

# NEWSLETTER

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## From Inspiration to Impact: 25 Years of TAA and the Power of Belonging

Do you remember what it felt like when you first discovered “your people” in audiology? Maybe it was during graduate school, when you realized your impact in this profession can extend far beyond the classroom. Or maybe it was at your first TAA conference—sitting in a session, walking through the exhibit hall, or connecting with someone who inspired you and made you feel like you belonged.

This October, we'll gather in Denton for the 25th Annual TAA Conference—a milestone worth celebrating! The theme of this year's conference is “a homecoming to remember.” More than just a time to stock up on CEUs, this gathering will be a celebration of 25 years of learning, networking, advocacy, and friendships that continue to shape audiology in Texas. And it's our chance to make sure the next generation of audiologists finds that same sense of belonging and inspiration.

One of the ways you can help is by supporting students. Through our ongoing partnership with the Scott Haug Foundation, we're working to reduce barriers so graduate students can attend the conference.



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Many of you have already stepped up with donations—thank you! Every dollar truly makes a difference, and every student we support strengthens the future of our profession. Between now and October, I encourage you to do three things:

1. **Register for the conference ASAP**—make sure you’re part of this special anniversary celebration!
2. **Invite a colleague or student**—someone who will benefit from the experience. A personal invitation goes a long way.
3. **Consider supporting student attendance**—because an investment in students is an investment in all of us. Donations can be made through the TAA website or to the Scott Haug Foundation.

I’m grateful to serve alongside such a passionate and dedicated membership. TAA is strong because of you, and I can’t wait to see you in Denton as we celebrate 25 years together and discuss what’s in store for the next 25!

**TAA President**

**ALEXANDER MORRIS, AUD**



## ADVOCACY IN ACTION: HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 89TH TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The 89th Texas Legislature session came to a close June 2, 2025. We had a successful advocacy day with great representation from professionals and students. Personally, it was my first time participating and I learned so much. I enjoyed meeting students and professionals who are passionate about audiology and who want to improve accessibility, reimbursement, and ethical practice.

Bills that were passed impacting our profession involved some rule changes with TDLR (HB 904 and HB 905).

Other bills included:

**HB 11 by Phelan and SB 2531 Middleton**- TDLR licensure reciprocity agreement. This bill creates a universal licensure recognition program. TDLR will have to identify state laws that prevent the department from entering into a reciprocity agreement with a licensing authority in another state.



**SB 1818 by Sen. Kelly Hancock** will require an agency that issues a professional occupations license to promptly issue a provisional license to a military service member or military spouse while waiting for the confirmation of the issuance of a license. These provisional licenses shall expire in 180 days if the regular license is not issued.



**HB 1700 Telehealth by Rep. Caroline Fairly.** The bill requires all agencies with regulatory authority over health professions providing telehealth services to adopt rules standardizing formats, patients consent forms, retention of patient records and appropriate standards of care



Finally, if you are not a TAA member, please consider joining. Austin Advocacy Day 2025 has demonstrated the value in supporting the Texas Academy of Audiology. Government policy and advocacy is a fraction of what TAA does for the profession, and I hope you will consider supporting the organization. Please encourage your colleagues and classmates to join as well. Our audiology voice is strongest when we use it together. 2025-2026 membership annual renewal will open after the Denton conference and [Lifetime Membership is available now!](#)

## VP of Legislative Issues

SONIA CUERO, AUD

## BEYOND DUES | HOW TAA MEMBERSHIP SHAPES OUR PROFESSION

I want to give a big thank you to everyone who renewed or joined this year!! We are closing out the year with **354** active members!

Being a member of TAA gives us representation in our state and shows strength when we are implementing change, protecting our scope of practice and seeking better reimbursement. The larger our numbers, the more the legislators know we are a united group that care for what we have chosen to do professionally. Our TAA membership dues and funds raised through PAC (Political Action Committee) are used to support our profession and professionals by paying a professional lobbyist who works to accomplish our priorities, represent our organization and support state representatives across Texas who are in favor of legislation that will benefit the field of Audiology. These laws passed or not affect every one of us in the field in Texas each day. Thank you for all your support and see you in Denton in October!

