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Making New Connections

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I am excited to serve as your state association president as KSHA continues to set the **PACE** for our profession. We will continue to implement our strategic plan, provide another fabulous Convention and improve opportunities for KSHA's members to connect beyond Convention. Our Convention is an event I eagerly anticipate every year, and I know you will too. Not only does it provide an opportunity to gain knowledge and new ideas, but it has a way of encouraging us to reconnect with old friends and make new connections with other audiologists and speech-language pathologists across our beautiful state. Convention has the potential to rejuvenate and motivate us to get better, to be better—to set the **PACE** in our chosen field. With the Convention planning well underway, I want to take this opportunity to thank our Convention co-chairs, Lyn Covert and Heather Gaddis. KSHA is proud of our Convention and we thank you for your commitment to making it a wonderful experience in the coming year.

As part of our strategic plan, we would like to provide our members with more opportunities to become involved and connect with KSHA and each other beyond Convention. I'm excited to announce a new outreach program that KSHA will implement this year. As your state

association president and a practicing speech-language pathologist in the schools, I want to know the awesome, incredible things that you and your peers are doing. I want to hear all about your co-worker that plans their therapy in a special way, creates a fantastic environment for students, clients or patients, has an incredible or interesting way of handling their caseload, or has developed a plan that reaches their patients or clients to make them feel special. These are just a few suggestions; we expect you'll share your amazing ideas with us along the way. We will be asking YOU to nominate one individual to receive a KSHA award. We want our members to know how special KSHA thinks they are! We also want to recognize how our members set the **PACE** for our profession through hard work, innovation and dedication.

Please be on the lookout for information on how to nominate your colleagues to receive the KSHA **PACE** Setter award. I look forward to reading through all your nominations! KSHA is proud to have so many amazing members, like you, who help us build a wonderful association. As always, feel free to contact any of your KSHA board members any time you have questions. This year is going to be another fantastic year for KSHA!

Setting the PACE for Our Association

As we transition into a new year of leadership at the Kentucky Speech-Language-Hearing Association, we take this opportunity to look back at the exceptional leaders who set the **PACE** for our Association over the past twelve months. The fall of 2015 shined an unprecedented spotlight on our state as Kentuckians took center stage at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's awards ceremony in November 2015. Judy Page served ASHA as the president of the association while Robert Marshall, Joseph Stemple and Nancy Swigert were awarded Honors of the Association and Lyn Covert was named an ASHA Fellow! The accomplishments of these leaders in the areas of clinical service, research and publication cannot be overstated. They truly set the **PACE** for Kentucky audiologists and speech-language pathologists.

2015 ASHA President, Judy Page



Judith L. Page, PhD, CCC-SLP sets the **PACE** for our profession as an advocate not only for the profession but also for the students she faithfully mentors and

the individuals with disabilities she serves through teaching, clinical innovation and research. She is an associate professor in the Division of Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of Kentucky and served as program director for communication sciences and disorders for 17 years and chair of the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences for 10 years. Dr. Page is an ASHA Fellow whose previous service to ASHA includes membership on both the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (chair, 2009) and the Council for Clinical Certification in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (chair, 2012-2013), service as a CAA site visitor and appointments to several other ASHA committees. She has held multiple leadership posts in the Kentucky Speech-Language-Hearing Association, including President,

Newsletter Editor, Honors Committee Chair and Director of Governmental Affairs; served as chair of the Kentucky Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology; and was recording secretary for the Council of State Speech-Language-Hearing Association Presidents. She holds Honors of the Kentucky Speech-Language-Hearing Association and was an ASHFoundation Di Carlo Award nominee for her work in AAC.

2015 ASHA Honors of the Association

The Honors of the Association is the most prestigious award given to any ASHA member. Honors of the Association recognizes individuals for distinguished contributions to the discipline of communication sciences and disorders. Those who receive this award are known both nationally and internationally for "a lifetime of innovative clinical practice, insightful and rigorous research, creative administration, effective legislative activity, outstanding teaching or other distinguished professional contributions" (ASHA, 2015).

