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2016

A Year in Review

The **American Academy of Audiology Foundation's** mission is to promote philanthropy in support of research, education, and public awareness in audiology and hearing science.

Dear Colleagues,



It's time to celebrate!

In 2016, with your support, we were able to educate the general public about the effects of untreated hearing and balance deficits. Your support allowed students and young researchers to explore contemporary areas of study that will help broaden our collective understanding of the auditory and balance systems; helped engage students in educational campaigns about hearing and balance in their local communities; and assisted in the funding of humanitarian visits for audiologists and students in various parts of the world as they sought to bring hearing and balance care to the far reaches of our planet.

Thank you! What a difference your support makes!

If you have never donated or haven't donated in some time to your AAA Foundation, there are many ways to get involved. Listed here are just a few of the ways you can put your hard-earned philanthropic dollars to work:

- Become an annual donor to support those programs and initiatives that touch you in some way or another.
- Make a "tribute" donation in the name of a loved one, colleague, patient, or mentor who is special in your life.
- Apply for a scholarship or grant to support and continue your line of research.
- Volunteer to help out your local Student Academy of Audiology campaigns that are fun and educational.
- Attend Foundation-funded lectures at AudiologyNOW!® on pediatrics, workplace management, and tinnitus to stay abreast of the current topics and advances in these areas.
- Thank our many industry partners for their ongoing and dedicated support of the Academy and the Foundation's programs to help promote advances in research, education, and public awareness in audiology and hearing science.
- Spread the word about how any Foundation support you may have received has impacted you and the work you do every day.

What difference does it make if you donate to your Academy's Foundation? Spend some time reviewing this *2016: A Year in Review* report and you will see that it makes a great deal of difference when you connect with us and your colleagues.

Thank you,

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Research

Ongoing research in audiology and the hearing and balance sciences is necessary and exciting as researchers seek new ways to improve the quality of life for those with hearing and balance problems. Your donations help support early-career professionals and student researchers as they strive to create lasting change in hearing and balance diagnosis and treatments using state-of-the-art technology, advanced research techniques, and much more.



WILLIAM J. BOLOGNA, AuD Student

STUDENT INVESTIGATOR
RESEARCH GRANT RECIPIENT

University of Maryland–College Park,
and Medical University of South Carolina
*Central Auditory Factors in Stream Segregation Revealed
by Contralateral Competing Signals*

“My Student Investigator Research Grant instilled in me a sense of success and promise as a future investigator. The recognition I received from the AAA Foundation, and from my colleagues, was instrumental to my continued success as a doctoral candidate and student researcher.”

William will graduate in May 2017 with a PhD and pursue a post-doctoral position to further his development as a researcher. His goals are to expand the field’s knowledge of factors influencing speech recognition among older adults with normal and impaired hearing. “Ultimately, my work will help move the field of audiology toward a more comprehensive approach to better communication for our patients,” he explains.



CHELSEA HULL, AuD Student

STUDENT SUMMER
RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENT

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

“I am very thankful that the AAA Foundation selected me for this fellowship. If it wasn’t for their support, my research would not have been as successful.”

“The AAA Foundation’s support allowed me to fund my research related to the impact of sound field amplification systems in the classroom,” states Hull.

Hull, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln audiology student, will graduate in 2018. She received a Student Summer Research Fellowship in 2016. She credits the fellowship with allowing her to fund research for her capstone project.

Donor-Funded Research Programs

The James and Susan Jerger Award for Excellence in Student Research

AuD and PhD students receive cash awards for outstanding research and clinical posters presented at AudiologyNOW!, the American Academy of Audiology's annual conference. This award is made possible through an anonymous donor in honor of James and Susan Jerger.

Jennifer Baldock, AuD Student
University of Sydney

Tyler Caldwell, AuD Student
University of Texas at Dallas

Kim Dahar, AuD Student
University of Buffalo

Grace Elizabeth Nance, AuD Student
University of Louisville

Alexandra Short, AuD Student
James Madison University

Shannon Wise, AuD Student
University of Northern Colorado

Research Grants in Hearing and Balance

Cutting-edge research is supported with more than \$30,000 in funding for new and current scientists. Funding for these grants is made possible through your support of the AAA Foundation's Annual Fund.

