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Contribution, Courage, and Connections

Welcome back for day three of AudiologyNOW! 2015. We hope you were able to make it to General Assembly (sponsored in part by Siemens), where we enjoyed the harmonies of the audiology chorus singing the *National Anthem* and *San Antonio Rose*. President Erin Miller, AuD, and AudiologyNOW! Program Chair Helena Solodar, AuD, emceed the assembly and welcomed incoming President-Elect Larry Eng, AuD, and the Academy's Executive Director Tanya Tolpegin, CAE. With video presentations from our four affiliated organizations, we got highlights of their latest achievements and initiatives.

The American Academy of Audiology Foundation (AAAF) provides educational opportunities and research grants and supports public awareness initiatives and community outreach across the country. The AAA Foundation is shining a light on audiology philanthropy and philanthropists, such as you. Your gifts to the Foundation continue to make a difference on the quality of care we provide to our patients.

The American Board of Audiology (ABA) is asking "why?" Why aren't our professional activities referenced to an analysis of our knowledge and skills? The answer led to the ABA's 2015 *Practice Analysis in Clinical Audiology*. Why are there not standards for training of clinical instructors? The answer led to the ABA creating a training program for clinical instructors. The ABA asked why and the answers are helping to shape your future.

The Student Academy of Audiology (SAA) continues to build strong relationships with

local chapters. This year, they celebrated record membership and supported students and chapters through scholarships and grants. With countless hours, the students are dedicated to promoting the field of audiology through projects and initiatives in education, fundraising, advocacy, research, and humanitarian efforts in their communities and all over the world. The students are "leading the herd" toward a bright future in audiology.

The Accreditation Commission for Audiology Education (ACAE) announced that the University of Texas at Dallas has achieved full program accreditation! Congratulations, we are excited to hear this news. ACAE also was happy to report the developing status for a new program at the University of the Pacific in San Francisco, who will admit their first class of students this fall.

We recognize the efforts of each of these organizations; their work continues to make a difference in how we define the profession and we respect and value everything they do to advance audiology.

Dr. Miller recognized our colleagues with three Presidential Awards. This year's awardees include Gloria Garner, AuD; Alan Desmond, AuD; and Deb Carlson, PhD. Dr. Garner has been a dedicated chair to the Academy's Ethical Practices Committee and we very much appreciate the common-sense approach to ethics and the important work she has done to help educate the membership about ethical practice. Dr. Desmond has fought tenaciously for fair valuation of our vestibular codes and has served the Academy on the Practice Policy Advisory Council and at the RUC and



with CMS staff. We value his expertise with the vestibular codes and are grateful for all his has done for the Academy. Dr. Carlson is a past president who has contributed innumerable hours to the Academy over the years, including creating a new procedure for evaluating the executive director and updating our policies and procedures as well as benchmarking them with other like associations. We congratulate these award winners and appreciate all of their contributions to the Academy and the audiology profession.

For the second time at General Assembly, on behalf of the Academy, Dr. Miller presented the Inspiration Award to a young lady who has been a true motivator to those with hearing impairment in her community and across the globe. Emma Faye Rudkin was just three years old when a fever and infection damaged her hearing. But, with determination, Emma has become a singer and a musician—mastering the piano, guitar, and ukulele. As Miss San Antonio, Emma has transformed her disability and accomplished her dream of establishing

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an outreach organization, Aid the Silent, which provides deaf resources and education to children and teens. We are honored to present this award to such a remarkable young lady.

Our keynote speaker was a true inspiration as well. Staff Sergeant Shilo Harris made us laugh and cry with a sense of humor and amazing stories of courage and dedication to our country. After the 9-11 attacks on our nation/our home, Harris felt it was his duty and his calling to join the military and defend our country.

In February 2007, his Humvee hit an IED while on patrol in Iraq. His road to recovery, including a medically induced coma, was told with such humility, integrity, courage, and heart, attendees were wiping away tears from laughter. "Just when you started to feel sad, Harris made you laugh," described one attendee. He made you remember that you can be strong, you can survive, and you can have the courage to overcome the odds. From trying on a cowboy hat and having his prosthetic ears fall off in public and taking his first 10 steps after the accident to watching the clouds with his daughter and remembering importance of family and support, he conveyed the upmost courage, selflessness, and strength in this humbling and inspirational presentation.

Want to learn more about Harris, read his book, *Steel Will: My Journey Through Hell to Become the Man I Was Meant to Be*. Thank you again to Siemens for sponsoring (in part) this

incredible presentation.

It's day three of the convention and your educational journey is far from over. But first, join your colleagues for a Morning Coffee Break (sponsored in part by Debrox) today from 7:00 am to 9:00 am outside of Room 215. Hopefully, it will get you off to a good start and a productive day.

Next, check out the Marion Downs Lecture on Pediatric Audiology: The Past, Present, and Future: Developmental Outcomes for Children Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. Presented by Christine Yoshinaga-Itano, PhD, University of Colorado, and supported by the Oticon Foundation, this lecture starts at 10:00 am.

This afternoon, get your Tier 1 hours with the Topics in Tinnitus Lecture: Pathophysiology-Based Treatments for Tinnitus, presented by Dirk De Ridder, MD, PhD, at the University of Otago, New Zealand. This three-hour, in-depth lecture starts at 3:00 pm and is in Room 214AB. Thank you to Widex for their philanthropic support of the presentation.

In between sessions, make sure you stop by the DiscovEARy Zone today, open from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at the entrance of the Exhibit Hall. This hands-on, interactive exhibit promotes hearing loss prevention and educates the public (patients and consumers) about the negative effects of listening to sounds that are too loud for too long.

It is also the last day for the exhibit hall—visit

with industry representatives, explore new technologies, and review the New Product Showcase. Did you complete your sponsor raffle card? Visit the booths on the card, get the card stamped, and turn in your raffle card for a chance to win a free registration and hotel at AudiologyNOW! 2016, in Phoenix, AZ. Drawing held today at 1:30 pm in Booth 557—must be present to win. The hall closes today at 3:00 pm, so get there while you can.

Interested in research and clinical posters? Earn 0.1 CEU by visiting four posters within one track. Located in Park View and Tower View until 12:00 pm on Saturday. Join the poster presenters today for a reception at 1:30 pm, as they share their knowledge and findings with you, their fellow audiologists.

Of course, there are a variety of featured sessions, learning modules, industry updates, and student sessions to explore, but when your learning day has come to an end, get out and enjoy the sights and sounds of San Antonio. If you registered for NIOSITA: Fiesta Audiology, remember to exchange your voucher for an actual ticket at the NIOSITA desk in the Registration area. This sold-out event is in the La Vallita, Old Town, from 6:30 until 9:00 pm tonight.

Have a fabulous day and we hope you steer with success on your learning and networking journey! *am*

It's here.

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