



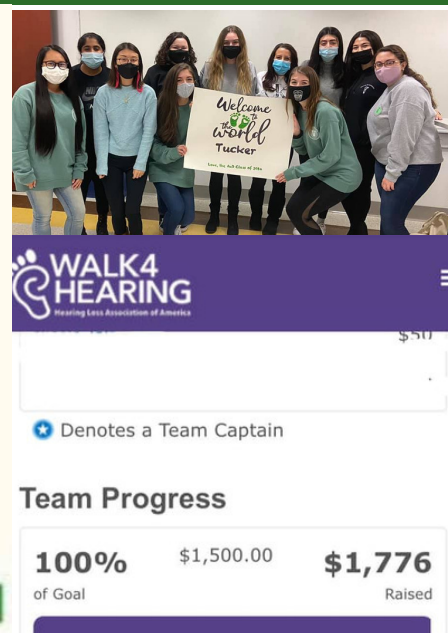
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Meet and Greet 2020

Our fifth Annual Meet and Greet was held in September over Zoom! Thank you to all the faculty and students who joined us tonight, it was great to see everyone. Thank you to the wonderful SAA e-board for putting together today's meeting!



Meet and Greet 2020

Student Academy of Audiology



Clinical Preceptor Spotlight: Pam Geiger, Au.D.

Pam Geiger, Au.D. is a staff audiologist at the Brooklyn VA Medical Center, part of the New York Harbor Health Care System of the Veteran's Administration for the last 12 years. Dr. Geiger is a NYS licensed audiologist and hearing aid dispenser and has been providing audiological services for 25 years. She received her Bachelors Degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology as well as her Masters Degree in Audiology from Brooklyn College. She later received her Doctor of Audiology degree from A.T. Still University- Arizona School of Health Sciences in 2005.



Dr. Geiger has worked in various settings during her career. Her first audiology job was at The Center for Communication and Hearing (formally The League for the Hard of Hearing) where she worked with an outstanding team of audiologists and experienced all of the aspects of caring for hearing impaired people which included: adult and pediatric audiology, ENT services, social work, psychology, job assistance and speech pathology all contained in one agency. While her children were school aged she consulted for 7 years in various settings which included: ENT practices, Manhattan and East Orange VA, Elizabeth Seton Children's Center (formally The NY Foundling Hospital) and clinical supervisor at Brooklyn College. In addition, over the years she has been an adjunct professor at Brooklyn College teaching both undergraduate and graduate audiology classes. She has also presented at The American Academy of Audiology (AAA) convention in the past. Dr. Geiger is herself, hearing impaired and a hearing aid user. She uses this asset to counsel and comfort her patients and to give a different perspective to the students that she supervises. She has a genetic hearing loss since birth and functions well with hearing aids. She feels that her hearing loss has given her different tools to offer her patients as well as a lifetime of experience on communication strategies which she incorporates into her counseling. She supervises students from the three local programs, Long Island, CUNY and Montclair State and enjoys watching the students grow towards becoming independent audiologists. Dr. Geiger is married to her husband for 29 years and they have two grown children. In her free time she enjoys traveling, spending time with family and friends and going to concerts

Thank you Dr. Geiger for all you do for our students!



A few Congratulations are in order...



Congratulations to our faculty member, *Dr. Rose Valvezan*, the 2020 recipient of the Long Island Speech-Language-Hearing Association's Mimi Katzen Award!

Congratulations to 2 other faculty members *Dr. Janthe Murad* and *Dr. Shruti Balvalli Deshpande* who participated in Hofstra's NSSHLA event on multiculturalism and diversity.



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Congratulations to one of our very own
Andyra Lucius, 2nd year AU.D student on
her recent appointment to serve on the SAA
Diversity and Inclusion Task Force!

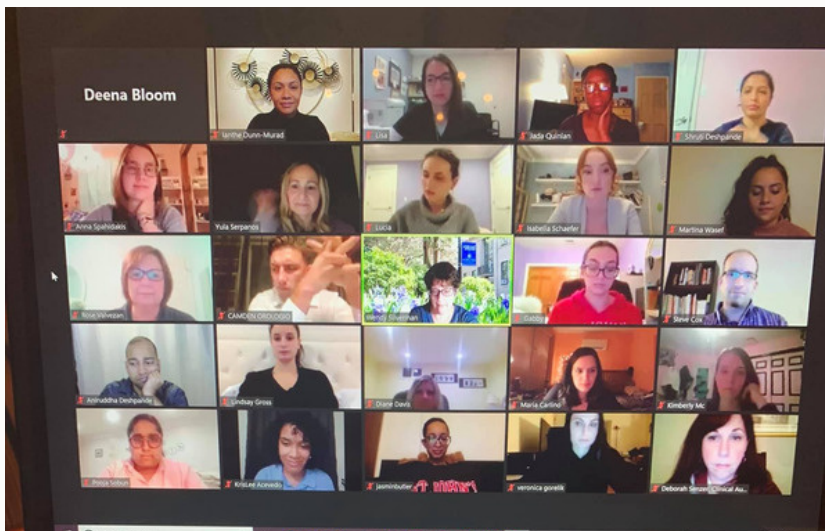


Congratulations to our wonderful alumnus,
Dr. Areeka Tiwari, for her recent
publication. She published her AuD research
with her mentors Dr. Suzanne Miller and
Dr. Yula Serpanos!