## TAA VP of Membership

HOLLY PAVLICEK, AUD



# THE SCOOP FROM THE SCOTT HAUG FOUNDATION

Scott Haug Foundation President

SCOTT MARQUARDT

*This is a big year for the Texas Academy of Audiology. Celebrating 25 years of service to Texas audiologists! The Foundation is proud to partner with TAA and congratulate the Academy on this milestone!!!*

## **FUNDRAISER NEWS!!!**

*I've been truly overwhelmed at the generosity of our audiology community. Your support for audiology students has been greatly appreciated. This year, I won't be asking for donations at the opening session. The Foundation will be doing all of our fundraising at our Thursday night event and in the exhibitor hall.*

## **Please join us on Thursday night at Andy Bs for our Bowling Social:**

*We are looking forward to a fun night of seeing old friends and making new relationships! This event is open to all and guests are welcome. You don't have to bowl to attend.*

*We will start at 7pm at Andy B's Bowling Social (Next door to the Convention Center). Dinner and drinks will be provided as part of your ticket registration. Student tickets are free for this event. When you're registering, please consider sponsoring a student or making an additional donation to support student scholarships.*

Registration Link:

<https://signupforms.com/registrations/42610>

Know an Outstanding Audiologist? Let us know. Send us your nominations to [scottjaugfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:scottjaugfoundation@gmail.com)

<https://scotthaug.org/ota/>

We can't wait to see you in Denton!!!





# STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AT TAA 2025 | PRESENT, VOLUNTEER, AND PREPARE FOR YOUR FUTURE

## Student Volunteers:

Volunteers will assist throughout the conference. Volunteers will be assigned sessions to attend and help with timekeeping and the Q&A portion of the session. Volunteers may also be assigned to help with registration, distribution of meal tickets, or set-up of various events throughout the conference. Students who volunteer must be TAA members and are required to attend the Scott Haug Student Symposium session on Saturday from 12:00-3:00PM. See below for more information.

## Friday, October 10th: Student Poster Session:

Our poster session will feature posters highlighting either clinical cases or novel research projects from students of the Texas AuD programs or externs at Texas facilities. Submissions are open only to student members of TAA. Students must be available on Friday, October 10th 9:00-10:30 AM for poster presentation at the conference.

Presentations should document research projects (including novel research, results from pilot studies, or systematic literature reviews) or clinical cases in the areas of hearing or balance science. **Cash prizes awarded to first and second place posters.**

## Submission Guidelines

- **Research** submissions must include the (1) title of poster, (2) names of all authors, (3) abstract of 75 words, and (4) multiple choice question for audience about the research
- **Clinical** case study submissions must include (1) title of the case study, (2) name of the presenter, (3) summary of the case (75 words or less), and (4) multiple choice question for audience about the case
- Submissions must include the contact information (email; phone number; university/externship facility affiliation; and physical address) of the primary author (i.e., the entrant)

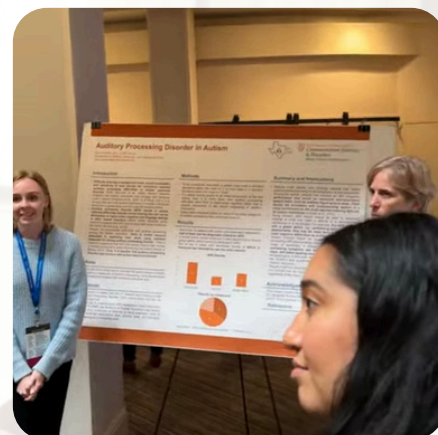
## Saturday, October 11th 12:00-3:00PM: Scott Haug Student Symposium Session

A panel of audiologists across the various areas of practice are available to answer all the students' questions about their future careers in audiology. Students will learn about networking, resume building, interviewing, negotiating job offers, and a variety of other topics to help students feel empowered after graduation.

