



CSD Newsletter

October 2008

The next **Speech and Hearing Club** meeting will be held on Oct. 15, 2008 in McGowan Rm2001.

NSSLHA will be opening its website services during the month of October to any non-members interested in visiting the site or interested in becoming a member.
www.nsslha.org

SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS

Please pick up new observation log summary sheets, located in the Clinic Prep Room. You no longer can use the old ones.

ASHA Convention

November 20-22, 2008
Chicago, IL

For more information or to register, visit www.asha.org

CONGRATUALTIONS

Bethanie LeCureux, Moira Pope, Bryna Rickenback & Marissa Ruda who will have a poster presentation for their research project *Fast Mapping in Adults: The Influence of Gender & Metamemory*.

FALL CLINIC PARTY!

November 7 from 3:30-5pm

All are welcome to attend!
Feel free to come in costume!

Sign up sheets to help with set up, clean up, buddies and food are located on the bulletin board outside the clinic prep room.



Upcoming Conference

Vocabulary: Literacy's Forgotten Child
October 17 8:30 am-3:30pm
The Galleria, Split Rock Resort, Lake Harmony, PA

Registration sheets & car-pool sign ups available in Prep Room.



IN THE EYES OF...

A Freshman...

The first month of school has flown by! I am very excited to begin this new chapter in my life! The "Speech family" has been so welcoming I do not think that anyone has had any trouble fitting in and being comfortable. The two speech classes the freshman are taking, Phonetics, and Intro to Communication Disorders, are extremely interesting. After a month in these classes, I think we can agree that we are in the right major! We are all anxious to observe in the clinic and truly be a part of the Speech Program. I am looking forward to being able to plan my own schedule for next semester with even more Speech Pathology classes! How cool and different from High School. More smiles and fun to come I am sure!!

Emily Fillman

A Sophomore...

Wow, it's hard to believe that we are more than a month into our sophomore already. Time really does fly. Currently we are taking Linguistics, American Sign Language 1, Language Development and Language Sample Analysis Lab. In my sign language class (there are two sections) we have already had 2 quizzes and are learning how to introduce ourselves. After our first quiz we had to sign three sentences to the class, which was really fun to see how much we have learned already. In Language Development we had our first test already. I really enjoy learning about what is considered normal development for a child, what their first words are, and when they acquire certain aspects of

language. In Language Sample Analysis we are learning how to count the words and morphemes in a language sample and learning about the different parts of syntax. We also had our first quiz in that class too. Although Linguistics is technically not in our major, the class is mainly CSD majors. In that class we are currently learning how to diagram sentences and what the different parts to sentences are. Diagramming sentences is actually really fun and is a good way to see how everything fits together in a sentence.

Megan Hannon

A Junior...

So it's almost been a month back into classes and it seems everything is in full swing. I hope everyone had a great summer! It feels like this summer flew by but in a lot of ways it's good to be back at Marywood. As for classes this fall, our Communication Disorders in Adults class with Dr. Bisset is getting interesting as we have started learning a lot about Aphasia. In Audiology with Dr. Skrutski we are well into discussing the inner ear and preparing for our first test in a couple of weeks. Good luck to everyone in the upcoming weeks of the semester!

Kim Flanagan

A Senior...

It is so exciting, yet still a little overwhelming knowing we are all seniors now. The years have flown by here at Marywood. Right now, most of us are busy working in the clinic with our clients and getting used to the clinical paperwork. Also, a couple of us are doing our Audiological internship with Dr. Skrutski. In Dr. Bisset's Communication Disorders in Adults class we are discussing all the different types of Aphasia which is very interesting. In between classes and clinic we are all busy deciding on which graduate schools we would like to apply to. Overall, it is definitely going to be a very hectic semester. Although, I hope everyone has a great one!

Alyssa Oliveri

Professional Phase 2...

We've only been in school for a month, yet have gained so much knowledge, skills, and experience. In Clinical Methods, we've developed our clinical skills and are applying those skills with our clients. In Dysphagia, we've recently discussed the etiology of swallowing disorders. In Language Disorders & Learning Disabilities, we've learned about types of assessment. In Neuroscience, we're studying structure and function of the CNS. In Seminar in Aphasia, we're learning of the major subdivisions among aphasia syndromes. In Diagnostic Procedures & Clinical Writing, we've recently discussed writing oral motor evaluations. Looking forward to what learning experiences are next!

Jane Brunn

Professional Phase 1...

The semester started off well for all the second year grad students. We are getting acclimated to our placements and getting a true taste of what it's like in the "real world". It's hard to believe we are one month into the semester already. From what I've heard from the others, everyone is enjoying their internships and excited to be getting the experience that we are.

As for classes, those are going well too. In High Risk infants we are jumping right in with group projects and learning a lot about the special needs and assessment strategies when dealing with children birth to three, as well as their parents. On the other end of the spectrum, in Right Hemisphere/TBI/Dementia we just finished learning about Right Hemisphere damage and are beginning to discuss TBI. We have watched some really great videos regarding individuals with RHD and have found them fascinating.

