Sally Wilson is a first year student in Longwood’s CSD Graduate Program and a recent graduate from Longwood’s undergraduate program. She has been elected as the Vice-President for Academic Affairs for National NSSLHA, serving as one of ten members on the Executive Council for the national association. Her term began on July 1 and will continue through June 30, 2018. In her undergraduate career, Sally served as the NSSLHA vice president at Longwood’s chapter and was very involved in the CSD program. Sally plans to graduate from Longwood’s Graduate Program in May of 2018.

Sally’s passion to serve is clear through her willingness to connect with others. “I am completely dedicated to anything pertaining to the SLP profession, and I am willing to learn new skills to better this organization. After serving as vice-president for our NSSLHA chapter, I have the ability to work with a diverse group and listen to different viewpoints and perspectives. I want to work with other Executive Council members to further the positive development of National NSSLHA.”

Congratulations Sally!
Student Awards, Recognitions, & Research

Congratulations to our students for their research presentations and awards!

ASHA Convention Posters

In November, a number of CSD students attended the ASHA convention in Philadelphia. The convention included over 300 exhibits serving to educate related professionals and grow relations across the field. The following students researched, created and presented posters at the conference in Pennsylvania.

Erin Wiesenberger - "Noise Levels Among Spectators at Longwood's Men's Basketball Games"

Moriah Chapman, Kelley Chaney, Kelsey Dunbar and Erin Wiesenberger - "Supporting Intelligibility in Russian Speaking Adult with Repaired Cleft Palate"

Joyanna Struzzieri - "Speech-language Pathologists' Estimates of Bolus Sizes Used During Dysphagia Evaluations"

Graduate Symposium Posters and Presentations

The second annual Graduate Research Symposium “Inquiry Across Disciplines” was held on April 22. Many graduate students from Longwood’s CSD program gave presentations as well as presented posters.

Erin Wiesenberger gave a presentation at the Symposium with her poster titled “Noise Levels Among Spectators at Longwood’s Men’s Basketball Games”.

Meredith Peck presented on "Accuracy Testing of iPhone Application for Hearing Screenings."

Kelley Chaney created a poster titled “Impact of Linguistic Load on Syllable Control in Speech”

Taylor Culley and Kayla Stover created a poster titled “Musicians’ Risk of Noise-Induced Hearing Loss in Longwood’s Wygal Auditorium”

Kelsey Dunbar created a poster titled “Impact of Children’s Feeding/Swallowing Problems in Siblings’ Quality of Life”

Gabriella Vassil and Ashley Treadway created a poster titled “What is the Effect of Gym Room Acoustics on the Sound Level?”

Killian Murphy created a poster titled “Vocal Acoustic Parameters and Their Relationship to Vocal Tract Length in Women”

Joyanna Struzzieri created a poster titled “Speech-language Pathologists’ Estimates of Bolus Sizes Used During Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing, Modified Barium Swallow Study, and Clinical Swallow Evaluations."

Congratulations to Kelley Chaney, Killian Murphy, and Meredith Peck for winning awards at the Symposium!
Graduate Faculty Awards

Dr. Power-deFur received the Longwood Graduate Faculty Research Award at Graduate Commencement 2016 - the award recognizes her "research and publication on the needs of school-based speech-language pathologists as well as definitive expertise in the area of ethics and standards of practice in your field". This award was given by the College of Graduate and Professional Studies. Congratulations Dr. Power-deFur!

Dr. Aguilar recently received the Longwood Award for Excellence. This award recognizes an employee who demonstrates commitment to excellence in their workplace. She received this for her work creating the audiology program at Longwood and establishing a relationship with the Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing’s Technology Assistance Program (TAP). Thank you and congratulations to Dr. Aguilar!

Thank you for your kind donations to the Agee Lecture Series:

Dr. Mani Aguilar
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All alumni are invited to participate in honoring Dr. Peggy Agee’s 17 years of service at Longwood. Donations can be made www.longwood.edu/development/giving-to-longwood or sent to CSD at 201 High St., Farmville, VA 23909 with ‘Agee Lecture’ in the memo link.

