THE DEPARTMENT OF SPEECH, LANGUAGE, AND HEARING SCIENCES

COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH & HEALTH PROFESSIONS

THE CLASS OF 2024

BACHELOR OF HEALTH SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATION SCIENCES & DISORDERS
MASTER OF ARTS IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
DOCTOR OF AUDIOLOGY
Dear Graduates of Speech Language and Hearing Sciences (SLHS),

Congratulations on behalf of the department SLHS. It has been my extreme pleasure to serve as your department chair. For many of you, I have had the opportunity to teach you, learn about you and hear your stories. My life as well as the lives of the faculty and staff of our department has been enriched because of you. I learned many years ago that graduation messages should always be short and direct to allow for time to celebrate this major accomplishment with your family and loved ones. With that in mind, I offer you this one thought from poet and activist Maya Angelou “Be certain that you do not die without having done something wonderful for humanity.” I request from each of you to use everything that you have learned at UF to give back to society in any and every way possible. The world needs your talents so go forward and continue the excellence that is Gator Nation. My best to you on your new beginnings.

Go Gators!

Dr. Charles Ellis
2024 GRADUATES

BACHELOR OF HEALTH SCIENCES IN COMMUNICATION SCIENCES & DISORDERS

Kelly Aguilar *
Fernanda Araujo *
Alyssa Auderer *
Carly Baines
Grace Baker *
Amanda Batton
Cara Blech *
Jonathan Brito *
Catherine Bryan *
Christine Burger *
Ana Raquel De Carvalho Araujo
Breanna Dykes *
Bailey Fawcett **
Kylie Fernandez **
Diana Ferreira *
Sophia Festejo *
Juliana Futrell *
Alanna Gmuer
Ashley Gomez
Rebekka Gonzalez
Melanie Gonzalez Fumero *
Dara Gottlieb *
Ragan Grantham *
Alexa Haas *
Katharine Hallcock *
Julia Javier *
Tiffany Joyner *
Helene Kaufman *
Anna Keene
Ashley Kelly *
Olivia Kish *
Arielle Kraus *
Andrea Lavista *
Kelsey Le
Jessie Long *
Emma Maciocio *
Charlotte Maloney *
Alanna McDonnell *
Laurynn McGee *
Charlotte Maloney *
Alanna McDonnell *
Laurynn McGee *
Margaret McMahan *
Eatemad Mogalid *
Jennyca Moiseau *
Annie Nguyen *
Cassica Nguyen *
TrishAnn Parkinson *
Katie Register *
Macy Roberts Monsour *
Ana Rodriguez De La Noval **
Erica Scarborough *
Madison Schain *
Julia Schildberg *
Marisa Schurr
Natalia Schurr *
Hannah Showalter *
Shion Simms **
Anna Sindy
Sophia Swain *
Hannah Thomas *
Isabella Thompson *
Luzmria Torres *
Jacqueline Udvardy *
Buse Utkan
Catherine Valencia *
Olivia White *
Emma Willis *
Elli Wilson *

MASTER OF ARTS IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Michelle Bagsic
Claudia Bare
Crystal Chan
Daylenis Clavijo
Rachel Cosmas
Lauryn Damato
Emany Desinor
Justin Docal
Nicole Garcia
Julia Ginter
Hailey Gorman
Rylee Kremer
Lanie Krug
Avieri Ludwig
Dominique Mckoy
Kara Payne
Grace Pope
Nancy Powers
Kayla Reidenbach
Antonia Simms
Zaria Smith
Lydia Steen
Anahi Sustaita
Georgi Taylor
Elizabeth Tortolini
Jennifer White
Sam Williamson
Katrin Woods
Madison Yoder

DOCTOR OF AUDIOLOGY

Grayson Bishop
Jillian Boland
Stephanie Eisenberg
Samantha Erfe
Samantha Jean
Nicole Kalpin
Alaina Massaro
Meg Schwalm
Grace Tilbrook
Victoria Torres
Hannah Uhrig
Cassandra Weller

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CELEBRATING A FEW OF YOUR MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Jonathan Brito
Bachelor of Health Science in Communication Sciences & Disorders
- Presented at FLASHA, NBASLH, and multiple Fall and Spring Undergrad Research Symposia about research regarding tPA and its effects on Aphasia outcomes, warning label language on smoking products, and disparities in access to healthcare in bilinguals (Eng/Span) as well.
- Member of Bilingual Language Outcomes Lab, NSLHA Secretary, Deans List

Christine Burger
Bachelor of Health Science in Communication Sciences & Disorders
- Edna L. Povey Scholarship Recipient – 2023
- Dean’s List – Summer 2023
- Inclusion Chair of UF National Student Speech-Language and Hearing Association (NSSLA)
- Student Volunteer at FLASH Convention – 2023
- Student Volunteer at ASHA Convention – 2023

Jillian Boland
Doctor of Audiology
- Florida Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists (FLASHA) 2021
- College of Public Health & Health Professions (PHHP) Research Day 2022
- American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA) 2023
- Florida Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists (FLASHA) 2021
- College of Public Health & Health Professions (PHHP) Research Day 2022
- American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA) 2023

