



Communication DISORDERS Newsletter

2023-2024

2024 Graduation





We want to congratulate our Au.D. and M.C.D. graduates!

Spotlight



Congratulations to Assistant Professor & SLP Clinical Coordinator, Molly Brouillette, the recipient of the 2024 Allen A. Copping Excellence in Teaching Award. This is the second year a member of the COMD faculty has received this award!

COMD AT CONFERENCES



Association of University Centers on Disabilities Conference

Kathleen Perrot, SLP student, presented her poster on Efficacy of non-speech oral motor exercise in children with Down Syndrome un Washington, D.C.

American Academy of Audiology Conference

Audiology Faculty, Drs. Megan Guidry & Megan Majoue presente publication “Critical Thinking: A Program Review of Doctor of Audiology Students” in Atlanta, GA



COMD at Service



Audiology students spent Saturday morning at Ozanam Inn, providing hearing screenings to the unhoused population. Students had the exciting opportunity to work directly with other health fields and even got to observe techniques of cerumen and foreign object removal!





Annual Zoo-to-Do fundraiser by Children's Hospital was a blast! COMD students had the opportunity to talk to kids and families about audiology and speech-language pathology, while taking advantage of free ice cream, face glitter, and live music.

COMD at Service



The Student Academy of Audiology students volunteered at GiGi's Playhouse, a no-cost community and achievement center for individuals with Down Syndrome. SAA members are excited to continue volunteering with GiGi's Playhouse through events, tutoring, and participation in weekly programs!

Our NSSLHA President and Vice President joined Speech-Language Pathology faculty, Mrs. Brittany Wright and Dr. Leslie Lopez at the Louisiana state capital in Baton Rouge! They met with lobbyists and legislators to advocate for the profession of speech-language pathology!



COM.D At School



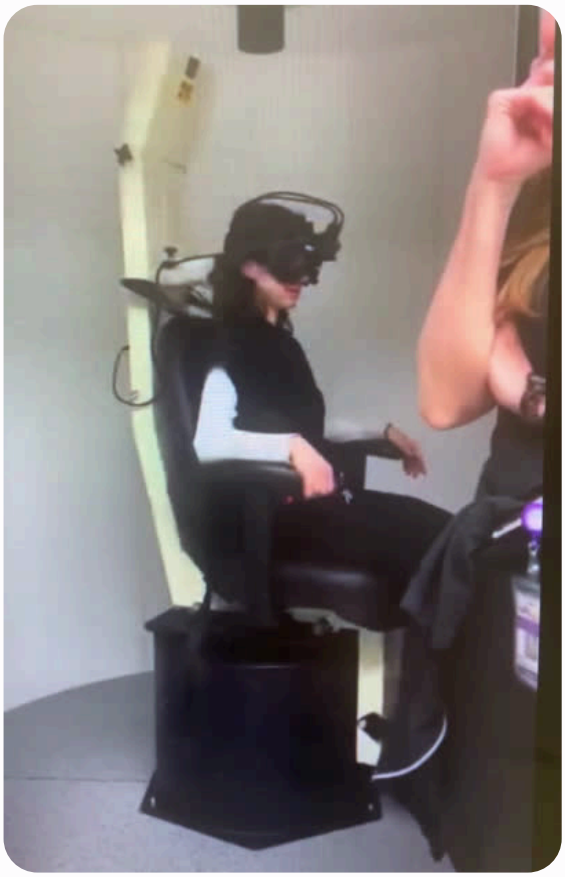
Dr. Fiore's Voice class visited UMC for a great videostroboscopy lecture presented by Jamie LeBoutillier MS, CCC-SLP and Brittany Klein Carlisle MCD, CCC-SLP. Jamie did the honors of letting the students practice scoping on her while Jamie guided them with information about the laryngeal anatomy!

Audiology students attended the bi-annual Louisiana Usher Symposium in Lafayette, LA. The students volunteered to check in attendees, help behind the scenes, listen to the lecturers, and interact with individuals with Usher's Syndrome.



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At School



Third Year Audiology students walked over to the Southeastern Louisiana Veterans Medical Center for a demonstration of rotational chair testing and computerized dynamic posturography! Third Year Sydney and Dr. Mutter acted as our patients for rotary chair so students could see the chair's movements stimulating different frequencies and complete an entire test battery.

Speech-Lanaguage Pathology students tried out an electrolarynx in Voice class today! An electrolarynx is an external vibratory source that moves articulators to shape sounds into words. These devices are used for after surgical healing and can be placed on the soft tissue (no bones!) of the neck, cheek, or submandibular space. No air is needed- how cool!



COMD AT PLAY



Audiology and Speech Language Pathology students participated in CSD Self- Care Day today! Students participated in a lecture about stress management strategies and how to make stress productive! Then, students played in a kickball game in City Park, since physical activity is very important to our mental health! Audiology students won by 9-3!



Did you know, a cow can hear up to around 37,000 Hz??? That's approximately 17,000 Hz greater than the human ear can hear! Our students spent an incredibly fun afternoon at the Global Wildlife Center, interacting with a variety of animals while learning about comparative anatomy

Alumni Spotlight



Andrea Pizza, M.C.D.
Class of 2013

Andrea Pizza graduated from LSUHSC in December 2013. She trained at the Blaine Block Voice Institute for Analysis and Rehabilitation in Dayton, Ohio. She has been practicing voice therapy with adults and children for over 10 years here in New Orleans and abroad in London, England. She currently works at University Medical Center and is the author of “Captain June and Larry the Larynx,” a voice therapy tool book for children with vocal nodules. She is the founder of Voice Therapy with Larry, an LLC specializing in providing creative education tools and resources to support children in voice therapy. You can visit her website at www.voicetherapywithlarry.com for voice therapy exercise videos and more. You can also purchase her book “Captain June and Larry the Larynx,” on Amazon. Please give her a follow @voicetherapywithlarry.

Until Next Year

