



2026 SHAV ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

March 30 – 31, 2026
Downtown Richmond Marriott



WELCOME TO THE 2026 SHAV CONFERENCE!

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the 2026 SHAV Annual Conference in Richmond, Virginia. This year's theme, Unlocking Potential: Inspire, Innovate, Integrate, reflects our shared commitment to advancing the professions of speech-language pathology and audiology while strengthening the connections that support our work.

As we planned this year's conference, our goal was to create an experience that inspires new thinking, highlights innovative practices, and integrates learning across clinical settings, specialties, and professional roles. We are proud to offer a diverse and dynamic program featuring sessions in swallowing and feeding, AAC, social pragmatics, language development, audiology advancements, ethics, supervision, and interdisciplinary collaboration. Whether you practice in schools, healthcare settings, private practice, higher education, or beyond, we hope you find content that is relevant, practical, and energizing.

We are especially excited to offer a dedicated Monday Student Track, designed to support and celebrate our future professionals. This track includes engaging learning opportunities, the ever-popular Praxis Bowl, and our Poster Sessions, which showcase innovative research and emerging ideas from students and professionals alike. Beyond our educational offerings, we have worked intentionally to create meaningful opportunities for connection and engagement. Monday evening will feature the CDF Auction, a longstanding SHAV tradition that supports our Communication Development Fund while bringing colleagues together for an enjoyable and spirited event. On Tuesday, we look forward to gathering for the Membership Lunch and Meeting, an important opportunity to reflect on our collective work and look ahead to the future of our association. The conference will conclude Tuesday evening, closing out two full days of learning, collaboration, and celebration of our professions.

The Exhibit Hall will once again provide opportunities to engage with valued partners and explore resources that support your daily work. We encourage you to visit our exhibitors and sponsors, whose partnership helps make this conference possible.

We invite you to take full advantage of everything SHAV 2026 has to offer—attend sessions that challenge and inspire you, connect with colleagues new and old, participate in special events, and immerse yourself in the full conference experience.

Thank you for your dedication to the individuals, families, and communities you serve. Your commitment to excellence continues to move our professions forward. We are honored to welcome you and look forward to an inspiring and innovative conference.

Warm regards,

Emily Bromer, M.S. CCC-SLP
VP for Professional Development

M. Johanna Fox Klein, M.S. CCC-SLP
VP of Event Planning



SESSION ABSTRACTS

Want to know more about what our amazing presenters will cover in their session?

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the full session descriptions, learning objectives, time-ordered agendas, disclosures, and more!



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MEALS

Breakfast will be provided on both days of the conference for all attendees.

Lunch will be provided for all attendees on Monday, and lunch will be provided for SHAV members who registered for the Association Luncheon on Tuesday, March 31. Any attendees who are not registered for the Association Luncheon will be responsible for obtaining their own lunch.

EXHIBIT HALL

The exhibit hall will remain open on both Monday, March 30 and Tuesday, March 31 from 7:00 am – 4:30 pm. Please take a moment to visit our exhibitors and thank them for their support of SHAV!

All SHAV attendees will receive a passport card at registration and will receive a sticker when visiting an exhibitor – visit all Gold sponsors and any 14 additional exhibitors to be entered to win prizes!

POSTER SESSIONS

On Monday, March 29, student posters will be on display in the upstairs corridor from 1:00 – 3:30 pm, with poster sessions beginning at 3:30 pm.

The Praxis Bowl will be held in Salon 1 – 4 on the lower level of the venue at 5:00 pm, followed by poster awards.

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS FOUNDATION OF VIRGINIA SILENT & LIVE AUCTIONS

The CDF Silent Auction will be held in the Monroe/Jefferson/Madison room on the lower floor of the hotel on Monday, March 30 from 2:00 – 5:00 pm. The Live Auction will begin at 6:00 pm in the Shenandoah room.

