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**Likes and Hashtags and
Stories, Oh My!**

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President's Message

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KSHA President



Whew! If you're like me, the past year has been a whirlwind of change, challenges and choices! I feel like I was plopped down in Oz and had to go on a journey to find some familiar ground. Like Dorothy, though, I discovered that familiar was all around me, just tucked inside change. And, this journey, riddled with all its challenges, led me to discover that I am more resourceful and capable than I ever believed. I just had to make the choice to embrace it and learn and grow from it.

As speech-language pathologists and audiologists, we've all been on this journey. We were all plopped down in Oz. We strapped on our personal protective equipment (PPE) and navigated through the ins and outs of our careers embracing change, challenges and choices! As we maneuvered around Oz meeting the needs of munchkins of all ages, KSHA showed up in Emerald City and got busy! Our management team and executive council selflessly gave their time and energy making decisions, giving advice, mentoring, sharing information and more to meet the needs of our members and implementing our strategic plan.

Advocacy efforts were thought out and planned to support the wellbeing of our members and equip them to advocate for change.

Branding decisions were made to make our organization known and valued for the sake of our members, the community and all stakeholders.

Communication plans and changes were discussed and designed to make sure our members stayed current and equipped with tools for success.

Then there was Convention, which essentially brought all these efforts together to allow us to learn, grow and celebrate our professions and our members. Thanks to KSHA, Emerald City was a very busy place!

As we continue to find ourselves in Oz this year, it is my vision that our members use the resources and tools that KSHA provides to:

- Discover the courage within them to speak out, speak up, advocate for and share information for our professions;
- Realize the heart they have to graciously serve and defend those who depend on us; and
- Recognize the professional brain power they possess and can share to enhance professional growth and development.

It is also my vision that members know that KSHA is home where they can belong, feel valued, respected and genuinely cared about. There's no place like home!

I'm excited that KSHA continues to be very busy as we continue to build on our strategic plan to make gains in advocacy efforts, make our organization known to our stakeholders and effectively communicate with our members, future members and stakeholders! Now is the time to **Reflect and Renew** and get involved in KSHA's exciting plans and initiatives. I hope to see you in Emerald City this year! 

KSHA Convention 2022

Robyn Wahl and Barbara Martha Shaw
KSHA Convention Co-Directors



Juliann Woods, augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) playground with Judy Page and Instagram-famous pediatric speech-language pathologist Amy Graham. Our Thursday Tailgate, Silent Auction and Golden Brain competition are always crowd favorites. Friday brings more engaging speakers like Cari Ebert's autism strategies for the speech-language pathologist (SLP), James Coyle on dysphagia and a parent/child story about the impact of congenital cytomegalovirus (CCMV) and hearing loss. Our Friday Luncheon speaker is sure to bring a crowd to hear former NBA and UK basketball player, Michael Kidd-Gilchrist, tell his story to bring awareness to stuttering through his change and impact initiative.

In addition to a full-slate of nationally recognized speakers, in reflection of the past online Convention, we will also provide a PACESetter Pass that will allow full-time Convention attendees to add-on the option to view the recorded version of a few sessions. We understand that there are many live sessions that you may not be able to attend but would like to access later. Check the website for a listing of sessions that will be available with the PACESetter Pass!

The Convention Committee is looking forward to seeing you in Louisville to **Reflect and Renew** in 2022. 



The past few years have taught us a lot about ourselves and forced

many of us to learn new ways to serve our clients and our profession. As we plan to gather for the upcoming KSHA Convention in Louisville, we are excited to reflect upon all that we have learned and use our experiences to push forward into the next year. We also feel the need to renew our minds and explore more opportunities for growth and education. Please plan to join us as we **Reflect and Renew** in 2022.

The 2022 Convention will be held at the Kentucky International Convention

Center in Louisville February 16-18, 2022. We are excited to share several differences in the schedule and format available for Convention 2022. With tracts focused on audiology, adult services, early-intervention and school-based services, we have an exciting line-up of speakers and events. This year, we will have a full day on Wednesday starting at 10:00 am with sessions covering multiple topics across disorders and lifespan. Our Keynote Address from author and social-media star, Gerry Brooks will be on Wednesday afternoon, followed by Lissa Power-deFur's session on ethical decision making. Thursday holds a full-slate of speakers including transgender voice specialist John Fredeking, Elizabeth Waters'/April Holman's aphasia treatment, early-intervention's

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Visit the KSHA website, www.ksha.info, and make sure your KSHA membership is up to date. Log on to the Member Center of the website, enter your last name and your member number. Once logged in, you are able to edit your membership information, such as mailing address, email address, professional information and more.

The Member Center also gives you access to renew your membership, register for an event at the member discounted rate, search for a member, access member-only resources and print your membership card.

You can always check out the current and past editions of the **KSHA Communicator** online at <http://ksha.info/index.php/communicator>.

