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# KSHA Communicator

## 2011 KSHA Convention Summary

The 2011 KSHA Convention has come and gone. WOW! The planning team was very pleased with how smoothly the Convention went. Our speakers were phenomenal and our attendance was awesome.

We would like to thank the team at Craven Management Associates, LLC, for all of their hard work and dedication to making our Annual Convention such a great success. We would also like to thank our amazing attendees for making the trip to Northern Kentucky. We know the weather was cold, and we appreciate the extra effort you made to attend the Convention.

We had a chance to review many of the evaluation forms that were submitted by our attendees and we are appreciative of all the comments and suggestions made, as well as topics of interest. One of the suggestions was to change the date of our Convention to when it's a little warmer. We will not be able to make this change until 2014 as contracts have already been signed for 2012 and 2013. We will work with Craven Management to possibly change the 2014 Convention date. Another suggestion was to increase the exhibitors and bring back LinguiSystems. Like LinguiSystems, many companies are no longer participating at trade shows but have continued to support KSHA by donating some of their products to our raffles. We will definitely consider these and all other suggestions when planning our next Annual Convention, February 15-18, 2012 in Louisville, Kentucky.

The 2012 KSHA Convention will be here before we know it and we are very committed to bringing you the same quality of stellar speakers and we will work hard to increase the topics of interest based on your recommendations.

Thank you for attending our fabulous 2011 KSHA Convention and we hope your experience provided a better way for you to **Navigate Through the Channels of Communication.**

Looking forward to 2012,  
**Tina Brock and Christie LaCharite**  
*Co-Directors of the 2011 KSHA Convention*



See you in  
Louisville, Kentucky!!

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# Message From the President



It goes without saying that a successful convention does not just happen on its own, so I would like to start by acknowledging all of those who played a part in making our recent visit to Northern Kentucky a great success. First and foremost, the Convention Chairs and their committee members deserve our thanks for the untold hours of work and planning that went into making our Convention a success. The team from Craven Management Associates also worked tirelessly to provide us with a quality Convention experience. Numerous coordinators and volunteers, whether it was for a long-term commitment or stepping in at the last minute to lend a hand, also warrant recognition for their contributions to the overall success of the Convention. Finally, I would like to acknowledge all of the members who came to participate in the Convention. From celebrating the awards and honors, attending the membership forum, browsing the exhibits, networking with other clinicians, reconnecting with old friends and colleagues, or simply attending the sessions, your participation is what made the Convention a success.

I wanted to once again touch on the theme of “**active membership.**” At the awards luncheon I acknowledged the work of our “**active members,**” those who have stepped up, volunteered and taken on an active role within the association. Hopefully in seeing the work of some of these members and hearing the recognition of their accomplishments, you went away inspired to become more active in shaping the future of this organization. We welcome the opportunity to speak with any member about becoming more involved. Take this opportunity to contact us at the office or at kshaoffice@ksha.info to let us know that you too would like to become an “**active**” member.

For those who were not in attendance at one of the sessions where it was discussed, I wanted to once again touch on some “new business” that was conducted. The Executive Council passed a motion to extend free membership to all undergraduate and graduate students in speech-language pathology and audiology programs. Although the previous fee was nominal, we wanted to remove any possible barrier to becoming involved in the Association and finding out what we are all about. We hope to work as an Association to develop some initiatives to get the word out to students about the benefits of membership. If you work with students currently, whether in the university setting or in a clinical placement and would like to help us with developing these programs, please contact the KSHA Office. From the newest students, to those with long, distinguished careers it is up to us, as members, to chart the course for the future of the Association.

**Douglas Keefe, MS, CCC-SLP**  
*KSHA President*

## Making Your Therapy Childlike

The West Kentucky Conference on Communication Disorders, sponsored by the Division of Communication Disorders at Murray State University (MSU), the Department of Wellness and Therapeutic Sciences, and MSU NSSLHA held a three hour workshop, **Making Your Therapy Childlike**, on November 6, 2010, on the MSU campus. Support for publicity was provided by a Kentucky Speech-Language-Hearing Association Regional Grant. Becky Adames, MA, CCC-SLP was an engaging speaker who involved participants as she demonstrated using materials and activities that are fun and motivating for children. She focused on how to use curriculum content to meet each child’s communication needs and IEP goals.