Schedule of Events: Monday, March 30

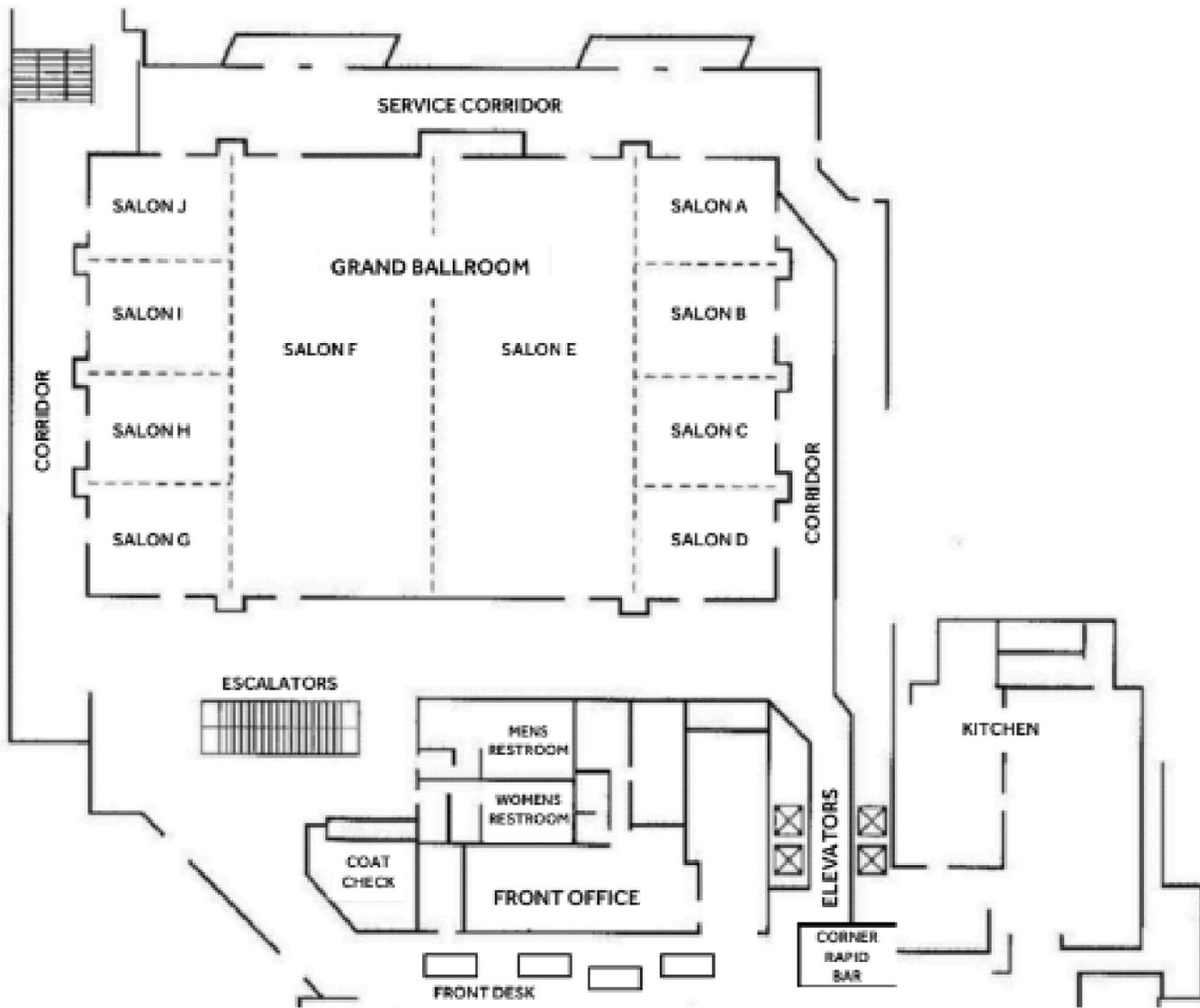
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	AUDIOLOGY	SCHOOL	EXHIBITS	ADULT	PEDIATRIC	Poster Boards	REGISTRATION	PROFESSIONAL	PROFESIONAL	STUDENT	CDF						
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3-3:15	17. Freeman - Cochlear Implants and Bone Anchored Hearing Aids				18. Vora & Morey - A Pilot Study on Respiratory Muscle Strength Training		19. Winder & Heavilon - AAC Background and Implementation		20. Ingram - AI in Speech-Language Pathology: Thoughtful, Ethical Use in Clinical Practice		A Day in the Life Panel Discussion						