New Investigator Research Grant

Sara Mamo, AuD, PhD
Post-Doctoral Fellow
Johns Hopkins University
Improving Hearing and Communication for Individuals with Dementia in a Group Care Setting

Student Investigator Research Grant

Nikki Go, AuD, PhD Student
Department of Hearing & Speech, University of Kansas Medical Center
Noise Exposure, Self-Reported Speech-in-Noise Perception, and the Auditory Brainstem Response in Normal-Hearing Human Ears

Kathryn Makowiec, AuD Student
Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Bill Wilkerson Center
A Comparison of Two Recording Montages for Ocular Vestibular Evoked Myogenic Potentials in Patients with Superior Canal Dehiscence

Adam Shepard, AuD, PhD Student
University at Buffalo
Physiological Effects of Low-Level Sound: Implications for Tinnitus and Hyperacusis Therapy

Student Summer Research Fellowship

Chelsea Hull, AuD Student
University of Nebraska—Lincoln
The Impact of Sound Field Amplification Systems on Student Achievement Outcomes

Vestibular Research Grant for Student Investigator

Funding for this grants is made possible through the generous support of **Dr. Richard Gans and the American Institute of Balance.**

Mary Easterday, PhD Student
University of Tennessee Health Science Center
Auditory Suppression of the Vestibulo-Ocular Reflex

Student Research Forum Awards

Exceptional doctoral students are given the opportunity to present their research to peers and professionals at AudiologyNOW! They also receive a financial award for continuation of their research efforts. These awards are generously funded by Angie Singh and Plural Publishing.

Kyle A. Harber, AuD Student
University of North Texas
Improving Cognitive Performance through Amplification in Impaired Listeners with Dementia

Janelle Kelley, AuD Student
University of Florida
Correlation Between Overall Dietary Quality and Audiological Results in Young Adults

Krysta Gasser Rutledge, AuD Student
Washington University School of Medicine
Hearing Loss in a Novel Polygenic Mouse Model of Type II Diabetes Mellitus

Adam Sheppard, AuD, PhD Student
University of Buffalo
Long-Term, Low-Level Noise Exposure: Unexpected Plasticity in the Ear and Brain

Chase Smith, AuD Student
Northwestern University
PSAPs vs. Hearing Aids: An Electroacoustic Analysis of Performance and Fitting Capabilities



Education

Education is the key to empowering students and professionals to assist those with hearing and balance problems. With your financial support, the AAA Foundation supports educational programs for students and audiologists in all practice settings (and at all career stages). Academic and conference scholarships, leadership development for students and early-career professionals, and free eAudiology courses available to the international hearing and balance professional community are among the many programs supported by Foundation donors. Many of our programs offer continuous education credits, too.



JENNIFER MOCK, AuD Student
ALLIED HEALTH MEDIA PATIENT QUALITY OF
LIFE SCHOLARSHIP

“I was chosen by the AAA Foundation as a 2016 Allied Health Media Patient Quality of Life Scholarship recipient. I am writing to express my sincerest gratitude for the monetary gift. As a young girl, I was submerged in the field of audiology. Growing up with a deaf older brother precipitated the development of my passion to help children who have been diagnosed with hearing loss, and their families. One day, I hope to be a passionate and skilled clinician providing quality services to my patients. I have always had a desire to work with the pediatric population. No matter where I end up practicing, I know I will be making an impact in numerous lives,” explains Jennifer.

“By rewarding me with this monetary gift you have lightened my financial burden, and assured me that my hard work and dedication thus far has paid off. I hope that I, too, will one day be able to help students achieve their goals as you have helped me.”



JACQUELINE DREXLER,
AuD Student
OTICON FOUNDATION EMPOWERING PEOPLE
SCHOLARSHIP

Jacqueline Drexler is a fourth-year graduate audiology student at the University at Buffalo. She received an Oticon Empowering People Scholarship in 2015–2016. The grant helped her progress as an aspiring audiologist.

“The AAA Foundation grant was an honor to receive and I am grateful to know that they believe I exhibit exceptional promise as a clinical audiologist,” Jacqueline shares. “This grant was incredibly helpful in providing financial assistance to pursue my education in audiology. The grant helped emphasize the importance of providing strong patient-focused skills with each and every case that comes my way. Each patient is unique and an outstanding audiologist is one who is sensitive, caring, and tactful to each patient, as well as determined to help their patients lead a positive outlook on life. I strive to be that outstanding audiologist because the reward of making a difference in at least one patient’s life is greater than anything else.”

Jacqueline explains, “I am passionate about advocating for healthy hearing and hearing loss prevention, and AAAF is wonderful to work with and obtain resources from to pursue this advocacy further in my clinical profession, as it is also an important component of their mission.”

