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PROGRAM IN AUDIOLOGY AND COMMUNICATION SCIENCES • CID AT WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

New University Initiative for Fundraising

In 1914, Dr. Max Goldstein's long-held dream of establishing Central Institute for the Deaf (CID) as both a school for the deaf and a teacher training program became a reality. Dr. Goldstein believed training teachers was as important to his mission as the instruction of children and he sought out candidates who were passionate about the field. In the nearly 100 years that have followed, we have seen dramatic changes at CID, in the fields, and in our training programs, but the need for highly-trained, caring professionals has not changed. Thousands of students have benefited from the deaf education, audiology, and speech and hearing training programs established at CID and now offered through Washington University School of Medicine's Program in Audiology and Communication Sciences (PACS), as well as the scholarship support made possible by our many generous friends and donors. These scholarships are vital resources, but ones that must be renewed every year. As we look toward the 2010-11 Academic Year, **over \$1 million** in direct scholarship support for our students has been awarded directly from PACS. This is an enormous commitment to our students, as well as to the future of the professions, but we cannot do it alone.



That's why I am excited about the new Washington University fundraising initiative: *Opening Doors to the Future: The Scholarship Initiative for Washington University*. The goal of the initiative is to secure additional commitments of at least \$150 million in scholarship support by June 30, 2014. Scholarships may be designat-

ed to a specific school or program, and I'm hoping you will consider making a gift to PACS. Funds secured for PACS through the Scholarship Initiative will directly support our graduate students by reducing their tuition costs. It is our goal to one day be able to support all of our students through full-tuition scholarships. To learn more, I invite you to visit the website at scholarshipinitiative.wustl.edu. **To contribute to PACS, please designate your gift to "School of Medicine Program in Audiology and Communication Sciences".**

Sincerely,

William W. Clark, Ph.D.
Director, Program in Audiology and
Communication Sciences



Mark Your Calendars for Our Centennial Celebration!

We will celebrate the **100th anniversary** of PACS' Professional Training Programs, founded by visionary physician and educator, Max A. Goldstein, M.D. in 1914. We are in the initial phases of planning an exciting event, and hope you will consider joining us for this wonderful celebration in Summer 2014. Stay tuned for further information.



Washington University in St. Louis

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Faculty, Staff and Student Highlights

