the hearing screening mobile van from Mill Neck Center for Hearing Health for collaborating with our program to offer this amazing service!



# Second Year Spotlight: Kelly Whelan

Kelly Whelan is a second year doctoral student at the Long Island Doctor of Audiology Consortium. Her home school is Adelphi University, where she also earned her B.S. in Communication Sciences and Disorders with a minor in Spanish.

She has been volunteering every year as a summer camp counselor for Deaf children for 9 years, which is what led her to discover her love for Audiology. She is currently enjoying her first clinical rotation at the St. Alban's VA. Kelly is extremely grateful to be working with the veterans there, as she has gained a whole new perspective from working with them. In the Fall, she is headed to ENT and Allergy in Melville and could not be more enthusiastic about it!



When she isn't studying for exams, Kelly is also the assistant swim coach at Adelphi University. She was a student-athlete on the swim team for 4 years where she held several school records. She has been coaching there ever since her graduation in 2017. Kelly loves running practices, attending swim meets and watching the team succeed in the pool.

She attended Starkey University in Minnesota last summer and plans on attending Oticon's workshop in Colorado this coming summer. As a member of the Student Academy of Audiology, Kelly has participated in several hearing screenings including the Special Olympics screenings, the Hempstead School District screenings, and hearing screenings at the Mill Neck Apple Festival. She is looking forward to her classes this summer, specifically Intraoperative Monitoring: Audiology in the Operating Room.

Kelly is thankful for all of the guidance she has gained from her supervisors, the encouragement she has received from her professors and the support she has been given from her fellow classmates! She is excited to see what her last academic year as an AuD student has in store!

*Thank you for being so involved, Kelly!*



# First Year Spotlight: KrisLee Acevedo



My name is KrisLee Acevedo and I am beyond grateful to be in the Long Island Doctor of Audiology Program. I completed my undergraduate studies in CUNY Queens College where I received my bachelor's degree in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences with a minor in Spanish Literature and Psychology. I first became aware of Audiology in elementary growing up with my dear childhood friend who is hard of hearing. She exposed me to hearing aids and her personal feelings when it came to

being hard of hearing in a mainstream school. Watching her personality blossom because of the confidence her hearing aids gave her was very rewarding. Since then, I've been interested in other ways the field was able to improve one's quality of life. The field of Audiology intrigues me immensely and because of that, I don't have a preferred interest. While I continue my education, I hope to find my niche but for now, I am perfectly content with learning everything about the science.

*So happy to have you, KrisLee!*

# Widex Factory Trip



On April 22nd, 2019, our second year students and clinical faculty Drs. Senzer and Valvezan had the opportunity to visit Widex USA Headquarters out in Hauppauge, NY. The students took a tour of the facility where they were able to get a first hand look on how hearing aids are made, repaired, processed, and eventually sent out to consumers (the audiologists!). A huge thank you to our lecturers who gave us a glimpse on Widex's new technological features, what sets them apart from other companies, and a feel of what it's like working as an audiologist in a non-clinical setting.



# Preceptor Spotlight:

## MarieAnn Zumpone, Au.D.

Dr. MarieAnn Zumpone-Weibley AuD, is both the Director of Ancillary Services for ENT Associates of NY and owner of Total Hearing Care LLC. She received her AuD from the George Osbourne School of Audiology at Salus University. In addition she holds a Master's degree in Audiology from Bloomsburg University in Pennsylvania and a Master's Degree in Special Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing from Hunter College in New York and a Bachelor's in Speech Pathology & Audiology from St. John's University in New York.



In her practice at ENT Associates of NY she sees a diverse population of patients with a variety of auditory and vestibular disorders. Dr. Zumpone-Weibley takes students from all the area AuD programs as part of her personal belief that students are an integral part of the practice of Audiology. She started her private practice Total Hearing Care as a means to provide amplification based on the model of educating the patient on how to make an informed hearing aid purchase.

Dr. Zumpone-Weibley is currently the Immediate Past President of the Long Island Speech Language and Hearing Association, the largest regional speech and hearing association in New York State. She is also on the Board of Directors for THE ZIPPER JUNCTION Project™ a very unique and diverse group of individuals who are driven by the common belief we can do better as a community through hands on experiences, project based learning, and physical activities. In the past she was an Adjunct professor of Audiology at St. John's University in Jamaica NY, teaching both undergraduate and doctoral level courses. She has worked with the Starkey Hearing Foundation over the past 15 years and has helped provide free hearing aids to low income children in New York. Additionally she has received the NY Mets Spirit award for 7 consecutive years for her contributions to Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day at CitiField. Dr. Zumpone-Weibley is married with two college aged daughters. In her spare time she enjoys reading, spending time with her dogs and rooting for the NY Mets.

