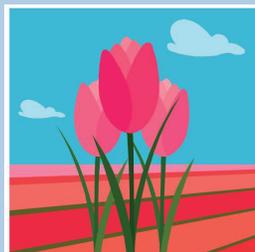


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KSHA Communicator

2012 KSHA Convention Follow-Up



Hitting A Home Run For
Communication Disorders

The 2012 KSHA Convention on Communication Disorders was a Homerun! The days seemed to have flown by as we attended sessions, reconnected with friends and had fun!

We'd like to thank Craven Management Associates once again, and especially their MVP, Melissa Joseph for another great event!

Our speakers this year were a Grand Slam and we thank them for the wonderful information they shared with us. We loved the discussion panels that were available this year and the variety in format that these sessions brought. It was nice to be able to step outside of the box and try new things, and we hope sessions like this continue to be a part of our conventions. We were very happy to see the First Steps session on Normal Development was so well attended and hope that our convention can provide more sessions like this in the future.

We'd like to thank our Keynote and Luncheon speakers, Jeff Alt and Debbie Dacey. They did a fabulous job of sharing their journeys in life and careers, as well as uplifting us with their words of wisdom.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for attending the 2012 Convention. We and the whole planning committee worked hard to make your experience valuable and beneficial and we hope you gained all the "equipment" you needed to make a Homerun for Communication Disorders!

Christie LaCharite and Tina Brock
Co-Directors of the 2012 KSHA Convention



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Message From the President



Another successful Convention has come and gone this year, but we now have caught up with old friends, colleagues and have gotten our much needed CEUs while in Louisville. Our Convention Co-Chairs Tina Brock and Christie La Charite and the Convention Planning Committee are to be commended for a job well done for the second year in a row. That's right, our Northern Kentucky Convention Committee members also continued for a second year here in Louisville. This is true dedication from our KSHA members to make our annual Convention a huge success. The Key Note Address given by Jeff Alt was truly inspiring as well as our Awards Luncheon Speaker Debbie Dacey using her humor and insight to address a thought provoking topic. I would also like to thank our Craven Management team for all of their hard work and organization to help us have a successful Convention!

I would like to thank all of my fellow Executive Council members and officers with whom I have served this past year. The dedication and time given by our Council members is truly immeasurable to help with the direction of KSHA. Our organization has a great number of professionals who are guiding the direction of KSHA. Wouldn't you like to be involved? I encourage all of our members to consider becoming more involved in KSHA over the next few months.

The addition of free membership for our student members helped us to gain over 180+ new members. Our hope is that these students will continue to be members throughout their undergraduate/graduate school time and into their professional experiences. The new student members this year were a big reason why we had volunteers at Convention. I commend our student members for helping us out at Convention.

Please continue to consider being an "active member" in KSHA. We welcome fresh new ideas to help lead KSHA! Come make your opinion heard... Volunteer and make a Difference!

Ann Miller
President

We Have a Name Change!

KSHA Regional Grants is now titled KSHA Professional Development Grants

The purpose of the grant system is to provide funding and an equal opportunity to all speech-language pathologists and audiologists across the state to obtain continuing education units to maintain KY licensure while establishing and prompting professional growth and education. Criteria for application include:

- Grant recipients must be KSHA members. Informal groups or organizations may apply. Please attach a copy of your KSHA membership card to the application.
- Topics must address therapeutic methods, procedures or theory.
- Workshops must be announced in the KSHA Communicator prior to being held.

Applications will be considered on a first come, first served basis after meeting criteria for inclusion.

Applications are available on our website www.ksha.info.

Send completed application and copy of KSHA membership to Tamara.Cranfill@eku.edu or the KSHA Office

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Awards and More

KSHA was pleased to announce and present the following awards at our 2012 Convention.

We hope to see your name listed here next year! Visit the KSHA website www.ksha.org to download your Stanley and Steckol Scholarship applications.

Johanna B. Hancock Award - Douglas Keefe, MS, CCC-SLP
Certificate of Appreciation - Karen Mercer, RN, BSN
Clinical Achievement Award - Jill Preminger, PhD, CCC-A

Steckol Award \$1,500 - Brittney Renee Bruner
Stanley Award \$1,500 - Jeanna Marie Stice

Award Descriptions:

Steckol Award – These awards help to defray expenses for students majoring in speech-language pathology or audiology at a CAA accredited educational program in Kentucky. Recipients are chosen by the KSHA Scholarship Committee based on outstanding academic excellence and need.

The Stanley Award – This scholarship was named after Bev Stanley who retired from the University of Kentucky after many years of providing education in audiology to students in the Communication Disorders Program. Bev has also served many years on KSHA Executive Council and is an inspiration to all. Recipients are chosen by the KSHA Scholarship Committee based on outstanding academic excellence and need.

KSHA Certificates of Appreciation – KSHA Certificates of Appreciation honor individuals outside the professions of speech-language pathology and audiology who are particularly supportive of individuals with communication disorders, the professions, and the goals of the association. The selection is made by the Executive Council upon recommendation of the Honors Committee.