Follow KSHA on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/kyspeech>, Instagram at [kshakyspeech](https://www.instagram.com/kshakyspeech) and Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/KYSPEECH>.



Nominations for Honors and Awards Now Being Accepted



KSHA is pleased to announce the nomination period for honors and awards is now open. Consider recognizing a KSHA member or someone in the community who has provided outstanding service to the Association, our profession and the clients we serve. Awards will be formally presented during the 2022 KSHA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

Honors of the Association and Certificate of Appreciation

<https://ksha.info/index.php/honors-cert-app/>

Submission Deadline: December 15

Nominees must be a member of KSHA and have demonstrated distinguished educational, profession and/or administrative activity or outstanding service to KSHA.

Clinical Achievement Award

<https://ksha.info/index.php/clinical-ach-award-nom/>

Submission Deadline: December 15

This award is presented to a speech-language pathologist or audiologist in Kentucky for demonstrated contributions to the advancement of knowledge in clinical practice as evidenced by significant recent accomplishment within the past six years in either area. This award is co-sponsored by the Kentucky Speech-Language-Hearing Association (KSHA) and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation (ASHF).

PACE Setter Award

<https://ksha.info/index.php/pace-setter-form/>

Submission Deadline: January 31

The KSHA PACE Setter award honors KSHA members, who within the course of a one-year period, starting on February 1, who demonstrates exemplary service to the profession. A PACE Setter exemplifies KSHA's mission to set the pace in professional development, advocacy, collaboration and education. KSHA PACE Setters care about those they serve and enhance the image of the profession in a positive, meaningful way. Nominees must be current KSHA members.

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A Little Bit About Mackenzie

Mackenzie L. Krohman, MS, CCC-SLP
KSHA Membership Chair



Hi, my name is Mackenzie Krohman, and I am excited to introduce myself as the new membership chair for KSHA's Executive Council! I graduated from University of

Kentucky (UK) with my master's degree in 2014, and I am currently in my eighth year working as a speech-language pathologist (SLP) for Boone County Schools. I recently accepted a new position as my district's lead SLP and am thrilled to get started in both of these new leadership roles.

My work towards becoming an SLP began in my freshman year of undergraduate studies at UK. Since beginning my education towards becoming an SLP and in every opportunity since, I found my "why" through building relationships with students and families, being present and a part of students' "breakthrough" moments, and having the privilege of helping others through some of the most difficult times of their lives as well as being there to celebrate some of their greatest milestones. I believe these benefits follow us through our job as SLPs and audiologists regardless of the setting, which is what makes our professions so unique and fulfilling.

I decided to take on these new roles to become more deeply involved in our profession at the district and state level. I am looking forward to the opportunity to raise awareness of what is available to KSHA's members and to communicate with SLP students around the state. I not only want to communicate what is currently available to members, but to hear from current and potential members regarding what they want from their state association as well. I am looking forward to serving you all as the executive council's membership chair, and can't wait to hear how I can support KSHA's current and future members! 

Thinking of Joining KSHA: Here's Why You Should

Mackenzie L. Krohman, MS, CCC-SLP
KSHA Membership Chair

I am so excited to join KSHA as the membership chair of the executive council and share with you the benefits of joining KSHA. There is a plethora of reasons to join KSHA. First, each year, KSHA holds its Convention. This is an opportunity to interact with speech-language pathologists across the state and participate in learning opportunities, allowing us to grow as professionals. Each year you are able to fulfill licensure requirements, through ethics and supervision continuing education courses offered. Our Convention co-directors, Robyn Wahl and Barbara Martha Shaw, along with the track chairs, are working to bring you a program full of informative sessions and interesting topics to assist you in meeting your continuing education requirements. If you choose to be a member of KSHA, you receive a discounted rate to attend the Convention.

Secondly, through KSHA, you have the opportunity to apply for the Stanley and Steckol Awards as well as research grants to help financially support your learning and/or research aspirations. In addition to the opportunity to receive financial support educationally or for research projects, you also have access to a variety of advocacy resources.

Through KSHA's iKAN advocacy training, you can grow and improve your leadership skills to drive change, develop a lifelong professional network, give back to your profession through volunteer service, and influence policies, programs and services.

The Kentucky Advocacy Network is a year-long program for KSHA members with leadership potential. Through the program, you have the opportunity to participate in a three hour Kentucky Advocacy Network face-to-face workshop, participate

in scheduled webinars over the course of the next year on selected leadership and advocacy topics, develop and complete an individual advocacy action plan and actively participate with your network on KSHA advocacy initiatives.

KSHA also provides advocacy to its members through the Professional Advocacy Toolkit and contact with our network of the STAR, StAMP and SEAL who connect us with ASHA efforts.

