VIRTUAL CONVENTION

NATIONAL BLACK ASSOCIATION FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE & HEARING CONVENTION

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EXPANDING THE VIEWS OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY, ETHICS, AND PROFESSIONALISM

STUDENT WELCOME PACKET
Kennedy Kehaulani Guess is a passionate and driven first year master's student at the University of Houston. Kennedy graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders.

During her time at Kentucky, Kennedy was a catalyst for change. In April 2018, she received a $10,000 grant from the Office of Institutional Diversity to found Still We Rise-- a program and scholarship that celebrates the resiliency of students. Still We Rise is now an annual event that has been endowed by the University.

As an undergraduate, she received a multitude of awards--including the Lyman T. Johnson Torch Bearer Award and the Human Development Institute's Kevin Burberry award. Kennedy is a founding member of the Communication Sciences and Disorders Council for Student Diversity. She is a member of the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association's Minority Student Leadership Class of 2018.

Additionally, she is a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and the National Black Association for Speech-Language and Hearing (NBASLH). She was able to highlight her dedication to NBASLH in 2019 when she not only attended the convention, but hosted the Student Mentor Luncheon.

After completing her master's degree Kennedy hopes to continue her legacy by obtaining a PhD. Her current research interests are bidialectalism and Aphasia.
Dr. Shauntelle Cannon is currently a first year PhD student in Speech and Hearing Science at The Ohio State University. Dr. Cannon received a Bachelor's of Arts in Linguistics in 2012 and a Clinical Doctorate of Audiology in 2017 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Chapel Hill, NC) in 2017.

Dr. Cannon's clinical interests include hearing healthcare and hearing conservation across the lifespan and her research interests include vestibular diagnostics and vestibular rehabilitation in the aging population. She worked as a research audiologist at Boys Town National Research Hospital (Omaha, NE) prior to starting her PhD program.

Dr. Cannon is extremely passionate about educating the public about hearing loss and improved communication strategies as well as vestibular loss, balance impairment, and vestibular rehabilitation. Additionally, she is passionate about the mentorship of students and working towards increasing diversity within the field of audiology and hearing science.
Hello SLPs and AUDs to Be,

We hope you all are ready to have a great convention especially since this is our first time in Virtual!

If you are a first time student attendee, Welcome! Although we are not physically meeting, we hope you feel the love of NBASLH by experiencing an abundance of making connections with peers and mentors, meeting new friends, and being enriched with some amazing information from the sessions you attend.

For the returning student attendees, Welcome Back! We hope you all continue to connect with the friends and mentors you have met from previous conventions and that you are continuing to build your mentoring map while enhancing your CSD psyche from the amazing sessions you attend.

As the Student Representative, one of our roles is to organize sessions that cater to our future SLPs, AuDs, PhDs and SLPDs that would benefit us as we navigate academically within the field of CSD. Keep reading to check the events that were specifically catered to our US! See you on the screen!

Kennedy & Shauntelle
Thursday, March 25th at 8:30-10:30pm
NBASLH TRIVIA BOWL

In place of our annual EBS Praxis Bowl, we decided to continue the tradition virtually with a NBASLH Trivia Night. We have coordinated a Kahoot Platform full of questions about NBASLH, Speech Pathology and Audiology. There will be prizes and many more surprises. This event will be a great way to engage and connect with each other, rep your universities and colleges, and to JUST HAVE FUN!!

Friday, March 26th at 2-4pm
STUDENT CHAT: BEING A STUDENT IN A COVID WORLD

The COVID-19 pandemic has completely changed what it means to be a student. SLP and AuD students have been forced to attend class and give therapy from their own home. They have also been tasked with being on the front line in clinics and hospitals still providing care despite the very real risks associated with the virus. The adjustment from the normalcy of being around classmates, professors, and supervisors to being isolated at home or behind protective gear can have negative effects on students’ mental health. This session will highlight tips and strategies on navigating being a student clinician/researcher in a COVID world guided by licensed mental health consultant LeLynda Briggs, MSC, NCC, PLMHP.
Our annual collaboration with ASHA's Multicultural Affairs Office aims to discuss the changes in the student mentor relationship caused by the ongoing global pandemic.

Students and professionals have been forced online and social isolation has impacted our networking and professional development opportunities. Guest speaker Dawn Cotter-Jenkins, will host group discussions on how to foster and maintain long distance, virtual student-mentor relationships during these uncertain academic/clinical times.

All participants will receive a $10 Starbucks gift card, the possibility to win exciting prizes and the opportunity to purchase discounted specially designed student T-shirts from Coffee and Communication. Discount code will be provided at the chat.
LeLynda P Briggs, MSC, NCC, PLMHP

A graduate of Loyola University New Orleans and a mental health practitioner for 11 years. Ms. Briggs specializes in working with children, youth, and families including those in the court system (foster care & delinquency). She currently provides mental health consultation in the Early Childhood setting (ages 0-5). In addition to mental health consultation, Ms. Briggs serves as the Co-Chair to CSI’s Diversity & Inclusion Committee and has a deep passion for promoting and doing the work of fostering diverse and inclusive spaces or marginalized people.
Dawn Cotter-Jenkins knows the value of mentoring and has been a mentor for the ASHA STEP program for 8 years and the Adelphi University Mentoring Program for 3 years.

She established the CSD Peer to Peer Mentoring Program at Adelphi in 2020. She has also been a mentee in the ASHA MARC program twice and has had personal mentors throughout her life.

Frequently Asked Questions

What time zone is the convention in?
The convention times that are listed are in EST

Should I keep my camera on?
You are encouraged to keep your camera on because this is a networking opportunity but you are not required!!

How do I get access to the sessions?
You have to be registered for convention. Then you will receive an email on March 22nd on how to set up your special password for the convention website.

Who do I contact if I have any questions?
You can email us at nbaslhhstudentrep@gmail.com