KSHA-ASHF Clinical Achievement Award – The Clinical Achievement Award is presented to a speech-language pathologist or audiologist in Kentucky for significant recent accomplishments or contributions to the advancement of knowledge in clinical practice. It is co-sponsored by KSHA and ASHF (ASHA Foundation). The selection is made by the Executive Council upon recommendation of the Honors Committee.

Kentucky's recipient becomes the state's nominee for the ASHF National DiCarlo Award along with all of the other participating states' nominees.

KSHA Honors of the Association – To receive Honors an individual must be a member of KSHA who has demonstrated distinguished educational, professional, and or administrative activity or outstanding service to KSHA. Nominations are solicited from all KSHA members.

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

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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:

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|-----------------------------|---------|
| University of Kentucky | \$1,581 |
| University of Louisville | \$1,130 |
| Western Kentucky University | \$188 |
| Eastern Kentucky University | \$475 |
| Murray State | \$556 |

Praxis Competition Recap

Quick...

*You've only got 45 seconds ...
The whole crowd is watching ...
The question is read aloud ...*

"The frequency range in which most speech sounds occur is:"

- a. 20 to 20,000 Hz
- b. 125 to 8000 Hz
- c. 500 to 5000 Hz
- d. 100 to 10,000 Hz
- e. 250 to 4000 Hz



Your answer is?

Don't tell me you've forgotten all of your rigorous preparation for the PRAXIS exam. It wasn't that long ago was it?

Six brave teams of four students each, representing the University of Louisville, Murray, Eastern Kentucky and Western Kentucky participated in the first ever KSHA PRAXIS Competition at the convention in Louisville. The competition was held during the Silent Auction and reception on Thursday night. The teams battled through 25 questions covering all portions of the PRAXIS exam while supporters and alumni cheered them on. In the end The UofL team took first with 17 out of 25 correct. A tie-breaker was needed to settle the second-place winner with ECU beating out Western's #3 team. Even with a good mixture of undergraduate and graduate students the margin between the first and last place teams was only five questions. KSHA was able to secure \$1,000 in scholarship money in a generous grant from LinguSystems and paid out \$800 to first place and \$200 to second. The money will be paid to the NSSLHA chapters of the winning schools to be awarded to the participants to offset the cost of taking the PRAXIS exam. Hopefully we can build on this event and make this an annual tradition involving all of our Universities. We are also hoping to include more of the members, including alumni and staff, in a separate division, so we can see how our practicing professionals stack up against the students.

Because I'm sure you knew all along that the answer was; C. Speech sounds usually occur at frequencies of 500 to 5000 Hz. The range 125 to 8000(option b) is the audiometric test frequency range. The other ranges listed (options a,d and e) are just general ranges of frequencies to which humans are sensitive.

It's never too early to start reviewing for next year.

Douglas Keefe
Past President

1st Annual KSHA Praxis Competition 2012 Participants

University of Louisville
Jessica Thompson
Chelsie McCaslin
Oriana Fedele
Jennifer Belden

Murray State University
Kira Tompkins
Christopher Oldfield
Lauren Moss
Marilla Thompson

Eastern Kentucky University
Beth Slone
Emily Bruner
Anna Crane
Meg Carver

Western Kentucky University
Tori Cardwell
Emily Smith
Erin Ruppelt
Rachelle Brosnan

Western Kentucky University
Larissa Lumbrix
Adrienne Reuter
Stacey Marable
Ashley Fulkerson

Western Kentucky University
Jane Ann Perry
Anjanette Collins
Courtney Thompson
Sara Beth Deweese

Be Aware!

volunteers ... private practice insurance ... fluency billing ... ICD-10-CM

First of all, Terri Durkin and I thank all of the volunteers at the KSHA Convention. Obviously, without the help and support of our members, both professional and student, we wouldn't be able to make the convention run smoothly. Please consider in future years to volunteer by moderating and/or volunteering time at the registration desk. All volunteered time is greatly appreciated.

Now, onto private practice insurance business! Please be aware that there has been a trend in plans narrowing their coverage recently, as of January 1, 2012, and some plans have not been honoring what they currently have listed as covered in their coverage guidelines. **BE AWARE!!!**

On a happier note, a bit of information in regards to fluency billing. Most health insurance companies may continue to deny reimbursement for fluency treatment, citing lack of medical necessity. Under the ICD-9-CM, stuttering is an illness, as evidenced by its classification and assigned diagnostic code. One of the changes is a new 2010 ICD-9-CM code, 315.35 ("childhood onset fluency disorder"), which should be used regardless of current age if the stuttering onset occurred during childhood. The code is listed in the "Specific Delays in Development" section of the ICD-9-CM, but is not a developmental condition; therefore, health plans that exclude "developmental" conditions should not deny coverage based on that exclusion alone. Code 315.35 should also be used to describe cluttering and stammering.

Lastly, beginning October 1, 2013, clinicians will be required to use the new International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) system, which will replace the current ICD-9-CM (International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification) system. Clinicians can ease the transition to the new system with a few basic steps. For this information, visit www.asha.org/practice/reimbursement/coding/ICD-10 or contact reimbursement @asha.org.

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