- Heather Hayes, Ph.D., Director of Deaf Education Studies published an article in *Volta Review*, titled “A distinctive program: Deaf education studies at the Program in Audiology and Communication Sciences (PACS) at Washington University School of Medicine.” *Volta Review*: 110, 271-278, 2010.
- Alison Brockmeyer, 2010 Au.D. graduate, was awarded a William Austin Starkey Scholarship in the amount of \$10,000 for the 09-10 academic year.
- Amy Umansky, 2010 Au.D. graduate, received a second-place award for her poster at the 2009 Colorado Academy of Audiology’s Annual Conference in Breckenridge in conjunction with the Student Research Poster Session. The title was “Hearing Environments and Reflection on Quality of Life Questionnaire for Children with Hearing Loss.” The authors are Amy Umansky Au.D., Judith Lieu, M.D. and Donna Jeffe, Ph.D.
- L. Maureen Valente, Ph.D., Director of Audiology Studies, authored a column in the September/October 2009 issue of *Audiology Today* entitled “Sharing Ideas Relevant to the Educational Process.” She was also interviewed by Douglas A. Beck, Au.D. with the American Academy of Audiology about her book entitled, “*Pure-Tone Audiometry and Masking*.” The interview may be found on AAA’s website at www.audiology.org.
- L. Maureen Valente, Ph.D., and Michael Valente, Ph.D., Director of Adult Audiology in the Department of Otolaryngology, both attended the Texas Academy of Audiology’s conference held in Austin, TX in November 2009. L. Valente presented “Vestibular Evoked Myogenic Potentials and their Clinical Applications,” and M. Valente presented “Using Evidence-Based Principles to Determine if Directional Microphones are Beneficial in Open-Fit Hearing Aids.” Both also presented at the VII National Convention of Audiology & EXPO 2010 – Colombian Association of Audiology held in Bogota, Columbia.
- L. Maureen Valente, Ph.D., Kristi Oeding, Au.D. student, and Michael Valente, Ph.D., had papers translated into Spanish and published in the journal, *Audiologia Hoy*, Vol. 7 No. 1, January-June 2010. The titles of the papers are, “Adaptation of Vestibular Evaluation Measures Across the Lifespan,” (L. M. Valente) and “The Effectiveness of Directional Microphone Alignment in the Baha Divino,” (K. Oeding and M. Valente). The journal is a publication of the Colombian Association of Audiology in Bogota, Columbia. M. Valente and K. Oeding also published a paper entitled, “Recent Fitting Options for Single Sided Deafness.” The paper was published as part of the Starkey Audiology Series on the Starkey website.
- Katie Niehl, 2010 Au.D. graduate, was awarded a student travel scholarship to attend the Academy of Doctors of Audiology Conference in Clearwater, FL held October 29-31, 2009.
- Laura Czarniak, 3rd-year Au.D. student, presented a poster at Washington University School of Medicine’s Fourth Annual Research Training Symposium and Poster Session. Her poster was titled, “Effect of Stimulus Intensity on Cortical Responses in Normal Hearing Individuals and Cochlear Implant Recipients.” This project was completed for the TL1 predoctoral training program and was mentored by Jill Firszt, Ph.D. Laura was also selected as one of two recipients of an AAA Summer Research Fellowship for 2010.
- Kristin Musser, 4th-year Au.D. student, was awarded one of the 2009 American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Foundation Graduate Student Scholarships.
- Stephanie Schutzenhofer, 2010 Au.D. graduate, received a first-place award for her poster at the Texas Academy of Audiology Meeting held on November 13-14, 2009. The title was “Utilizing Hearing Assistive Technology (HAT) to Assess Speech Recognition” and was presented during the Student Poster Session. Stephanie’s mentors were A.U. Bankaitis, Ph.D. and Michael Valente, Ph.D.
- Michelle Grempp, Ph.D. candidate, and Erin Rellinger, 3rd-year Au.D. student, are both recipients of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Audiology/Hearing Science Research Travel Award (ARTA). Each awardee received a stipend of \$500 and complimentary registration for the ASHA Annual Convention in New Orleans, LA, November 19–21, 2009.
- Erin Rellinger, 3rd-year Au.D. student, presented a poster at the annual American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Meeting held in New Orleans. The title of her poster was, “The Au.D. Externship Year: A Survey of Resources.” Sara Johnson, a 2nd-year M.S.D.E. student, also presented a poster titled, “A Case Study: The Effects of Word Search Strategies on the Person with Aphasia’s Self-Esteem.”
- Kristi Oeding, 4th-year Au.D. student, was selected as one of five awardees to present their research at the prestigious Student Research Forum during the annual meeting of the American Academy of Audiology. She presented a summary of her capstone project, which evaluated the effectiveness of the directional microphone in the Bone Anchored Hearing Aid (BAHA) for patients with single sided deafness. Kristi recently completed an additional one-year clinical research training fellowship in the Division of Adult Audiology in the Department of Otolaryngology under the mentorship of Michael Valente, Ph.D. At graduation Kristi will earn both an Au.D. and a Master of Science in Clinical Investigation (M.S.C.I) degree.
- An interview with Aaron Rose, 2010 M.S.D.E. graduate, was published in the January/February 2010 issue of A.G. Bell’s *Volta Voices*. Aaron attended the 2009 Listening & Spoken Language Symposium in St. Louis, MO, www.agbell.org.
- Fourth-year Au.D. students Dan Putterman and Jacquelyn Baudhuin were awarded a Mentored Doctoral Student Research Poster Session travel grant from the American Auditory Society (AAS) and the National Institutes of Health. Both presented their posters at the AAS meeting held March 4-6, 2010 in Scottsdale, AZ. Jacquelyn’s poster was titled, “Optimization of Speech Processor Fitting in Children,” and her mentor was Jill Firszt,

Ph.D. Dan's poster was titled, "Difference Between Default Telecoil and Programmed Microphone in Hearing Aids," and his mentor was Michael Valente, Ph.D. Dan also presented and received a second-place prize for his poster at the 15th Annual Graduate Student Research Symposium held at Washington University.