Drs. Marshall and Stemple are the first CSD professionals from Kentucky to receive Honors of the Association further underlining the importance of this accomplishment.

• Robert C. Marshall



Dr. Marshall was selected based on his sustained research, scholarship, teaching and service activities within the profession that spanned many years and settings from the public schools, to the Veterans Administration to academia in Oregon, Rhode Island and Kentucky. He has been instrumental in setting the **PACE** of the profession having held both clinical and leadership positions throughout his career. Dr. Marshall is widely regarded for his scholarly expertise in aphasia.

"Receiving the Honors of the American Speech-Language Association is a high

point of a very satisfying professional career. I am humbled by this award," Marshall said (Sparks, 2015). "I feel blessed to have been taught by those who overlooked my weaknesses and nurtured my strengths, and inspired by my patients, students, professional colleagues and employers. These forces, along with the support of my family every step of the way, have been the wind beneath my sails. I feel very blessed to have had a job in which going to work every day was something to truly look forward to."

• Joseph C. Stemple



Dr. Stemple's selection was based on his innovative ongoing research, scholarship, teaching and service activities within the profession. These include his development of centers of excellence for voice care, voice research and educational opportunities, his prolific publication record (including textbooks and scholarly manuscripts), and his international reputation as a dynamic presenter on issues related to the voice across the lifespan (Sparks, 2015).

Sparks, M. (July 28, 2015). College of Health Sciences faculty receive highest award from ASHA. <http://uknow.uky.edu/node/43860>.

• Nancy B. Swigert



Nancy Swigert was selected in recognition of her distinguished contributions to the professions and speech-language pathology and audiology. These include six Linguistics publications, inexhaustible work with ASHA as a former president and SIG chair as well as numerous other medical and advisory boards, extensive work and lecturing in the areas of early intervention, literacy, and pediatric and adult dysphagia.

Swigert stated, "I hope that my being elected president of the association

as a master's-degree clinician in some way inspired others to take a leadership role in ASHA or their state association. It confirms that great things can be accomplished when members come together to work toward a common goal and that accomplishments are never the result of one individual's work, but are the result of the efforts of a dedicated group."

2015 Fellowship of the Association

Individuals who are honored as Fellows of the Association have made outstanding contributions to the discipline of communication science and disorders in three of six possible areas. These are: clinical service, clinical education and academic teaching, research and publications contributing to the knowledge of the professions, administrative services, service to ASHA, and service to and leadership at local, regional, state, national and/or international organizations (ASHA, 2015).

• Lyn R. Covert



Dr. Lyn Covert is recognized as a transformative pioneer in telepractice and the use of technology to improve the lives of veterans. She was instrumental in establishing Special Interest Group 18, Telepractice. Due to her efforts, telepractice was elevated in the ASHA public policy agenda.

Dr. Covert has been an inspiration and catalyst for advancing the use of telepractice to deliver rehabilitation services. She has worked resolutely with unparalleled dedication to demonstrate the feasibility and benefit of providing services at-a-distance to overcome barriers of access to care for patients in remote areas or with mobility challenges. As a **PACE** setter in telepractice, she has fostered collaborative efforts with a sincere openness for professional exchange. She has been a synergistic force in recruiting supporters and

providing leadership to fulfill the potential that telepractice offers both patients and clinicians.

"Setting the **PACE** for our Professions also means seeking out mentors and colleagues who will inspire you to accomplish more than you imagine. No person ever accomplished great things by themselves. Look around and find those individuals who inspire you and connect with them," Covert explained.

Leaders Who Continue to Set the **PACE** in 2016

• Tim Ball



A former KSHA president, Tim Ball is currently setting the **PACE** as president of the Council of State Speech-Language-

Hearing Association Presidents (CSAP). CSAP is the premier organization where state leaders meet to cultivate a unique culture of growth and knowledge through collaborative efforts. Their mission is to provide leadership training for state speech-language-hearing association presidents, to be a forum for collaboration and networking among those leaders, and to promote communication of professional matters between state associations, ASHA, and related professional organizations. As CSAP President, Ball continues to set the **PACE** of the profession at the national level through his efforts to recruit dynamic speakers, provide practical information and facilitate round-table discussions among state leaders to develop productive professional relationships and grow collaborative efforts across state lines.

