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STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

WSU Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association (WSUSSLHA)

WSUSSLHA NEWSLETTER

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Spring Spruce It Up Event

WSUSSLHA members participated in a service event at Rainbows United Inc.

This event took place at the Kids Point location with their new garden in the outside play area. Kids Point serves children from birth to age five, both typically developing and those with special needs, as they prepare for kindergarten. This garden has been a request of many teachers as they are starting to implement more education on healthy eating and outdoor activities for the summer. Members worked to make this wish of a garden come true!



Bronze Chapter Honors

For this academic year, WSUSSLHA has been awarded the Bronze Chapter Honor award by NSSLHA. This is based off of the chapters ability to share the gift of leadership, while demonstrating that the future of the professions is filled with strong leaders who are advocating for their clients.

Looking Forward

Graduate Reception

May 17th

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Spring Commencement

May 18th, 2019

Summer

May 17th through August 18th



2019-2020 Executive Officers

President: Shayna Charles



"I grew up in Pennsylvania and moved to Ottawa Kansas when I was 13, outside of school I've played piano for about 11 years and tennis for 5, I also love hiking and being outdoors, and I work as a behavior specialist at Starkey. I'm planning on going for the SLP pathway and I'll be a senior this coming fall. The reason I chose this career path is because I had a speech-pathologist myself as a kid and she really impacted my life. Also, my mom has worked in the medical field since I was younger so I grew up hearing all of her stories of caring for people. I always knew I wanted to pursue a similar career. My favorite thing about WSUSSLHA is the sense of community and the volunteer opportunities. As an executive board member, I hope to help our group grow and reach out to students interested in SLP/Audiology or those new to WSU. I also want to help everyone build their graduate school resume, get involved, make friends, and integrate themselves into the community."

Vice President: Rayven Ray



"Happy spring everyone! My name is Rayven Ray! This upcoming school year I will be a senior, with hopes to continue my path onward on the speech language pathology track after graduation! I chose this field, because I have always been passionate about helping others, but also because of the influence that those who have Autism have impacted my life in ways I cannot imagine. My favorite WSUSSLHA memories so far are a toss-up between visiting the Ronald McDonald Charity homes and cooking meals for the families that were currently staying there. While the second experience would be visiting Rainbows United Inc. and helping plant a garden! For this upcoming school as our organization's Vice President my hope it to help coordinate new ideas while also striving to increase the undergraduate involvement in WSUSSLHA!"

Secretary: Megan Maupin



"Hi, my name is Megan Maupin and I am a junior studying Communication Sciences and Disorders in the SLP field. I choose this field because I have grown up around speech therapy with my mom being an SLP in my school and I have always loved it! I am so excited to serve as secretary of WSUSSLHA because I am so passionate about this organization and this field and I see that same passion in our members. As secretary for WSUSSLHA, I plan to communicate with members and faculty to keep the organization running smoothly. I am excited to see what will come out of serving in this position and so excited for the future of WSUSSLHA!"

**Social Chair:
Kenzie David**



“My name is Mackenzie David, and I am a junior out of state student studying CSD. My goal is to become an Occupational Therapist, although I do love learning about AACs and Autism Spectrum Disorder. I have chosen this major and field because I have an admiration of the special needs community and I want to help people gain independence. My favorite memory in WSUSSLHA is volunteering for Neurodiversity week the past two years and connecting members to my job at Rainbows United. As an officer in WSUSSLHA my goal is to help encourage more study groups and socials to help members feel supported and connected to peers.”

**Treasurer:
Esmeralda Paez**



“My name is Esmeralda Paez and I am a currently a Junior in the path of studying speech-language pathology. I absolutely love SLP and have enjoyed every single CSD course. My interest in SLP came about my second semester of Freshman year. At the time, my cousin’s 2-year-old daughter was diagnosed with a speech delay. She began to take her to see a Speech-Language Pathologist at a local Elementary School. I noticed her development and was amazed at how those sessions with an SLP helped her speech progress. I was so intrigued that I took some CSD courses and loved it. Having the opportunity to be a part of the executive team is such an honor. WSUSSLHA is an amazing organization that brings students with similar interests together to assist others and make strong connections. I am thrilled to be part of the team and I can’t wait to have an amazing year!”

**NSSLHA Chair:
Casey Meyer**



“My name is Casey Meyer, and I will be graduating next May. After graduating I plan to pursue a Master’s degree in Speech-Language Pathology. I have always wanted to be in a career that will help others and becoming a speech pathologist will allow me to help make a difference in other people’s lives. Each class that I have taken has made me more passionate and inspired to continue learning more about our field. Being a member of WSUSSLHA has allowed me to make and foster friendships with fellow members and volunteer in many different capacities. As NSSLHA chair, I am excited to be able to be a bridge between our chapter and the national level of our organization. I look forward to next year and continuing to grow, and to be a part of WSUSSLHA.”

SLP
Undergraduate
Rep: Zoe Urban



"Hey! My name is Zoe and I am a junior, soon to be senior, at WSU. I have a love of ceramics and sign language and have had a lot fun pursuing both at Wichita State. Sign language is what led me onto the path of Communication Sciences and Disorders! I was completely clueless as to what I wanted to do when I started college and sign language is what helped me find my passion. I transferred here from Butler Community College and will study Speech Language Pathology in graduate school. I plan to use my experience as a transfer student to support future students in their transition into a new school and to support those students who may be more shy, nervous, or unsure because they are new. My favorite experience in WSUSSLHA so far has been competing in a gingerbread house decorating contest at our Christmas dinner, and my team won!"

Neurodiversity Awareness Week



**Deej Movie, Opportunity
Fair, Student Panel, Kerry
Magro Guest Speaker,
Puzzle Piece**



2019

The second annual Neurodiversity Awareness Week: ASD, took place during the week of April 22nd through April 25th. Throughout the week, many events took place. WSUSSLHA members enjoyed volunteering for the events while spreading awareness about ASD. Thanks to everyone who came out and supported the events!