- Washington University published an online press release describing a study done by recent Au.D. graduate Elizabeth

Baum Fernandez as part of her student Capstone Project. The study titled, "Protection against Noise-Induced Hearing Loss in Young CBA/J Mice by Low-Dose Kanamycin," was recently published in the *Journal of the Association for Research in Otolaryngology* (JARO), Jan. 22, 2010. Authors are Elizabeth Baum Fernandez, Au.D., Kevin Ohlemiller, Ph.D., Patty Gagnon, M.S., and William W. Clark, Ph.D.

Class Notes

2000s

Tina (Prout) Stoodly, 2000

Tina and her husband Cullen welcomed their first child, Rebecca May Stoodly, on March 24, 2010. She weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz.

Cynthia Modrosic, 2001

Cynthia purchased a private practice in January 2010 in Franklin County, MO. Her husband Bill is now a battalion chief and son Liam turned 3 in May 2010.

Kristin (Anderle) Lillie, 2002

Kristin and her husband Ryan adopted two little girls in March 2010; Hayley Judith (44 months) and Caroline Frances (20 months). Kristin is taking time off from being an audiologist to focus on being a mom.

Melissa Lowe, 2002

Melissa recently accepted a position at Saint Louis University in the Otolaryngology Department.

Aimee Woolard, 2002

Aimee joined Texas ENT and Allergy in College Station, TX in February 2009, and received her Au.D. degree from Salus University in May 2009.

Jennifer Johnson, 2003

Jennifer is engaged to Jamie Manley and they plan to marry in Summer 2010.

Rebecca Underwood, 2003

Becca gave birth to a baby boy, Roman Nicholas, who was born on November 29, 2009. He weighed 5 lbs. and 9 oz. He has one big sister and two older brothers.

Krisjeana (Ballard) Vernon, 2004

Krisjeana and husband Chris purchased their first house in St. Peters, MO in December 2009.

Christina Borders, 2004

Christy and husband Shane welcomed their new baby girl, Lyla Simone, born on March 19, 2010 weighing 7 lbs. 14 oz.

Kathleen Faulkner, 2004

Kathleen had a paper published in *Ear and Hearing*, January 2010. Reference: Bierer, JA, Faulkner, KF (2010). Identifying Cochlear Implant Channels with Poor Electrode-Neuron Interface: Partial Tripolar, Single-Channel Thresholds and Psychophysical Tuning Curves. *Ear & Hearing* 2010;31;1.

Christina Koehler, 2005

Chris gave birth to twin girls, Evie and Elaina, on March 9, 2010. She and her husband now have four girls.

Abby (Baden) DePriest, 2006

Abby was married to Bryan on April 18, 2009. Abby gave birth to their first child, Molly Violet, born on May 25, 2010.

Jordan (Albright) King, 2006

Jordan and husband Luke welcomed their first child, a girl named Georgia Grace, born on December 19, 2009.

Aimie (Marlow) Moreno, 2006

Aimie is expecting a baby boy in July 2010. She is currently working as a D/HH teacher for Chicago Public Schools.

Kristin (Peters) St. Louis, 2007

Kristin and husband Aaron are expecting their first child in August 2010. She is currently working at Children's Hospital in Detroit and living in Canada.

Sarah King, 2008

Sarah is currently working at Midwest Ear Institute and recently started a CAPD diagnostic and treatment program. She plans to marry Kurt Zlomke on May 21, 2011 in St. Louis, MO.

Valerie Lynch, 2008

Valerie has been working for a private practice since October 2008, and recently started a new job in April 2010 with the ENT Clinic of Iowa. She purchased a house in Ankeny, IA in October 2009.

Christine Alexander, 2009

Christine started a new job in February 2010 at The Clarke Hearing Center at Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech in Northampton, MA.

Kristen Steele, 2009

Kristen was awarded the A.G. Bell Listening for Spoken Language Scholarship for the Symposium that was held in St. Louis in July 2009.

2010s

Rose (Bradley) Wright, 2010

Rose Bradley married Joshua Wright on September 4, 2009.

Francina Silvey, 2010

Cina Silvey welcomed a son, Jude Alexander, on November 3, 2009. He weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz.

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