Hearing Conservation Project

This fall, five CSD undergraduate students and one graduate student gave presentations to 4th graders at Cumberland Elementary School and Prince Edward County Elementary School, in collaboration with the Farmville Lions Club. The purpose of these presentations was to educate children about hearing and how to prevent hearing loss. Presenters in each group dressed up as the hearing superhero, "Decibella," to teach the kids about protecting their hearing. One presenter, Kristen Knowsley, said “Dressing up as Decibella was a huge step out of my comfort zone, but I ended up loving every second. The kids were great and I am so grateful that I was given the opportunity to reach out to them!” The students involved were Danielle Brooks, Kristen Knowsley, Laura Mixon, Rachel Pegelow, Becky Schneider and Katelyn Swale. (See picture page 5)

Literacy Fair

On November 12, CSD seniors and NSSLHA sponsored the Literacy Fair at the Robert Russa Moton Museum in Farmville. The Literacy Fair was planned and executed by seniors in the Language and Literacy undergraduate course. Local children attended the fair and were immersed in an afternoon of storytelling and literacy-based activities. Special guest, Juanita Giles from the Virginia Children’s Book Festival, appeared at the event and brought her mobile book cart. NSSLHA provided participants with snacks, games, prizes, and a book to take home.
Graduating Class of 2016

This year, 20 students graduated from Longwood’s CSD Graduate Program. Below are the students along with where they will be employed.

Christine Albrecht — Spotsylvania Co Schools, VA
Michelle Behrer — Find Your Voice, LLC, Richmond, VA
Jenna Danzig — Prince William County Public Schools, VA
Carly Fazio — Sweetwater County Public Schools, WY
Frances Phetteplace — Ctr for Pediatric Therapies, VA
Tia Hawker — Center for Pediatric Therapies, VA
Aimee Jennings — Fairfax County Public Schools, VA
Bridget Kramer — Sweetwater County Public Schools, WY
Rachel Lindgren — Fairfax County Public Schools, VA
Samantha Lowe Davis — Centra Florida Pediatric Therapy Associates, FL
Katie McGinn — Westminster Canterburry Richmond, VA
Amy Moore — Charlotte County Public Schools, VA
Jaclyn Pedini — Chesterfield County Public Schools, VA
Michelle Schapire — Chesterfield Co Public Schools,
Sarah Snowa — Fairfax County Public Schools, VA
Cassie Stergar — Chesterfield County Public Schools, VA
Anayancy Taormina — Henrico Co Public Schools, VA
Natalie Tupper — Chesterfield County Public Schools & VCU Health PRN, VA
Aja Walker — Keystone Behavioral Pediatrics, FL
Holly Wall — Smyrna School District, DE

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February 21, 2017
Show your support for SHLS on #LoveYourLongwood Day. Visit love.longwood.edu to learn more

March 22-25, 2017
The Speech-Language-Hearing Association of Virginia (SHAV) conference

March 24, 2017
Alumni social is being hosted at the home of Dr. Lissa Power-deFur

May 31, 2017
Inaugural celebration and reception for the Agee Lecture Series
Mission Statement

The CSD Program is dedicated to providing a comprehensive education in basic human communication processes and in the prevention, assessment, and treatment of communication disorders across the lifespan.

At the undergraduate level, the CSD program builds on the university’s liberal arts education to provide comprehensive pre-professional academic and clinical observation experiences. At the graduate level, the program provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary for entry level practice in speech-language pathology by integrating academic knowledge, ethical principles and clinical experiences. Masters’ graduates will be prepared to earn the Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and licensure from the Virginia Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology.

The CSD program is further committed to helping students develop an understanding of evidence-based practice and research methodology so they may apply research findings to plan appropriate interventions for their clients and conduct research.

CSD Advisory Committee

Thank you to the members that serve on the CSD Advisory Committee:

Ms. Valerie H. St. John (Chair), Westminster-Canterbury
Dr. Crystal Amantea, The Balance and Ear Center
Ms. Deana McGuire-Buck, Virginia Commonwealth University
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Ms. Victoria Bunch, King George County Schools
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Ms. Shelby Zanks, Henrico County Schools
Ms. Katie McGinn, Westminster-Canterbury

CSD seniors Rachel Pegelow, Kristen Knowsley (Decibella), and graduate student Laura Mixon present the Hearing Conservation Project at Prince Edward County Elementary School with Lions Club representatives, Mr. Tom Young and Mr. Thomas McBride.
Welcome to the CSD Newsletter!

We invite you to find out more about Longwood’s CSD programs, the students, and faculty. Inside you will find more information about graduates, student and faculty research, awards, and the CSD Advisory Committee. This newsletter will be published in print twice a year. We hope that you enjoy the information provided.

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2nd year graduate students finish the fall semester strong with the help of CSD faculty.

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Dr. Mani Aguilar
Ms. Stephanie Bailey
Dr. Caralidis
Caitlin Frank
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