Donor-Funded Educational Programs

EMPOWERING AUDIOLOGY STUDENTS

The AAA Foundation offers scholarships to support students during their academic careers. These include: the Allied Health Media Patient Quality of Life Scholarship, the Judith Blumsack Scholarship, The Oticon Foundation Empowering People Scholarship, the Roger Ruth Memorial Scholarship, the SAA Student Leader Scholarship, and the Sadanand Singh Memorial Scholarship. Each of these scholarships offers exceptional audiology doctoral students grants from \$1,000 to \$5,000 to help fund their education.

Allied Health Media Patient Quality of Life Scholarship

Jennifer Mock, AuD Student
University of Tennessee
Health Science Center

Briana Hester-Keels, AuD Student
Washington University in
St. Louis

Sara Rittweger, AuD Student
University of Wisconsin

Judith Blumsack Scholarship

Amy Riggins, AuD Student
University of Wisconsin—
Madison

Oticon Foundation Empowering People Scholarship

Grace Chang, AuD Student
University of Washington

Christina Heitzinger, AuD Student
Utah State University

Rachael Jocewicz, AuD Student
University of Wisconsin—
Madison

Arun Joshi, AuD Student
University of North Texas

Paige Waddell, AuD Student
East Tennessee State University

Roger Ruth Memorial Scholarship

Lauren Dillard, AuD Student
University of Wisconsin—
Madison

SAA Student Leader Scholarship

Bridget Shanahan, AuD Student
University of Wisconsin—
Madison

Sadanand Singh Memorial Scholarship

Tia McDonald, AuD Student
University of Arkansas for
Medical Sciences

STAR (Student Travel Award Reimbursement) Recipients

Laura Coco, AuD Student
Vanderbilt University

Samantha Gustafson
Vanderbilt University
Hearing Aid Conference in Lake Tahoe

Kelsey Krueger, AuD Student
Ohio State University

Taryn Pegram, AuD Student
University of Arkansas

Krysta Gasser Rutledge, AuD Student
Washington University



Donor-Funded Educational Programs

HELPING STUDENTS GAIN REAL WORLD EXPERIENCE

The AAAF offers special programs to help students gain real-world experience using the skills they have acquired by helping those in their community and around the world. These include Project Amazon in partnership with The Oticon Hearing Foundation and Student Academy of Audiology (SAA) Chapter Grants.

Project Amazon

A student and audiologist join a humanitarian team to serve remote communities seeking hearing health services in the Amazon basin. Generously funded by The Oticon Hearing Foundation.

Jason Baker, AuD Student
University of Texas at Dallas

Edith Burns, AuD
Alpine Audiology

SAA Chapter Grants

The AAA Foundation funds three types of university chapter grants that foster student engagement in the professional hearing wellness community and beyond.

Chapter Challenges Grant

Reward chapters who conduct initiatives in audiology advocacy, education, humanitarianism, and fundraising. Generously funded by Hearing Healthcare Recruiters.

Advocacy Winner: University of Colorado

Education Winner: University of Wisconsin

Fundraising Winner: Gallaudet University

Humanitarian Winner: Arizona State University

Most Well-Rounded Winner: Wayne State University

Overall Winner: Northwestern University

HEAR (Humanitarian, Educational and Awareness Resources) Chapter Grants

Support local, national, and international activities conducted by students across the United States. Generously funded by Starkey Hearing Technologies.

Arizona State University
A.T. Still University
Central Michigan University
Northwestern University
University of Wisconsin

Special Olympics Healthy Hearing (SOHH) Chapter Participation Grants

Provide funding for students who screen Special Olympic athletes during local, state, national, and international games. Philanthropic support provided by Starkey Hearing Technologies.

Rush University
University of Buffalo
University of Dallas
University of Pittsburgh
University of Washington

Academy Programs

The AAA Foundation provides networking and lifelong learning opportunities to Academy members through AudiologyNOW!, the Academy's annual convention, and the Jerger Future Leaders of Audiology Conference. In addition, we are focused on helping members facing financial hardship to attend conferences to further their professional careers through our Member Assistance Program. Students are supported for attendance at meetings and conferences through our Student Travel Award Reimbursement program.

AudiologyNOW!®

The American Academy of Audiology's annual conference, AudiologyNOW!, provides an exciting opportunity for thousands of professionals and students to meet and learn from each other. This education-centric conference provides a wealth of opportunity for advancing the profession.

eAudiology

The Academy's online eAudiology web seminars provide cutting-edge learning opportunities.

The Foundation's AudiologyNOW! Lecture Series is made available on eAudiology. The series includes: Improving Patient Care Through Innovation in Workplace Management (generously funded by Phonak, LLC), the Marion Downs Lecture in Pediatric Audiology (generously funded by The Oticon Foundation), and the Topics in Tinnitus Lecture (generously funded by Widex). These lectures help disseminate the most current findings that impact the diagnosis, care, and treatment of our patients.