*Thank you, Dr. Zumpone, for being such a great advocate!*

# Mill Neck Assistive Listening Device Workshop







# Award Season



Congratulations to Meaghan Curley, Jessica Kotak, and Olivia Bender for receiving LISHA awards. Each student received the Joan Fox Award for excellence as student clinicians!

Congratulations to Dr. Yula Serpanos for receiving Honors of the Association Award, New York State Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 2019!



A huge congratulations is also in place to Dr. Janet Schoepflin for receiving the 2018-2019 nomination of Excellence in Teaching Award at Adelphi University!

# Alumni Check In: Diane Weisenberger, Au.D.



Dr. Diane Weisenberger graduated from St. John's University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology in 2006. She applied to the newly formed Long Island Au.D. Consortium in 2006 as a part-time student while working full-time in the St. John's University Development Office. She completed part-time coursework and internship placements while working full-time through 2011. Internship placements included Hearing Center of Green Acres (Valley Stream, NY), Total Hearing Care, LLC (Levittown/Plainview, NY), Lexington School for the Deaf (Jackson Heights, NY) and the Veteran's Administration Hospital (Brooklyn, NY). Dr. Weisenberger's fourth year placement took her back to her native Philadelphia area working with REM Audiology Associates (Voorhees, NJ/Philadelphia, PA). After graduating with her Au.D. in May of 2012, Dr. Weisenberger stayed on with REM Audiology Associates to continue working with adult and pediatric populations completing audiologic evaluations, central auditory processing evaluations, tinnitus

evaluations, and hearing aid/FM fittings and troubleshooting. Dr. Weisenberger began working with the Chester County Intermediate Unit (CCIU) in December of 2012 as an Educational Audiologist. For the past 7 years, Dr. Weisenberger has been providing audiological and central auditory processing evaluations; assisting with school hearing screenings of hard-to-test populations; managing and troubleshooting hearing aids, cochlear implants and FM systems in the school setting; and educating/consulting with school staff, teachers and administrators to facilitate supports and appropriate placements for students who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Dr. Weisenberger also worked as a per-diem Audiologist with the Penn State/Hershey Medical Center (Hershey, PA) and Audiological Consultant for the 2018 PA Deaf/Hard of Hearing Summer Academy through Penn State/PA Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. Last Spring, Dr. Weisenberger received the 2018 Annie Sullivan Award (through PA Association of Intermediate Units) which honors educators who go beyond their job duties to facilitate acceptance of students with disabilities in school or in the community.

Dr. Weisenberger currently lives in Coatesville, PA with her husband and their dog ("fur-baby"). She enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling with her husband, cheering on and attending Philly sports games and playing music. Dr. Weisenberger is interested in furthering her experience and background in Education/School Regulations and is considering a Masters or Doctoral program in Educational Leadership.

*It is so great to hear what you're up to, Dr. Weisenberger!*



# "Ear" Board Highlights

## Co-Presidents: *Cassandra Mazzacco and Brianna Marcucio*

Their positions as Co-Presidents has them working together to over-see chapter operation, organize hearing screenings, advocacy efforts, and chapter activities. They've helped coordinate the hearing screening at PS/IS 116 William C. Hughley School for World Hearing Day this past March. Soon to come, students and faculty will attend Special Olympics on June 1 and a collaboration with SAA of CUNY and Montclair to do another Special Olympics on June 15th. Next semester they plan to hold a Meet and Greet, acquire guest speakers, and coordinate more hearing screenings.



## Public Relations: *Kristin Poptean*

Her position as Public Relations included updating the faculty, staff, and students of LI AuD Consortium (as well as family and friends) on all social media platforms throughout the semester. She was also the Editor for this edition of Spring 2019 "Hears the News." She will continue to bring you news and another newsletter next semester.



## Treasurer: *Camden Orologio*

His position as Treasurer allows him to oversee the budget, fundraising, and other decisions regarding spending for the LI AuD SAA Chapter. Next semester, Cam will also be organizing LI AuD apparel for the Fall semester so be on the lookout for some awesome gear.



# SAVE THE DATES

## Special Olympics

When: June 1st, 2019

Where: Queens High  
School of Teaching  
74-20 Commonwealth  
Blvd, Queens, NY

Time: 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

We expect to see 500 to 600 athletes  
at this event!

When: June 15th, 2019

Where: Vassar College  
124 Raymond Ave,  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12604

Time: 4 pm - 9:30 pm

We plan to see close to 1700 athletes  
at this event!

*Hope to see you there!*



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