Please reach out to Grace Kendrick at [grace.m.holderman@gmail.com](mailto:grace.m.holderman@gmail.com) if you have any additional questions. We look forward to seeing many of you at this year's conference.

## Student Engagement

GRACE KENDRICK, AUD





## A HOMECOMING TO REMEMBER | 25TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Grab a MUM and meet us in Denton! We will kick off the festivities on Thursday at 1PM with pre-conference workshops, followed by the President's Welcome Reception at 5PM and the Scott Haug Foundation bowling social fundraiser at 7PM. Friday morning will start bright and early with our President's Welcome at 8am followed by the keynote address on "Person-Centered Care" by internationally recognized author, Shari Eberts. Shari's book, *Hear & Beyond*, will be available for purchase during a book signing after the keynote Friday morning. Make sure to grab your copy! Friday evening we will celebrate TAA's Silver Anniversary with our annual Scott Haug Foundation/TAA Bash. See graphic below for attire/costume ideas. We cannot wait to see how you express your celebration and will be recognizing a Homecoming Court for all the best dressed attendees. Stick around for "Navigating Ethical Dilemmas in Audiology" by the famed Ryan McCreery and our very own Shawna Jackson.

Early bird registration ends September 5th and the room block closes September 8th. Reserve now to get the \$179 room rate. Online registration closes September 26th.

**View** the pre-conference and conference schedule

**Register** for conference

**Register** for the Scott Haug Foundation Social Fundraiser



Conference Registration QR Code




## STRENGTHEN OUR VOICE: SUPPORT PRO-AUDIOLOGY LEGISLATION WITH TAA PAC!

Each year our TAA PAC is here to support the TAA Board in supporting its causes in the State Legislature. We have several bills we are monitoring this legislative session and we need funds to support the legislators who help us. Last year we sent \$15,000 to candidates that support us and we need to replenish that money. Please consider donating to the PAC to help us in our endeavors.

**PLEASE REMEMBER, WE CAN ONLY TAKE PERSONAL FUNDS,  
NOT FROM BUSINESS FUNDS. AS ALWAYS, WE THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



 : TAA-PAC

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# A HOMECOMING TO REMEMBER:

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**FOR THE GENTLEMEN:**

- DRESS SHIRTS & SLACKS
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- RETRO/HIGH SCHOOL LOOKS

**OPTIONAL TOUCHES:**

- MUMS
- CORSAGES & BOUTONNIERES
- SEQUINS AND SPARKLE





## WHAT TO WEAR TO

# *A Homecoming to Remember*

This year's theme is Semi-Formal with Silver Accents

### COCKTAIL DRESSES



### VINTAGE/RETRO/YOUR HIGH SCHOOL THROWBACK

### SEQUINS & SPARKLE



## WOMEN'S EDITION



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### MUMS



### OTHER TOUCHES



### CORSAGES & BOUTONNIERES





# Texas Academy of Audiology

Friday, October 10, 2025 – Schedule (0.55 CEUs Available)