3:15-3:30									21. Moss - 2026 ASLP Board Updates								
3:30-3:45			22. Walker - Vocabulary Intervention to Strengthen Literacy in School-Aged and Adolescent Students		23. Keyes - Identification and Treatment of Sensory-Based Dysphagia		24. Barton - Evaluating the Whole School Age Student: Putting the Pieces Together		25. Student Posters		A Day in the Life Panel Discussion						
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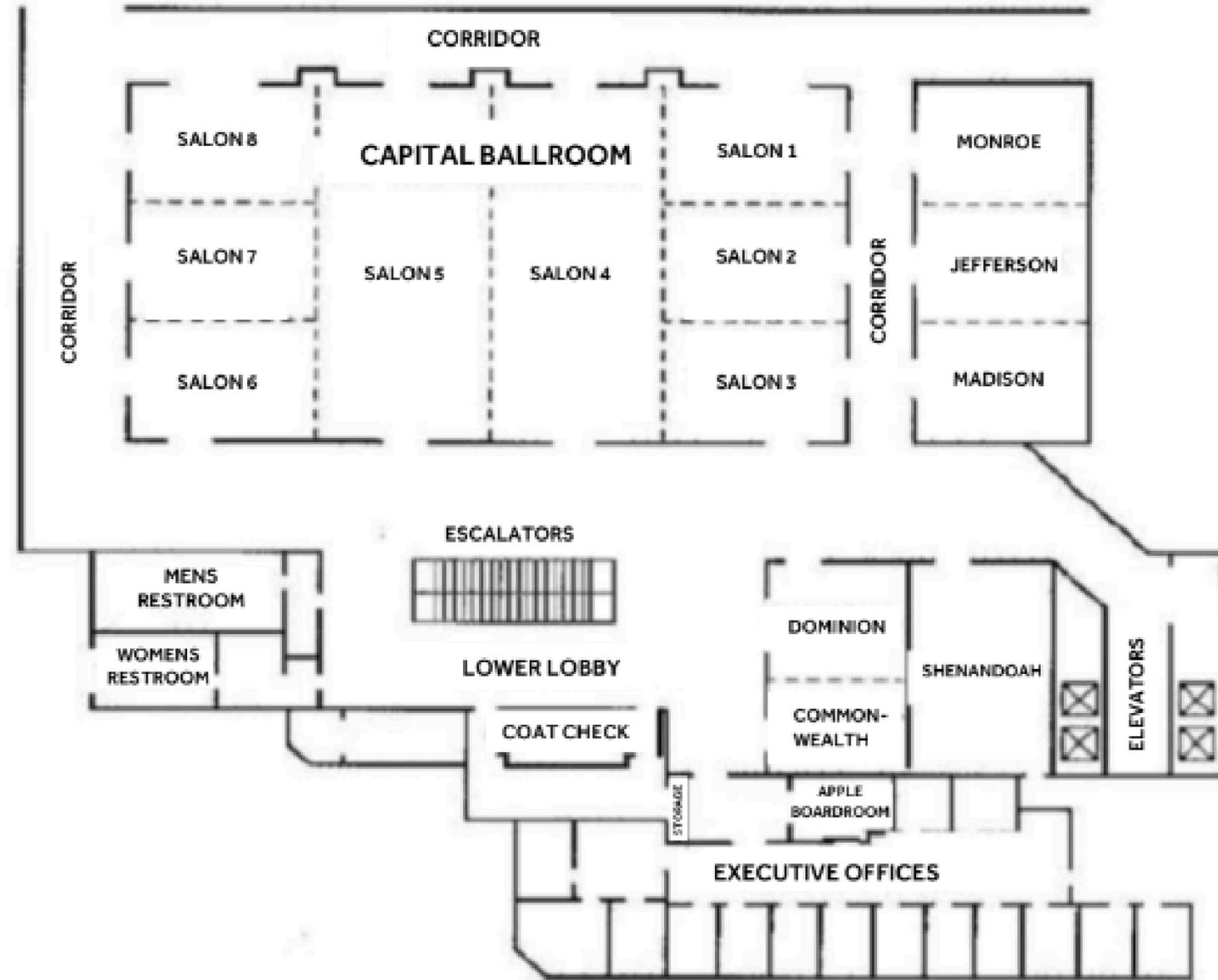
ENCLOSED SKYWALK TO PARKING GARAGE & THE GREATER RICHMOND CONVENTION CENTER