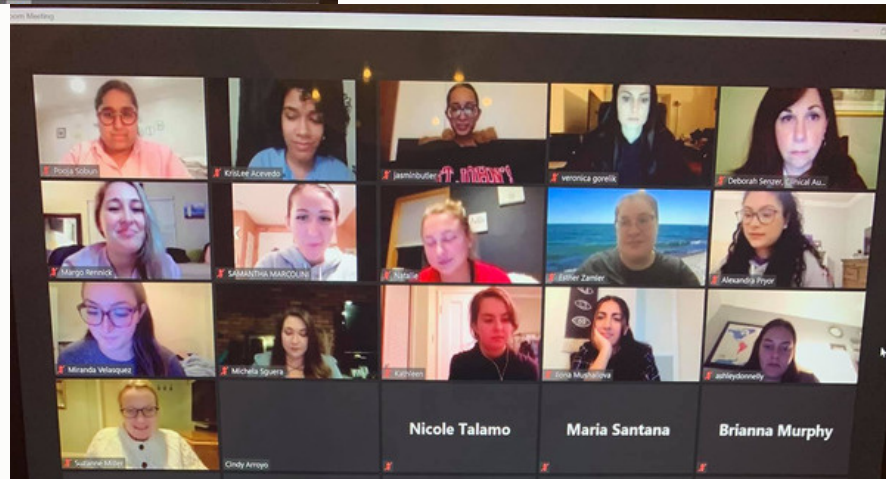


Third Year Research Poster Presentations

Our third years presented their research posters in October to faculty and students via zoom. There were intriguing proposals, some of which are being carried out by our students. Congratulations to the Class of 2022 for their spectacular work and incredible capstone research topics!

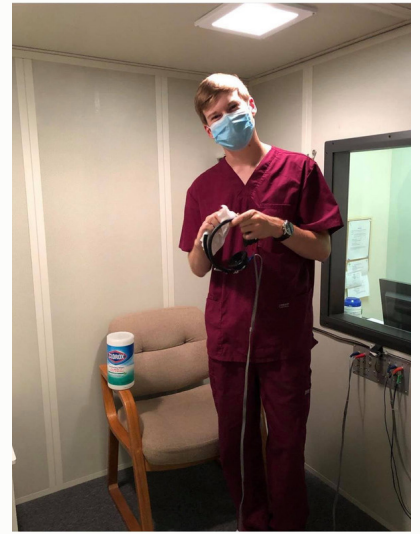


Good luck to our researchers!



Some of our 4th years in action

Class of
2021!



During these atypical times,
our 4th year LI AuD
Consortium students adapted
and transitioned smoothly at
their 4th year clinical
externship sites. We are very
proud of our students!



Meet the 2021 "Ear" Board

Jasmin Butler - Co-President:

Hello! My name is Jasmin Butler and I am the 2021 SAA Co-President. My home school is Adelphi University and I am currently a second year in the consortium. I went to Brooklyn College for undergraduate degree and earned a B.A in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and Children and Youth Studies. We are starting our first clinical externships in the spring. I am placed at a Northwell Physician Practice and will be moving between a Northwell ENT office and LIJ Hearing and Speech Center. My current interests in audiology are cochlear implants and electrophysiological testing. I hope during my time as co-president, I will be able to find us ways to become involved in our community again! I miss our outreach program and hope to find COVID safe opportunities for us to participate in. I am looking forward for a great upcoming semester and hope to see everyone in person again soon.



Keara Durand - Co-President:

Hi, my name is Keara Durand and I am one of the co-presidents. I am currently a second year in the program. I attended Hofstra University for my undergraduate degree in Speech Language Hearing Sciences. I was the Vice President of NSSLHA and loved being involved in educating the community about our field! My clinical placement for the upcoming Spring semester is at ENT and Allergy in Port Jefferson. I am so excited to immerse myself in all that the field of audiology has to offer, and I hope to give back to a community that has truly shaped me as a person and professional as SAA co-president. Right now my goal for the future is to hold both a clinical position so that I can continue to make a difference every day in the lives of my community and possibly have a teaching opportunity so that I can teach students about our field while simultaneously watching them grow as budding professionals. Here's to a great upcoming year!



Jada Quinlan - Public Relations:

Hi, my name is Jada Quinlan. I am a second year St. John's University home school student, currently holding the position of Public Relations for the Consortium's SAA chapter. During my undergraduate career, I attended SUNY New Paltz and received by BA in Communication Disorders and minored in Deaf Studies and Sociology. I am excited to begin my first clinical placement this spring at HearingLife in Bellmore. I am interested in diagnostic audiometry & cochlear implants. I hope to one day start my own practice and be part of a program that travels to spreads awareness about audiology and Deafness. I am looking forward to this new semester and working with SAA members and E-Board!



Maria Carlino - Treasurer:

Hi! My name is Maria Carlino, and I am currently the Treasurer for the Long Island 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 and Audiology and a minor in Psychology. I will be starting my first outside placement at Audiology Associates of Westchester in the spring semester, and I could not be more excited for this new experience. In the future, I hope to work in a medical setting, with a focus on diagnostics and cochlear implants. I am very much looking forward to a great year with the chapter!



2020 SAA Executive Board Members



Thank you to our
2020 SAA E-Board
members for a
successful school year!

Wishing the 2021 E-Board
the best of luck! We can't
wait to see what this year
has in store!

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