7:30am – 8:00am		Registration with Coffee/Tea	CEUs
8:00am – 8:20am		“Presidents’ Welcome” Alexander Morris, AuD, TAA President	
8:20am – 8:30am		Outstanding Audiologist and Outstanding Audiology Student Award Presentation and Introduction of Scott Haug Foundation Keynote Speaker	
8:30am – 9:30am		“Empowering Your Clients with Person-Centered Care” Shari Eberts, MBA	0.10
9:30am 10:00am		Student Poster Presentations	0.05
10:00am–10:30am		BREAK with Sponsors	
10:30am–12:00pm	I	“Beyond the Clinic: How Outreach can Revitalize and Strengthen Professional Identity ” Laurel Gregory, MA	0.15
	II	“Wideband Acoustic Immittance: What is it, How do you measure it and What can it tell us? ” <b>Tier 1</b> Gabrielle R. Merchant, AuD, PhD	0.15
	III	“Elevate Counseling to Combat Listening Fatigue ” Mandy Pendleton, AuD	0.15
12:00pm – 1:00pm		Lunch Buffet with Sponsors Grab some lunch and then join us for Legislative Issues	
1:00pm – 2:00pm	I	“Hot Topics: Cracking the Code-Demystifying the Modernized Hearing Device Services Codes” Erin Miller, AuD and David Zapala, PhD	0.10
2:00pm – 2:30pm		TAA Business Meeting	
2:30pm – 3:00pm		BREAK with Sponsors	
3:00pm – 4:30pm	I	“Cultivating Your Team’s Culture” Melony Winchester	0.15
	II	“Use of Audiologic Testing in Neurotology Decision Making” Brian Robert Peters, MD	0.15
	III	“Rehabilitative Grand Rounds” Shawna Jackson, AuD; Bari Pham, AuD; and Jill Davis, AuD	0.15
4:30pm – 6:30pm		BREAK with Sponsors / Silent Auction <b>25th Annual Reception</b> Light appetizers provided with Cash Bar	
6:30pm-7:00pm		CHANGE INTO COSTUME FOR DINNER DANCE	

7:00pm–10:00pm - 10th Annual Scott Haug Foundation/Texas Academy of Audiology Bash

*“A Homecoming to Remember: Celebrating 25 Years of TAA”*



# Texas Academy of Audiology

Saturday, October 11, 2025 – Schedule (0.6 CEUs Available)

7:30am – 8:00am	Registration – Sponsors Open with Coffee/Tea	CEUs
8:00am – 9:30am	I “Knowing When to Expand Your Practice” <b>Tier 1</b> Aryn M. Amlani, PhD	0.15
	II “Diagnostics Grand Rounds” Carmen Landy, AuD; Audrey Taylor Morris, AuD; Stephanie Cox, AuD; Grace Kendrick, AuD; and Leslie Rolph, AuD	0.15
	III “Hearing Healthcare at Home: Outcomes for Older Adult Cochlear Implant Recipients in the ARR-O Program” <b>Tier 1</b> Cornetta Mosely, AuD, PhD	0.15
9:30am – 10:00am	BREAK with Sponsors with Coffee/Tea	
10:00am–11:30am	I “Beyond Burnout: Why ‘Self-Care’ Isn’t Saving Audiology”  Amy Badstubner, AuD, CPC	0.15
	II “Impact of Short-Term Hearing Aid Use on Behavioral, Cognitive, Emotion and Physiologic Outcomes” Erin Shafer, PhD	0.15
	III “Optimizing amplification for children and adolescents with hearing loss” <b>Tier 1</b> Ryan McCreery, PhD	0.15
11:30am–12:00pm	BREAK with Sponsors – Grab Lunch	
12:00pm–3:00pm	Student Leadership Symposium	
12:00pm – 1:00pm	“Amplification Tech Talk Round Table” Lunch with Platinum Sponsors  Moderator: Hunter Gerhart, AuD	0.10
1:00pm - 3:00pm	<b>“ETHICS”</b> <b>“Navigating ethical dilemmas in Audiology ” Tier 1</b> Ryan McCreery, PhD and Shawna Jackson, AuD	0.20

**CONFERENCE BADGES SHOULD BE WORN AT ALL TIMES.**

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***Get those calendars marked for the coming years***