FIRST FLOOR / STREET LEVEL

EAST MARSHALL STREET



LOWER LEVEL



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Schedule of Events: Tuesday, March 31

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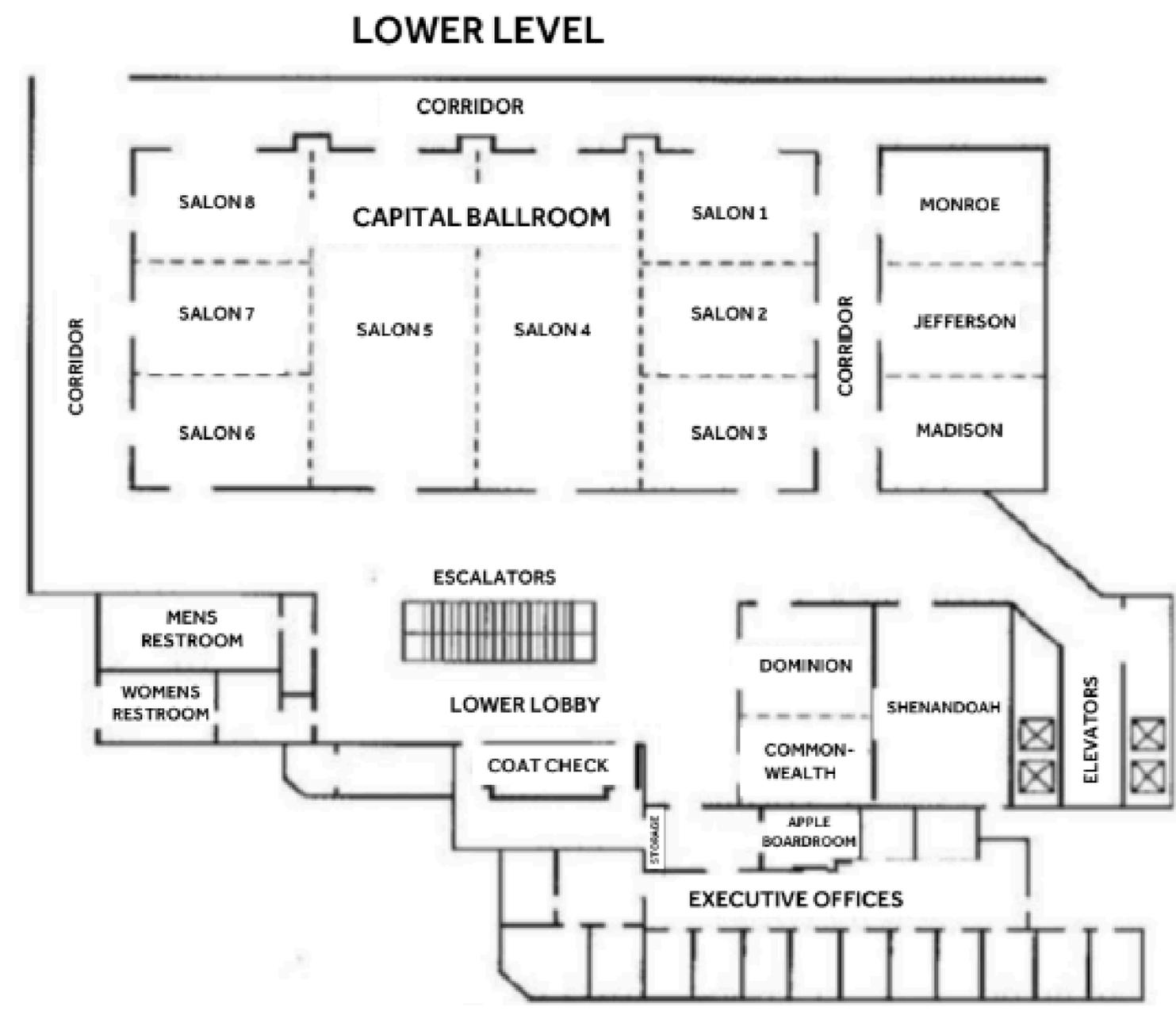
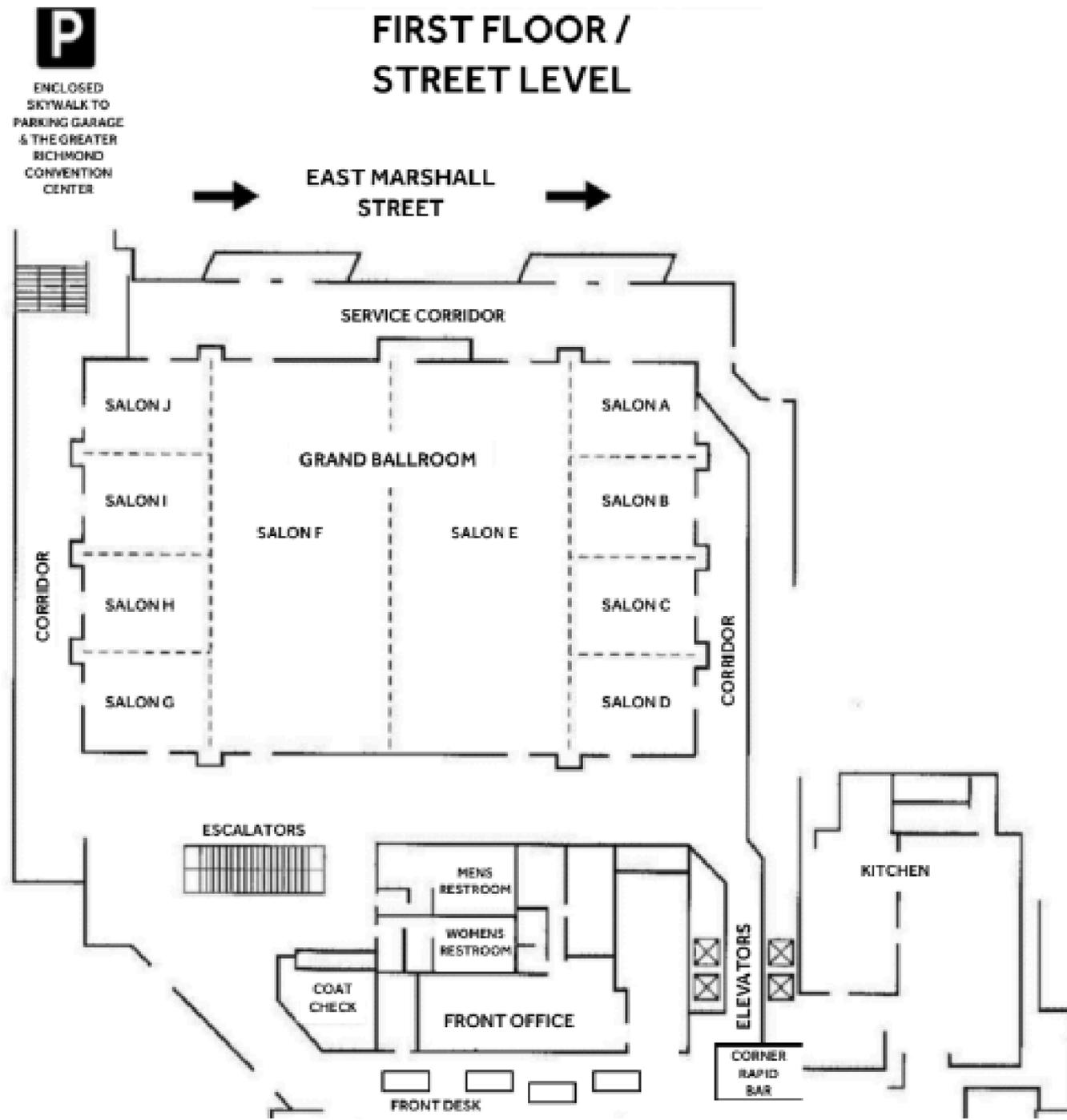
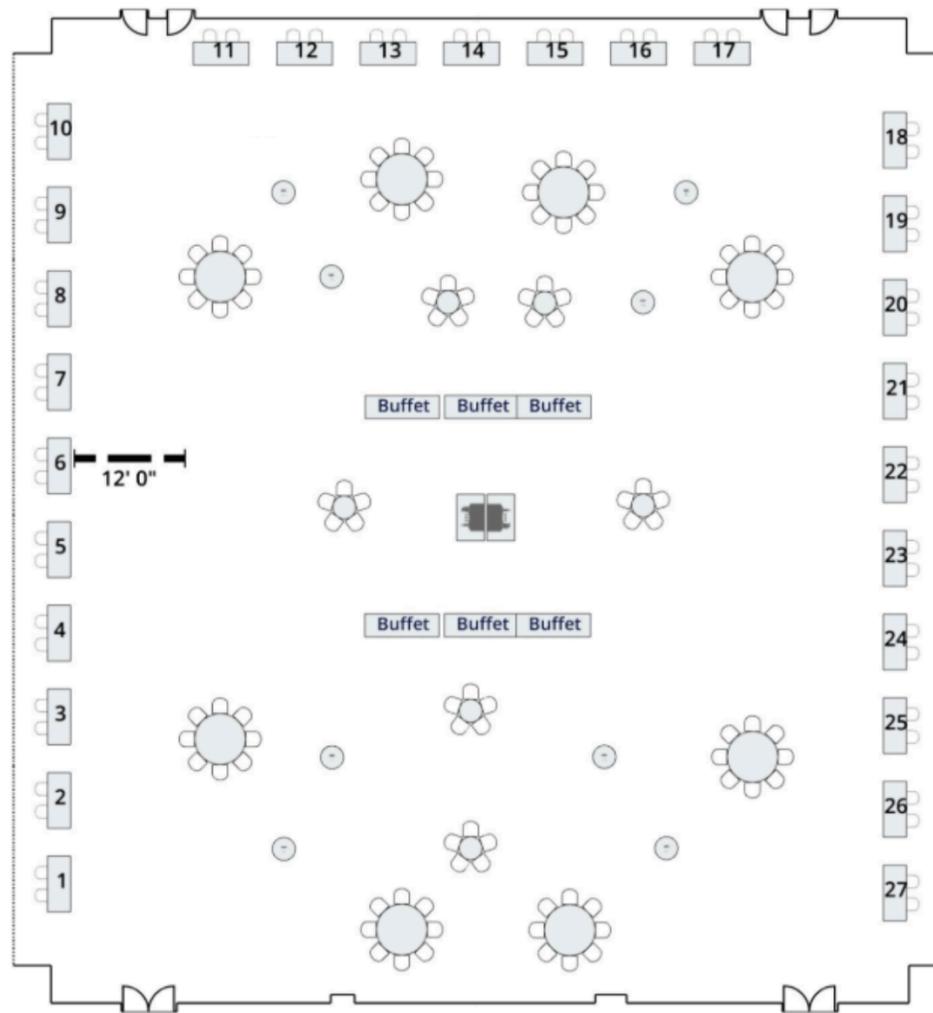