Membership fees range from free (for students) to \$50 as a small sacrifice for the representation and opportunities that are available to you through joining KSHA. Current members can renew their membership by logging into the member center. New members should complete an online membership application at www.ksha.info.

Likes and Hashtags and Stories, Oh My!

Candra Grether, MS, CCC-SLP
KSHA Communications Chair



Tweet! Post! Story!
Comment! Like!
Repost! Share! Live!
Notifications! Reel!
Hashtag! Retweet!
Messenger! Follow!
Direct Message! Isn't

it interesting to see the influence technology has had on our language over time? According to Merriam-Webster, the first known use of the phrase "social media" was in 2004. "Social media" was added to Merriam-Webster in 2011. Lingo from Facebook, Instagram and Twitter and related platforms are commonplace now.

Serving as your communications chair during the last 13+ months, I have learned a couple of other terms. "Later" is no longer just an adjective (e.g., "Let's discuss this at a later date."), adverb (e.g., "They will be back later.") or interjection (e.g., "Later, man!"). Later is also the name of an app that your Communications Committee uses frequently to assist with the scheduling of our KSHA social media posts. "Canva" is not a typo of the word

"canvas" but instead an app that we use to create many of our designs. Before I type "we" again, please allow me to take a moment to introduce you to the names and faces other than mine behind your Communications Committee. I am lucky to work on KSHA's social media accounts with a



wonderful team of speech-language pathologists: Kayla Redden (you may also know her as @kayla_slp) and Mary Grace Starks. We recently had some technical difficulties with our social media platforms not syncing correctly with Later and as the saying somewhat

goes, if I had a dime for every group text message we exchanged until the issue was finally resolved ...

Kayla, Mary Grace and I love interacting with you on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter throughout the week! I've especially loved getting to know our members better this past year on #SocialSaturday and had a blast bringing you multiple daily updates throughout the 2021 Virtual KSHA Convention. Like last year, we will be working weekly to bring you topics in speech-language pathology and audiology as well as introduce you to the new KSHA Board and Executive Council on #FeaturedFriday.

Do you have any suggestions for #SocialSaturday topics or other engaging social media ideas? I would love to hear your feedback at ksha.commchair@gmail.com or through direct message on any of our accounts. If you aren't already, be sure to follow KSHA on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. We look forward to your likes, comments and shares this year! 🐾

STAR Updates

Renea Sageser
Kentucky STAR

1. We have been working with the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) on telehealth after COVID-19 regulations expired. What does that mean for Kentucky? Luckily, prior to COVID-19, Kentucky had already approved telehealth services for Medicaid recipients.
2. Clinical Fellows are now allowed to be credentialed with Kentucky Medicaid prior to getting their Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC).
3. Kentucky also passed the compact license. <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/recorddocuments/bill/21RS/sb47/bill.pdf>. To date, the participating states include Alabama, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Nebraska, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Utah, West Virginia and Wyoming.

Navigating the Road Back to School

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Kentucky ASHA SEAL



Back to school usually represents excited anticipation. This year, as school bells ring, speech-language pathologists

(SLPs) and audiologists (AUDs) will more likely be filled with nervous anticipation about their students' and their own health and safety during the uncertainties of COVID-19. With speech and language impairment ranking as the second most common disability category under which United States (US) schoolchildren receive services via the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), navigating this untraveled

but necessary territory can be tricky. Lucky for us, the US Department of Education's Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) has provided the Return to School Roadmap: Child Find under Part B of IDEA. The issuance of this new guidance interprets the requirements of IDEA in light of the many challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. Topics include meeting timelines, ensuring implementation of initial evaluation and reevaluation procedures, determining eligibility for special education and related services and providing the full array of special education and related services that children with disabilities need in order to receive a free appropriate public education

(FAPE). These easy to use Q&A documents are valuable resources to have as unexpected road blocks appear this school year. To access these documents use the QR code below. We know you're facing unique challenges as SLPs and AUDs. Please know that KSHA is here to help you navigate this road back to school and if you ever need roadside assistance, please feel free to reach out to KSHA leadership.

We are here to assist you on the journey as we **Set the Pace for our Profession!**



KSHA Wants to Hear From You

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KSHA Publications Chair



Speech-language pathologists and audiologists from across the Commonwealth, KSHA wants to hear from you! We want to share the amazing

things you are doing for yourselves (self-care, how you are staying organized) in addition to your clients, families and the profession. There are several ways you can share your story.

The first is by submitting a **Real Life Story**. Simply go to <https://ksha.info/index.php/communicator/#story> and complete the submission form. We want to celebrate you so please, let us know!

The second is to submit an article for possible publication in the bi-annual newsletter.



If interested in submitting an article, email the KSHA Publications Chair at kshapublicationschair@gmail.com by March 15, 2022, for your article to appear in the spring 2022 newsletter. KSHA looks forward to hearing from you! 