It's hard to believe we're in our last fall semester ever! Good luck to everyone with the semester!

Susan MacDonald

CSD Fun Page



Phonetically fun fact

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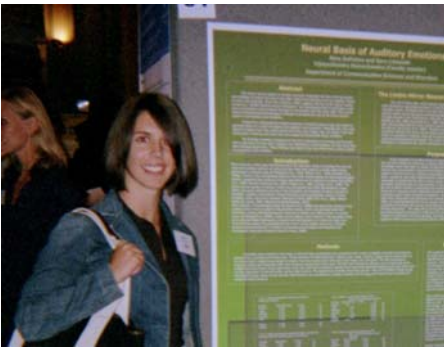


Happy Birthday Wishes!

Sept 8th: Elizabeth Levesque (Sophomore)
Sept 21st: Caitlin Donahue (Sophomore)
Susan MacDonald (2nd year grad)
Sept 23rd: Julie Lear (2nd year grad)
Oct 2nd: Lauren Rustad (Freshman)
Ms.McGuire
Oct 5th: Emily Degnitz (Sophomore)
Oct 8th: Donna Kleiner (2nd year grad)
Oct 9th: Liz Richmond (1st year grad)
Sarah Schultz (Junior)
Nicole Megahey (Freshman)
Oct 14th: Dr. Ramachandra
Oct 22nd: Jessica Zane (1st year grad)
Oct 25th: Scott Wonderling (2nd year grad)
Oct 26th: Julia Purcell (Sophomore)

Congratulations!

- ❖ On your engagement:
Jay Berry
Kim Jubinsky
Kristie Meehan
Dana Tiso
- ❖ On your marriage:
Sara Lisiewski Conrad
Jean John
- ❖ Marissa Ruda – named 2008 PAC Athlete Scholar of the Year
- ❖ Bethanie LeCuruex, Moira Pope, Bryna Rickenback & Marissa Ruda, whose research project has been accepted for presentation at the ASHA & PSHA Conventions and the 6th International Conference on the Mental Lexicon in Banff, Canada



The students of the CSD department are quickly settling into a new semester, after a long summer of many unique and exciting experiences. Nina DePalma, currently a senior, certainly had an eventful summer and we were eager to hear all about her journey to Scotland! Nina participated in a research project during her junior year, which had been presented to her by Dr. Ramachandra. Nina, along with grad-student Sarah Lisiewski, conducted the research on "The Role of Mirror Neurons in Processing Vocal Emotions." After collecting data and completing the project, Dr. Ramachandra informed Nina that their research was accepted by the European Societies of Neuropsychology Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland. The conference was held from September 2nd – September 5th. Nina gave us some insight into her work as well as her incredible experiences abroad.

Q: Can you tell us a little more about your research project?

A: Basically, our research measured heart rate and skin conductance when participants listened to recorded vocal emotions and then we asked them to think about how they would sound when they were happy, sad, and afraid. Mirror Neurons are so interesting because they are not

only important for people's perception and imitation of actions, but they allow individuals to perform higher-level functions such as empathy, theory of mind, and language. Our results showed that skin conductance increased and heart rate decreased when people were asked to think about their emotions, specifically the emotion of fear. Overall, it showed that mirror neurons have such a significant role in our responses.

Q: How did this trip to Scotland come about?

A: I was actually in Africa this summer for a service trip when I received an email from Dr. Ramachandra. It was such an incredible surprise when he told us that our project had been accepted. I was actually able to go because Marywood had given us such amazing support and funding for the trip, which we were so grateful for!

Q: When did you leave for Scotland and how long were you there?

A: I presented the project on September 2nd- 5th in several informal poster sessions. I actually went by myself on the trip, which was such a surreal experience. It seemed that I was actually the only Undergraduate student who participated in the Conference. At first, it was a little intimidating but I quickly felt honored at the opportunity to share this kind of experience with such knowledgeable professionals, doctors, and researchers. The Conference offered whisky tasting and ceilidh dancing, which is a type of Scottish dance. Many people at the conference were wearing

kilts! It was great to see the diversity of so many great minds coming together for a common purpose.

Q: What was the best part of the experience?

A: I loved being in the room with professionals from all different cultures. There were people from Italy, Spain, France, and so many other countries. It was such a unifying experience because we were all together for the same purpose at the conference. Everyone, no matter their background, was there for their love of neuroscience. I felt so honored and appreciative for being given the opportunity to meet and discuss some issues of our project with such knowledgeable professionals.

Q: Do you have any advice for any future Undergraduate researchers?

I would say to take advantage of every opportunity Marywood has to offer. If it wasn't for our excellent faculty I would not have been exposed to research or travel to Scotland. Through research, you are definitely able to find certain interests that you may never know you had. I have a new passion for neuroscience after doing this research project. Since CSD has so many different paths to choose from, research is a great way to find the area that you love and could see yourself doing in your career.

Congratulations, Nina on your achievements with the research project and thank you for sharing your experiences and words of advice!