EXHIBIT HALL MAP



1. Ivy Rehab
2. Smartbox (2 tables)
3. Hearing Life
4. PRC Saltillo
5. Radford University
6. Parapharma Tech
7. Kids Care Health
8. Power Back Rehab
9. Bilingual Therapy
10. Prince William County
11. Lansinoh
12. Speech 4 Children
13. Harrisonburg City Public Schools
14. WPS
15. Aveanna
16. Fairfax County Public Schools
17. Pat Com Medical
18. Padapillo
19. New Kent Public Schools
20. Capital Dysphagia Group
21. Tobii Dynavoc
22. Richmond City Schools
23. Speech and Language Center
24. Floreo
25. The Listening SLP
26. SECEP
27. SHAV Honors Committee

CLAIMING CEUS

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to complete your CE Submission form at the end of the conference. You can elect to have your CE submitted to ASHA and/or have a Certificate of Attendance sent to you for self-reporting. SHAV will report your CEUs on your behalf within 45 days after the end of the conference, and it may take up to two more weeks for the event to show on your CE Registry. Please be sure to include your ASHA number in the evaluation to ensure there are no delays in reporting. Evaluations must be completed no later than April 14, 2026.

Please reach out to SHAV with any questions!



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- Casa Del Barco (DA)
- Southern Railway Taphouse (DA)
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2026 – 2027 Incoming Board Members

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Board Appointed & Committee Chairs