Rachel Cosmas
Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology
- Facilitating Successful Speech and Language Screenings in Early Childhood Settings - University of Florida Early Childhood Collaboratory
- Oral Hygiene - used within Tampa General Hospital (Infographic)
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Justin Docal
Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology
- Presented at 2023 National Black Association for Speech-Language and Hearing (NBASLH) Conference and 2023 Florida Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists (FLASHA) Conference
- I’m grateful to be the first individual in my family to earn a master’s degree, and I was lucky enough to gain a wealth of valuable experience with both pediatric and adult patients in the process. While working with adults I learned about cognitive treatment and became familiar with both FEES and MBSS procedures. In the area of pediatrics, I helped children reach their full potential in the areas of speech and language by using the most up-to-date techniques in our field.

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- College of Public Health & Health Professions (PHHP) Research Day 2022
- American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA) 2023
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**Bailey Fawcett**  
Bachelor of Health Science in Communication Sciences & Disorders  
- Fall 2023 Undergraduate Research Symposium  
- Spring 2024 Undergraduate Research Symposium  
- Upcoming: FLASHA Convention  
- Honors Thesis: Nonword Repetition and Memory for Digits: Are They Predictors for Sight Word Reading and Decoding?  
- 2024 Best Paper Award – PHHP Research Day  
- Public Health & Health Professions Honors Program  
- Executive Secretary of Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Health Honors Society  
- Teacher at Baby Gator Child Development and Research Center  
- Alpha Epsilon Delta Scholarship  
- Community service with Climb for Cancer Foundation  
- Minor: Chinese Language and Literature

**Juliana “Juli” Futrell**  
Bachelor of Health Science in Communication Sciences & Disorders  
- FLASHA: Language Development in Foster Care: State of the Art Review (to be presented June 2024)  
  Thank you Dr. CAM for encouraging me to only do something my heart is in. Thank you to my family for being an unflinching rock.

**Kylie Fernandez**  
Bachelor of Health Science in Communication Sciences & Disorders  
- 2023 Florida Undergraduate Research Conference, 2022 and 2024 UF Undergraduate Research Symposium, 2023 and 2024 PHHP Days  
- The Effects of Parental Language Input and Parental Knowledge of Child Development on Child Language Development, Honors Thesis submitted to Journal of Undergraduate Research  
- UF Roe Stamps Scholar, UF Honors, PHHP Honors with Thesis (Summa Cum Laude), 2023 and 2024 University Scholar Program, Undergraduate Research Scholars Program, 2020-2024 Hispanic Scholarship Fund Award Recipient  
- I will be attending the University of Texas at Dallas with a scholarship to receive my Masters in Speech-Language Pathology.

**Melanie Gonzalez Fumero**  
Bachelor of Health Science in Communication Sciences & Disorders  
- Breaking language divides: evaluating bilingual speech therapy interventions for children with speech disorders. (collaborated on this with Alejandro Ramirez and our advisor Sharon DiFino, Ph.D., CCC-SLP for the Bilingual Language Access and Outcomes (BLAO) Lab)

**Samantha Jean**  
Doctor of Audiology  
- Shoot for the Stars: FLAA 2022 convention at the Wyndham Grand Orlando Resort at Bonnet Creek  
- Manuscript submitted to the Language and Speech Journal on 11-Oct-2023

**Avieri Ludwig**  
Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology  
- GNSSLHA Social Events Chair
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Dominique McKoy  
Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology  
- July 2023 Florida Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologist (FLASHA) Conference: Navigating Operational and Linguistic Factors in a Student-Led Tele-AAC Clinic  
- Interdisciplinary Related Services Personnel Preparation for Early Childhood (INSPIRE) Scholar

Jennyca Moiseau  
Bachelor of Health Science in Communication Sciences & Disorders  
- Underrepresentation of Minorities in the Field of Communication Sciences and Disorders: A Call to Action

Julia Schildberg  
Bachelor of Health Science in Communication Sciences & Disorders  
- Dean’s List and President’s Honor Roll  
- Served as a teaching assistant for four semesters for EEX3039, Executive board member for the Dean’s Ambassador Program for PHHP, lead a summer camp for children with cochlear implants and hearing aids

Natalia Schurr  
Bachelor of Health Science in Communication Sciences & Disorders  
- FLASHA 2024 Poster Presentation

Hannah Showalter  
Bachelor of Health Science in Communication Sciences & Disorders  
- 2024 Florida Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists Convention Poster Presentation  
- College of Public Health and Health Professions Dean’s List

Shion Simms  
Bachelor of Health Science in Communication Sciences & Disorders  
Presentations:  
- Localization of Transmembrane Protein 135 in Mouse Cochlea. Mid-Winter Meeting of the Association for Research in Otolaryngology. February 2023. Orlando, FL.  