• Christie LaCharite



Christie LaCharite holds her MS, CCC-SLP and proudly works in the Boone County School District. Christie has

been working in the school setting since 1999. In addition, she thoroughly enjoys working as a First Steps speech therapy provider for birth to three year olds and has been a provider since 1998. Even though Christie enjoys these positions, she feels that her calling is to be a leader in her field. She has supervised several school based speech therapy clinicians through the University of Cincinnati as well as providing supervision for a CFY and a KTIP. Supervision amongst young clinicians is where she would like to continue to develop her skills. Being a leader in the field is very important to Christie.

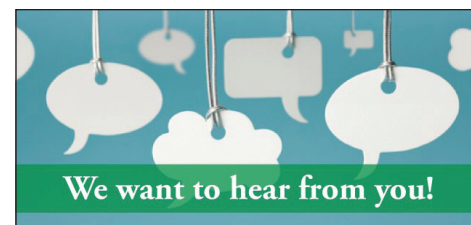
The *KSHA Communicator* would love to hear from you!

Tell us what you think about our new style.

Tell us what you want to READ about in the upcoming issues.

If you have or are currently working as an audiologist or speech-language pathologist in a medical setting, we would love for you to tell us what we should write ... or better yet, go ahead and write about your story, your favorite new clinical strategy or your amazing mentor!

Send your feedback, ideas, suggestions for improvement and articles to write4ksha@gmail.com today!





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Fabulous Opportunities to Expand Your AAC Knowledge

TAALC, or Teaching Age Appropriate Learning Through Communication is happy to invite you to join us for free, fun, high quality webinars on augmentative & alternative communication and complex communication needs!

TAALC is a grant funded project from the Human Development Institute at the University of Kentucky. Our mission is to provide training and collaboration to school-based professionals around the state so that our communities may learn to better recognize, support, and enhance communicative competence and participation in our students with the most complex communication needs. As part of our efforts to increase awareness, we are providing a variety of online resources:

TAALC TUESDAYS

TAALC will be hosting free webinars on the second or third Tuesday of each month at 3:00 pm EDT. A variety of topics will be addressed, including:

- November 15 - *It's MY Turn! Aided Language Modeling*

- December 13 - *Read My Smile! Multi-Modal Communication*
- January 17 - *Touch It! Tactile Symbols and Device Enhancements for Vision Support*
- February 14 - *Finding the Hours in the Day: Integrated Related Services*
- March 14 - *District Communication Teams: Lessons Learned*
- April 18 - *Peer Supports: Communication Superheroes*

How do I attend? Join us live by entering the following link in your browser: <https://uky.zoom.us/j/3025007355>.

What if I miss the webinar? If you are unable to attend the live event, the recording can be found afterward at [https://msd1stop.hdiuk.org/index.php/Teaching_Age-Appropriate_Academic_Learning_via_Communication_\(TAALC\)](https://msd1stop.hdiuk.org/index.php/Teaching_Age-Appropriate_Academic_Learning_via_Communication_(TAALC)).

Can you remind me when it is closer to the date? Yes, If you would like to register for reminder emails, email Emily.Houk@uky.edu with the subject line "TAALC Tuesdays."

Communication Tool Kit

Online Modules – FREE CEUs

In addition to TAALC Tuesdays, we offer a series of free online modules that provide three ASHA-certified continuing education hours. These modules provide guidance in supporting students with complex communication needs. Focus is placed on recognizing and honoring communication, as well as selecting appropriate AAC and communication targets. Additionally, sensory factors, tracking progress and academic content are addressed. To complete these modules, visit the following website, and register for free: <https://learn.hdi.uky.edu/index.php/course/ncsc-communication-toolkit/>

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