Becky has been a speech-language pathologist for the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System in Clarksville, Tennessee for five years. Her prior experience includes rehabilitation of individuals with head injury, hospital inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation and preschool and school-age therapy in clinic and home-based settings.

**Sharon B. Hart**  
*Coordinator, MSU Speech & Hearing Clinic; Assistant Professor*  
*Division of Communication Disorders*

## Research Grant and Scholarship Committee Update



The Research Grants Committee awarded Ms. Sarah Haggard, EKU graduate, \$500 to offset the cost of completing her recent research project. The research analyzed differences among groups in their knowledge of autism, their confidence in recognizing signs and symptoms of autism and their knowledge of available resources. Her research entitled, *Knowledge of Autism: A Comparison of Healthcare Professionals and Parents* was sponsored by professors, Dr. Charlotte Hubbard, Dr. Karen Brown, Dr. Tamara Cranfill and Dr. Sue Mahanna-Boden. Ms. Haggard presented her findings as part of a poster session during the KSHA Convention.

Due to demonstrated financial need and academic excellence, Ms. Haggard was also awarded \$2,000 combined from the Steckol and Stanley scholarships.

Congratulations Sarah and kudos to Eastern Kentucky University for producing such a deserving, exemplary student.

Information and applications for both Scholarships and for Research Grants can be found on our website [www.ksha.info](http://www.ksha.info).

**Donna Goodlett-Collins**  
*Chair, Scholarship Committee*

### KSHA- PAC

#### What is KSHA-PAC?

The Kentucky Speech-Language Hearing Association Political Action Committee (KSHA-PAC) is a non-profit, unincorporated, and non-partisan committee of speech-language pathologists and audiologists. The KSHA-PAC operates as a separate legal entity which can receive and distribute contributions to Kentucky Election campaigns.

The purpose of KSHA-PAC is to encourage and facilitate participation by members of the profession in the policy making process. Another purpose is to support candidates for state office whose records and policy positions demonstrate that they work to further the goals of the Association in areas such as education and healthcare.

#### Why is KSHA-PAC Needed?

Legislation enacted by Congress can have important consequences for members of the profession and persons with speech, language and hearing disorders. This committee provides our profession with an important vehicle for participating in the political process and helping to choose members of government who share in our policy goals. Also, the committee helps to provide members in our profession with a means of registering their views on state issues by supporting candidates who espouse positions favorable to people with communication disorders and disabilities.

#### How You Can Participate?

Participation in KSHA-PAC by all speech-language pathologists and audiologists is encouraged, but involvement is always an individual and voluntary decision. Individuals become involved with KSHA-PAC by making a contribution of any amount to the Committee. They receive acknowledgment of their contribution and news of PAC's activities.

Participants can be confident that their contributions will be used to support political candidates who will further the goals of health and education professionals and people with disabilities.

If you are interested in donating, please send checks payable to:

**KSHA-PAC**  
**Attn: Heather Marlow**  
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## Regional Grants are Still Available

Three grants of \$250 each are still available for members to request in support of regional continuing education offerings. A previous newsletter article explained that the Executive Council decided to include this in the annual budget in response to a membership survey indicating the continued need. It is EC's effort to assist those who may have difficulty attending the annual conference, enabling regional workshops to be provided. However, since few have been requested in the past, these grants may disappear from future budgets, if not utilized. Contact [Tammy.Cranfill@lincoln.kyschools.us](mailto:Tammy.Cranfill@lincoln.kyschools.us) for an application.

## Silent Auction Results!

Congratulations to our first and second place winners, University of Kentucky and University of Louisville! What an event we had this year! The students from each of the Universities did a marvelous job of collecting and displaying the many items they had for sale. A special thank you to this year's Silent Auction Coordinator, Amanda Kasselmann.

#### Auction Results:

University of Kentucky	\$1,455
University of Louisville	\$781
Western Kentucky University	\$654
Eastern Kentucky University	\$627
KSHA	\$332
Murray State	\$223



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**2012 Convention**  
February 15-18, 2012  
Louisville, Kentucky



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