Publications:  

Other Accomplishments:  
- University Scholars Program, Spring 2023  
- Love for Bonita Empowerment Scholarship, Fall 2023  
- College of Public Health and Health Professions, Honors Program, Fall 2022  
- Florida Bright Futures Scholarship, Fall 2020  
- Southwest Florida Gator Club Scholarship, Fall 2020  
- Richard S. & Marion L. Thompson Memorial Scholarship, Fall 2020  
- Asian Professionals Association of Southwest Florida Scholarship, Fall 2020
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Zaria Smith
Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology
- “An Exploration of Black and Brown Deaf and Hard of Hearing Adults” - NBASLH 2023, FLASHA 2023
- “The Interrelationship Between Impairment and Communication Confidence in Mild Aphasia” - NBASLH 2022, ASHA 2022

Emma Willis
Bachelor of Health Science in Communication Sciences & Disorders
- Cum Laude
I would like to thank my family for their unwavering support and unconditional love that made it possible for me to pursue and achieve this degree.

Hannah Uhrig
Doctor of Audiology
- AAS Presentation in Scottsdale, AZ (February 2022)
- FLAA Presentation in Orlando, FL (August 2022)
- ASHA Presentation in New Orleans, LA (November 2022)
- PHHP Research Day Presentation in Gainesville, FL (February 2023)
Publications:
  https://doi.org/10.3389/fped.2021.771192

Buse Utkan
Bachelor of Health Science in Communication Sciences & Disorders
- “Disparities in Healthcare for Spanish Speaking Adults” at FLASHA 2023
- “The Health Transformation Program’s Impact on the Decline of Infant Mortality in Turkey” submitted to UF JUR
- University Scholars Program

Grace Tilbrook
Doctor of Audiology
Publications:

Victoria Torres
Doctor of Audiology
- American Auditory Society- Scottsdale, Arizona, March 2023 “Hearing loss, race/ethnicity, and socioeconomic factors for tinnitus prevalence, frequency, and related healthcare utilization”
- University of Florida- Gainesville, FL, February 2023 “Comparison of click and chirp stimuli in auditory brainstem response testing”

Cassandra Weller
Doctor of Audiology
- GPA: 3.9
- Graduate Teaching Assistant for College of Public Health and Health Professions
- Content Tutor for University Athletic Association
- Graduate Research Assistant for College of Medicine, Dept of Pharmacology and Therapeutics

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Madison Yoder
Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology

- The Evolution of Instagram Reels as a Health Literacy Tool for Vocal Health Awareness poster presented at the 2023 ASHA Convention.
- Poster at ASHA was specially selected as an ASHA Changemaker Session recognizing exceptional presentations promoting innovation.
THANK YOU FOR ALL THE MEMORIES
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CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES FROM ALL OF US AT SLHS

To the BHS CSD graduating class of 2024, I’d like to say congratulations and farewell. As a class, you have motivated me, inspired me, and pushed me to my limits. I’m a better person and professor because of each of you. You’ve shown me what grace looks like in human form and taught me lessons that I’ll never forget.

As you embark on your new journey, I’d like to thank you for being amazing students. The resilience and dedication you showed throughout your time in this program is unimaginable. There is no doubt, that this dedication will serve you well and take you to new dimensions in life.

I urge you to continue to lead with kindness, love, and humility. Always be flexible in your thinking. Whenever you encounter someone who has an opposing point of view, I hope you’ll remember the value of people and meaningful relationships. You don’t have to die on every hill you climb.

Finally, I’d like to remind each of you that you are worthy and you are enough. Be confident in your decisions and accept who you’re called to be. Don’t look to others to define your self-worth. Validation is for parking:-)

I wish you all the best!

Dr. CAM

It’s been an amazing 2 years with you all! I’ll miss you, but know you are off to do great things!

Congratulations Class of 2024!

Dr. CAM

To the class of 2024 –

You are a group of amazing ladies. During your tenure as AuD students (2020-2024), you have faced many difficulty challenges and obstacles. Nonetheless, you have faced them with dignity, grace, and determination. You have persevered and succeeded. You have accomplished your goals and have obtained your Au.D. I hope you will continue to demonstrate the drive and determination you’ve displayed during your time here at UF. As I have said before, if you can overcome the challenges you’ve faced during your time here, you can overcome anything. I am so proud of you. I wish you the best in your careers and in life!” ~ Dr. Hollea Ryan

To the AuD class of 2024 –

Congratulations! You made it! Every hurdle, every grueling semester, and every tear and frustration has led you to this special moment. You should know how proud I am of the clinicians you have become and the kind, caring women you are. You have demonstrated strength of character and perseverance during your time as students. You deserve to be celebrated for this amazing accomplishment! Congratulations again, doctors! Go Gators!

Emily

What a gift it has been to watch each of you grow throughout each semester, each placement, and each experience into competent, compassionate, and client-centered clinicians. I have no doubt your light and love for our field will shine brightly and successfully in your fellowship year and continue to grow as you adventure through your career. Congratulations on all your accomplishments. The best is yet to come. ~ Kristy
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