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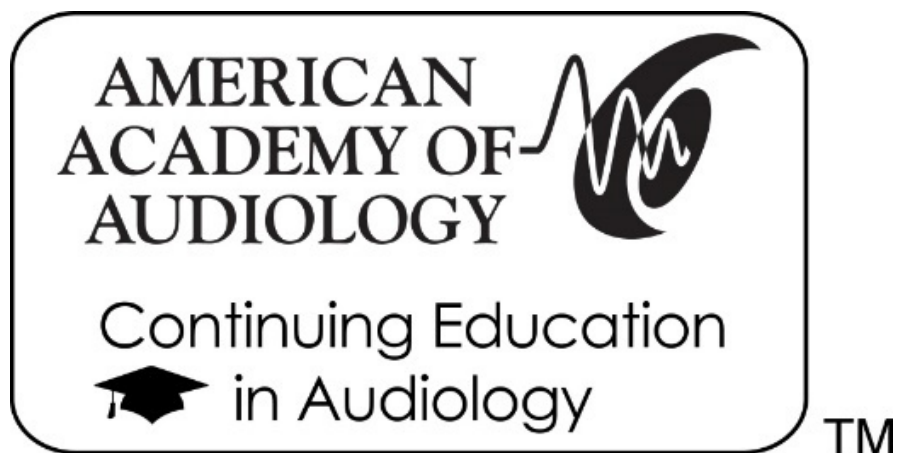
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## CEUs OFFERED

Texas Academy of Audiology is a CE approved sponsor by TDLR for Texas licensing for **Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists and Hearing Instrument Fitters and Dispensers.**

This conference is approved for a maximum of 1.15 CEUs (11.5 hours) for state licensing requirements. The conference will also provide **0.2 CEUs (2 hours) of ethics.**



Texas Academy of Audiology has applied for approval by the American Academy of Audiology to offer Academy CEUs for this activity. This program is worth a maximum of 1.15 CEUs. Academy approval of this continuing education activity is based on course content only and does not imply endorsement of course content, specific products, or clinical procedure, or adherence of the event to the Academy's Code of Ethics. Any views that are presented are those of the presenter/CE Provider and not necessarily of the American Academy of Audiology.





# silent AUCTION

## TAA Conference Silent Auction:

If you would like to donate an item to the Silent Auction, benefitting TAA General Fund- please send a picture and description of the item you will bring to Denton to [sarah.williams@river-ent.com](mailto:sarah.williams@river-ent.com)



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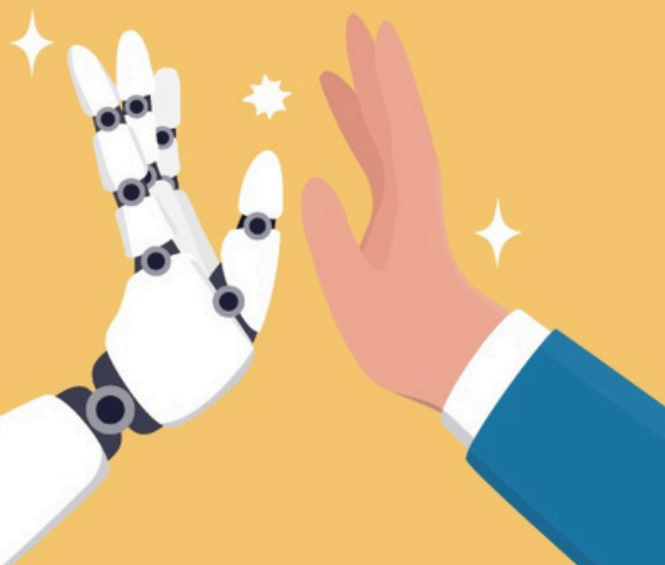


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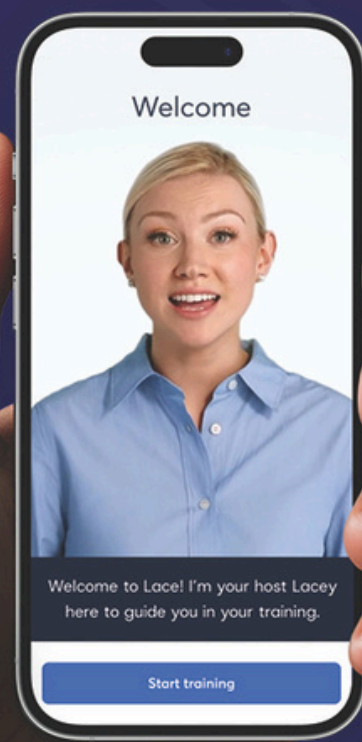
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 **HIRING!**

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