The 2016 lectures are available for the Marion Downs and Tinnitus Lectures:

Population Outcomes of Children with Hearing Loss: Early Treatment is Crucial but Not Sufficient presented by Teresa YC Ching, PhD (.15 CEUs)

Tinnitus: Causes, Characteristics, and Biologic Bases presented by Jennifer Melcher, PhD (.3 CEUs/ABA Tier I)

Jerger Future Leaders of Audiology Conference (JFLAC)

Recognizing the need to develop the future leaders of the profession of audiology, Academy leadership launched the Future Leaders of Audiology Conference (FLAC) in September 2008. The conference was renamed to honor the leadership of one of the Academy's Founders and its first president, Dr. James F. Jerger in 2012. The biennial conference allows for early-to-mid-career audiologists to enhance leadership skills and discuss and tackle challenges and opportunities facing the profession. JFLAC is partially funded by the generosity of The Oticon Foundation and the Foundation's Annual Fund.

Member Assistance Program (MAP)

Audiologists unable to attend AudiologyNOW! due to financial hardship receive registration and travel support through this program established in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Student Travel Award Reimbursement (STAR) Program

Donor contributions to the AAA Foundation's Annual Fund supports travel grants for students presenting research or attending scientific conferences.





Public Awareness

The AAA Foundation is devoted to helping the general public understand that healthy hearing and balance are critical parts of overall health. Your donations to the AAAF are helping us spread the word about the importance of healthy hearing and balance across the lifespan and the importance of audiologists to provide the highest quality of this care.

Raising Awareness in the Community

Ask Me About Audiology Campaign

Audiology students around the country promote awareness about hearing and balance care and hearing protection in their local campus communities in October during National Audiology Awareness Month and National Protect Your Hearing Month. The Foundation works with the Student Academy of Audiology (SAA) leadership to secure resources for use in this public outreach.

National Audiology Awareness Month

In October, the AAA Foundation, with funding from HyperSound Hearing Solutions and in collaboration with the Academy's Consumer website, www.howsyourhearing.org, funded production and distribution of a poster titled: Myth vs. Fact: The Truth About Hearing Loss. This poster and other consumer-focused resources are designed for use in educating the public about hearing and balance wellness and the audiologists' role in the provision of quality hearing and balance care.

Organizational Partnerships

The Foundation provides grants to allied organizations that share a common mission to advance hearing and balance wellness. These include:

Student Academy of Audiology (SAA)

Accreditation Commission for Audiology Education (ACAE)

American Board of Audiology (ABA)

Association for Research in Otolaryngology (ARO)

National Hearing Conservation Association (NHCA) Accreditation

Secondary School Science Fair Awards

The Foundation partners with state audiology organizations to recognize students who conduct outstanding science fair research in hearing and acoustical science.

In 2016, the Texas Academy of Audiology received the award.



We
sincerely
thank each
and every
one of you
for your
wonderful
dedication
to our
mission.

A Heartfelt Thank You!

The AAA Foundation's grants, scholarships, and public outreach efforts are made possible by individuals, like you, and our dedicated industry and corporate partners. During fiscal year 2016, more than 830 individuals and 20 industry and corporate partners supported our programs in research, education, and public awareness. Additionally, nearly 150 individuals and industry partners donated items to support our wildly successful Auction 4 Audiology that takes place at AudiologyNOW!

We would like to thank the many enthusiastic volunteers and staff who work hard to ensure our success. We hope you have enjoyed reading about the tangible impact you are making on the profession of Audiology through this Year in Review.

We thank each of our donors for your gifts of time, talent, and treasure to help the AAAF empower students, young professionals, seasoned professionals, and all who work on behalf of those with hearing and balance problems. We could not do it without you! If you aren't a donor, we encourage you to become part of the AAAF family of supporters. Your donations are tax-deductible and your support makes a lasting impact.

We also invite you to get more involved with the AAA Foundation. You can volunteer to support the many Foundation programs and projects or donate items for our online auction (and bid too!), and you can support our efforts with your financial donations.

To learn more about how you can get involved with the AAA Foundation, please call 703-226-1049 today.

Finally, please join the celebration! If you received a grant from the AAA Foundation, tell us your story. We would love to share your successes to inspire others. Please complete the attached form to update us on how the AAA Foundation has impacted you personally and professionally. On behalf of everyone at the Foundation, and the American Academy of Audiology, thank you for caring!

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Student Research Forum



SAA Chapter Challenge Awards



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