World Hearing Day

World Hearing Day occurs every year on March 3rd. The Long Island Consortium was a recipient of the 2021 Coalition for Global Hearing Health / World Health Organization WHD Small Grants Award which helped us host a virtual Paint and Chat highlighting what hearing means to us.

In addition, some of our students, alongside Dr. Deshpande and Dr. Murad created a presentation of hearing health tips which was given virtually at Queens Public Library's World Hearing Day celebration. We also had the privilege receiving the 2021 Coalition for Global Hearing Health / World Health Organization WHD Small Grants Award which allowed us to donate hearing health goodie bags to the library in hopes of spreading awareness.
21 Tips for Healthy Hearing Across the Lifespan in 2021

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WHD Celebration
3/15/2021
Virtual Bonding

With everything being completely virtual and the stress of COMPS approaching, the LI SAA chapter decided to host a trivia night! This trivia night was a great way to break the ice and de-stress.
Our SAA E-Board put together a presentation which they gave alongside Dr. Murad to Mustard seed. Mustard seed is a group of general field health workers who care for vulnerable populations in Jamaica, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, Zimbabwe, and Malawi. The presentation was used to teach the organization about hearing loss, hearing loss signs and possible ways to help someone with a loss.
Faculty Spotlight:

This spring we said farewell to Dr. Milstein & Dr. Valvezan as they begin their new journey in retirement.
Faculty Spotlight:

Dr. Akshay Maggu is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences in Hofstra University. Before joining Hofstra, Dr. Maggu completed postdoctoral fellowships at the Department of Psychology and Neuroscience in Duke University and at the Kresge Hearing Research Institute in the University of Michigan.

Dr. Maggu investigates sound processing in the brain. Trained as an auditory neuroscientist and audiologist with interdisciplinary research experience from the fields of Linguistics, Cognitive Neuroscience, Psychology, and Speech Language Pathology, Dr. Maggu in his research program investigates the (1) Subcortical and cortical auditory neuroplasticity induced due to long-term auditory experiences (e.g., speech, language, music, disorders); (2) Establishment of auditory electrophysiological markers for detection of communication disorders; (3) Neural underpinnings of auditory processing disorders as assessed via auditory electrophysiology; and (4) Auditory electroencephalography-driven development of auditory training paradigms. Dr. Maggu has published in a broad array of scientific journals such as the American Journal of Audiology, Journal of the American Academy of Audiology, Journal of Neurolinguistics, Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception and Performance, Scientific Reports, American Journal of Speech-Language Pathology, and Neurobiology of Language. At Hofstra University, Dr. Maggu directs the Auditory Brain and Cognition lab, where basic and clinical research is conducted with a broad aim of benefitting the individuals with communication disorders.
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Meet Dr. Maggu
Congratulations are in order ...

Congratulations to *Jasmin Butler* (2nd year), Illona Mushailova (3rd year), and Pallavi Sobun (3rd year) on being awarded the Joan Fox Award.

Congratulations to our 3rd year students at St. John's home school for receiving the spotlight recognition for the consortium's first Grand Rounds PSA Presentation.

Congratulations to one of our very own *Melissa Baker*, on her appointment to the SAA National Communications Committee and a second term at the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force.

Congratulations to *Andyra Lucius* for her appointment to the SAA National Programming Committee.
Alumni Check In:

For World Hearing Day, Dr. Keidy Sanchez (class of 2016), Dr. Brenda Guerreo (class of 2014), and Dr. Ianthe Dunn-Murad were invited to serve as ASHA spokespersons (Spanish) to TV and Radio media outlets.
Alumni Check In:

Our Long Island Consortium Class of 2020 was finally able to have their IN-PERSON graduation!
UPCOMING EVENTS

SAA Welcome Meeting
Trivia Night
& more to come ...
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