Beth Johnson	Secretary
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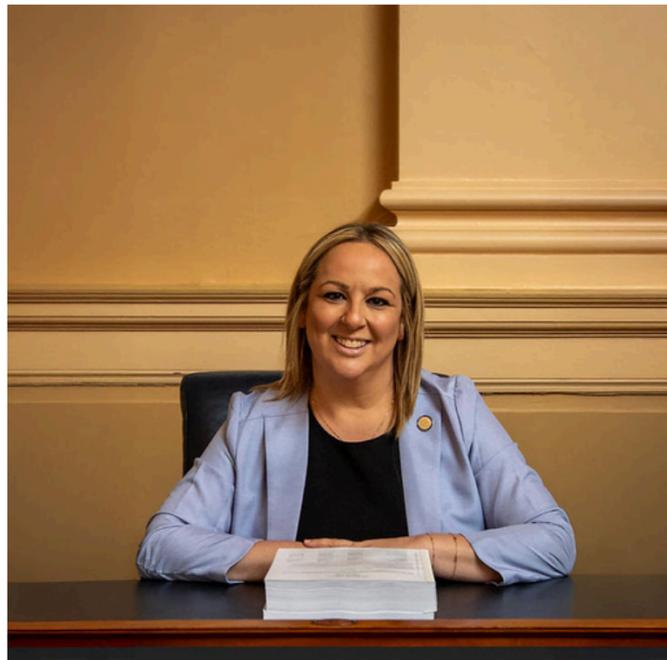
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Delegate Holly Seibold, M.Ed.
Virginia House of Delegates
12th District

2026 OUTSTANDING LEGISLATOR AWARD

Holly Seibold has been honored with the **Outstanding Legislator Award** from the Speech-Language-Hearing Association of Virginia in recognition of her exceptional leadership and advocacy on behalf of communication health professionals and the communities they serve.

Delegate Seibold represents parts of Northern Virginia and brings a strong background in public service and community advocacy to her role in the General Assembly. Prior to her election, she was widely recognized for her work supporting children, families, and equitable access to healthcare and education—priorities that continue to guide her legislative efforts.

During the 2025 legislative session, Delegate Seibold served as the patron of HB 2040 (Speech-Language Pathology Assistants; Licensure, Qualifications, Scope of Practice; Revocation or Suspension of License; Continuing Education). She worked closely with her constituents and SHAV to successfully advance and pass this important legislation, strengthening standards for speech-language pathology assistants and supporting high-quality, accountable care.

Through her leadership, collaboration with stakeholders, and commitment to evidence-based policymaking, Delegate Seibold has made a meaningful and lasting impact on speech, language, and hearing services across Virginia.

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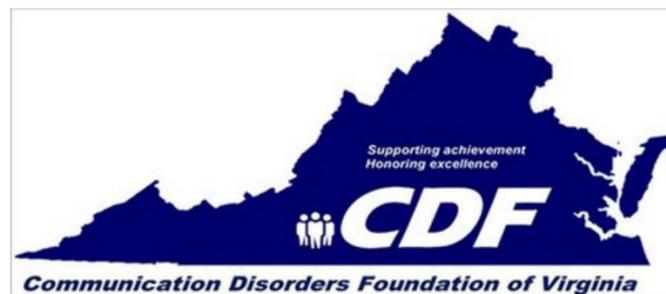
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COMMUNICATIONS DISORDERS FOUNDATION OF VIRGINIA 2026 MARTHA MULLINS-CALLENDER AWARD



Martha Mullins-Callender Award 2026
Rebecca Epperly, MS, CCC-SLP
Clinic Director, Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic
Co-Founder, Brain Injury Center
Radford University

The Communications Disorders Foundation of Virginia proudly announces the recipient of the **2026 Martha Mullins-Callender Award**: Rebecca Epperly, MS, CCC-SLP

Rebecca Epperly is honored in recognition of her extraordinary leadership, mentorship, and unwavering commitment to strengthening the profession of speech-language pathology in Virginia. As Clinic Director of the Radford University Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic and co-founder of the Radford University Brain Injury Center, she has expanded access to high-quality, life-participation-focused services in a medically underserved region while building sustainable clinical and educational infrastructure.

She is widely respected for elevating standards of care and fostering interdisciplinary collaboration, as well as for her transformative mentorship of both students and faculty. Rebecca cultivates a culture of excellence, integrity, and accountability, guiding graduate clinicians to develop strong clinical reasoning, ethical judgment, and professional confidence. Her mentorship further extends to faculty colleagues through collaboration, program development, and the modeling of thoughtful, principled leadership. Through vision, perseverance, and deep professional stewardship, Rebecca Epperly exemplifies the enduring legacy of Martha Mullins Callender and serves as a true champion of communication disorders services in the Commonwealth.

Congratulations Rebecca!

Scott D. Rankins, M.S., CCC-SLP
President, Communication Disorders Foundation of Virginia

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