

# Hears the News

## So The World May Hear: Guatemala Volunteer Trip 2018

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Six students and two clinical faculty members of the Long Island Doctor of Audiology Consortium traveled to Guatemala for seven days to provide free hearing healthcare and services to underserved communities. During the program, made possible by Starkey Hearing Foundation (SHF) as part of their Global-Based Hearing Health Care program, "So the World May Hear," the group of third-year audiology students helped to register over 2,500 patients provided ear screenings and ear cleanings identified hearing loss, fit proper amplification and made sure the patients were thoroughly counseled. Third-year student Gregory Bonistalli said, "Ultimately, this mission experience went beyond providing hearing healthcare, it motivated me to be kind, compassionate and truly listen to each and every story that the patients had to share, because it's what defines their needs. Seeing the lack of hearing-related services in the country and learning the different standards of hearing healthcare outside the United States helped me quickly see the need for our services as audiologists and hearing healthcare professionals around the world."

"One of the greatest benefits of this opportunity for our students is that they are fully immersed in understanding the hearing disparities that occur in underdeveloped countries, the culture and language. It allows for excellent learning experiences outside of the classroom", states Dr. Ianthe Murad, the LI Au.D Clinical Program Coordinator.



## Guatemala Volunteer Mission Trip 2018

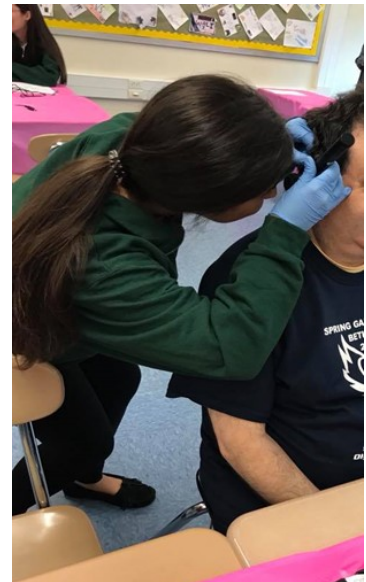




## Special Olympics Healthy Hearing

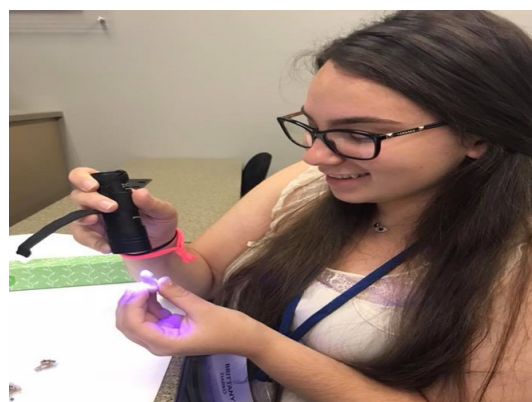
Students and faculty from the Long Island Doctor of Audiology Consortium participated in hearing screenings of Special Olympics athletes at the annual Special Olympics Healthy Hearing Athletes Metro Event led by Dr. Serpanos. Every year, the group of professors and students give free hearing screenings to athletes and volunteers of the event!

#ConsortiumPride



## Starkey University: 2018

At Starkey University Workshop, we were exposed to custom modification, earmolds, and the world of manufacturing. Students were able to receive hands on training repairing hearing aids. We were given an introduction to modern hearing aid technologies, research strategies, software training, and wireless solutions. My peers and I had the opportunity to explore the world of manufacturing; which allowed us to truly appreciate and understand how a hearing aid is created. This experience has given us a different perspective of audiology. It was a nice reminder of how many people, from all different fields, come together to create hearing aids; whether you are a mechanical engineer or graphic designer. 250 people, 60 Doctor of Audiology programs across the nation, and yet we all felt unified under one roof. —Raissa El- Houayek





## First Year Student Spotlight: Martina Wasef

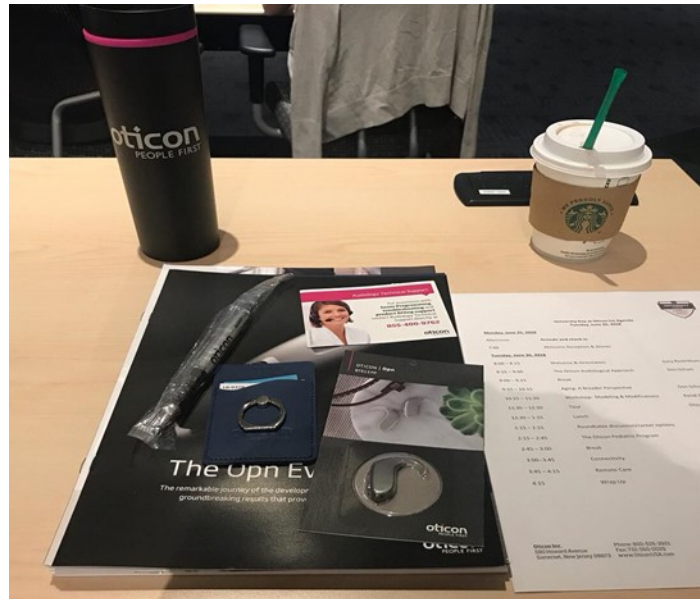
Martina Wasef is currently a first year doctoral student at the Long Island Doctor of Audiology Consortium. She completed her undergraduate studies at Kean University where she received her bachelor's degree in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences with a minor in Psychology. She discovered a passion for Audiology while overshadowing multiple Audiologists in the field. This experience gave her the opportunity to see first hand how important it is to connect patients to the world of sound and the optimistic effects of better hearing. Martina is a Doctoral Research Fellow working alongside Dr. Shruti Deshpande as a Research Assistant at St. John's University. Her research and clinical interests include auditory electrophysiology, vestibular assessment and rehabilitation, and diagnostic assessment in the pediatric and adult population. She also is a member of the Student Academy of Audiology and helping raise donations for the upcoming Walk4Hearing in New York City.



**SAVE THE DATE! Annual Meet and Greet is scheduled for Thursday, October 4th at 7 pm in the St. John's University D'Angelo Center, Room 416C. Please join us for a night of networking, raffles and more!**

## Oticon University Day 2018

Our second-year students also got to visit Oticon, Inc. in Somerset, New Jersey. The detail-oriented setup stressed the importance of organization and a speedy process. They explained new technological features of their products and described the future of the industry, and how technology is expanding.





## Oticon Summer Camp 2018

This July, eleven 3rd Years and one 4th Year represented the Long Island Au.D. Consortium at Oticon Audiology Summer Camp in the beautiful Rocky Mountains in Keystone, Colorado. The five-day event focused largely on educating students regarding new amplification and implantable devices. There were numerous other events focused on helping students find their ideal work environment, applying for jobs, networking with professionals and fellow students, and exploring the great outdoors! On behalf of our students, we thank Oticon for such an informative week!



# Audiology in the OR

Long Island Doctor of Audiology Consortium 3rd year students visiting the Long Island Jewish Medical Center Operating Room.



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