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TOTALLY TAA
2022

CONFERENCE IN
FRISCO, TX

A Word from your TAA President

by Kelli House, M.A., TAA President

It is a huge honor to embark on this year as your President of the Texas Academy of Audiology. After spending more than twenty years as a Texas Audiologist, I find myself in awe of the growth in our state and of how many Audiologists now call Texas their home. This year, like all previous years in recent memory, is sure to be filled with many challenges for our profession. Our leading goal as your TAA Board is to be your voice at the table when the opportunity arises. We are a group of dedicated Audiologists that donate much of our time and talent in the hope that we may leave a positive impact for the future of Audiology and the patients we serve. It is because of the support of this group of professionals that I am incredibly optimistic that 2022 will be a year in which we achieve our record bests, including record number of new members joining, PAC funds raised, and Lifetime members committed – not to mention the most exciting and best attended conference we have ever held. All lofty goals for this group, but we are all up to the task on your behalf!



2022 Totally TAA 80's Edition

by Jennifer Bobo, AuD, Conference Chair and Sponsor Liaison

Mark Your Calendars to Come See Your Favorite Audiology Stars!

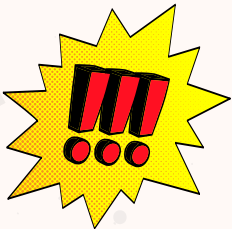
November 3-5th, 2022

Embassy Suites Convention Center in Frisco, TX!



Two Days of AMAZING CONTENT in 3 areas from multiple speakers:

1. **Practice Management:** Dr. Dave Fabry will be “gagging us with a spoon” with the changing landscape in Audiology and making Strong recommendations to our patients!
 2. **Diagnostic/Clinical Audiology:** Dr. Bob DiSogra will be “Taking a Chill Pill” when he shares with us the audiological side effects of COVID-19 on patients!
 3. **Pediatric/Educational Audiology:** Dr. Jane Madell won’t be “Talking to the Hand” when she wows us with her Pediatric and Educational Audiology knowledge!
- TWO Hours of Ethics Required for Texas License Renewal: will be “Stoked” when they combine **Ethics with Coding and Billing for Audiology!**
 - **Scott Haug Foundation Annual Golf Tournament** on Thursday, November 3rd from 9am-12pm
 - **Pre-Conference Courses** from Our Annual Sponsors on Thursday, November 3rd from 1pm-4:30pm
 - **Welcome Reception** Honoring Lifetime Members/Past Presidents with Sponsors Thursday, November 3rd from 5pm-7pm
 - **Keynote Speaker:** “Oh Snap” we have to keep some of the excitement from you right?
 - Back by Popular Demand: **Hot Topics** with TAA Business Meeting Immediately following
 - **TAA/Scott Haug Foundation Annual Dinner/Dance/Costume Contest** Friday, November 4th and I am hoping that Cyndi Lauper and Madonna make an appearance!
 - **Annual Reception** with Silent Auction on Friday, November 4th immediately following last session.



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TAA Talks

LIVE WEBINAR AND DISCUSSION FORUMS

by Shawna Jackson, Au.D., TAA Past-President

Hello Texas! We are excited to announce a new benefit from Texas Academy of Audiology exclusively for TAA members. TAA Talks is our new (non-CEU) webinar discussion series that will cover some of the most talked about subjects affecting Texas Audiologists. These 30-minute online discussions will be held on Microsoft Teams with a featured topic, speaker, and panel.

The first 15 minutes will cover a summary of the topic as it applies to Texas Audiologists then the next 15 minutes will be an open discussion forum with invited panel members present to help answer questions from attendees. Topics for the series will cover professional issues from laws and regulations to reimbursement issues and documentation.

Our first webinar will be on **Licensed Audiology Assistants**. I will serve as the first host speaker and have already arranged several panel guests to join us from private practice and ENT. Mark your calendars and block your lunch hour schedule as this is happening on

Thursday, April 21st from 12:15-12:45 PM

on Microsoft Teams. You do not need to register. The Microsoft Teams link to join will be sent via email to all TAA current members and posted on TAA's members-only Facebook page one week before the event. You must be a member to attend so if you haven't renewed yet this year, DO IT NOW! For those that cannot join us live, we will try and record the session and make it available to members through our website.

ARE YOU EXCITED YET? WE HOPE YOU ARE AND HOPE YOU HAVE SOME IDEAS TO INCLUDE IN OUR FUTURE TOPIC IDEAS.

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The Scoop from The Scott Haug Foundation

by Jacque Patton

Scott Haug Foundation President

Belated wishes to all of you for a Happy 2022 from the Board of Directors of the Scott Haug Foundation!! As acting president of SHF I have the pleasure of recapping information from the 2021 TAA Conference and sharing some exciting news updates.

The SHF recognizes and welcomes the two newest members of our board of directors. Kimberly Cathcart Ringer and Scott Marquardt joined the SHF Board in October of 2021. They are both active supporters of TAA and the SHF, and we are excited to have them join us.

Other foundation board members are Celeste Salhab, Chris Araj, Jane Watson, JT Beckman, Kurt Trede and myself, along with Kim and Scott. The TAA 2021 Annual Conference in Houston was a big success! At the conference we honored the 2021 Scott Haug Outstanding Texas Audiologist, Matt Lyons for his many years of service to our profession. Congratulations Matt, and thank you!

We also recognized the Dunlop Outstanding Student Scholar, Lauren Ralston from the University of Texas for her achievements. Lauren received free registration and hotel accommodations from the Robert J. Dunlop Memorial Student Scholar Fund. She and three other student scholars – Grecia Garcia from Lamar University, Reagan Moody from University of Texas at Dallas, & Morgan Wareing Pipkin from University of North Texas--received stipends from the Creig Dunckel Memorial Fund as part of their recognition by the foundation.

As you know, support for students in our field has always been one of the SHF's top priorities. They represent the future of our profession—it is important to make them feel welcomed, get them connected with TAA, and support their participation in professional learning and issues.

Due to the generosity of various donors the SHF finds itself in the wonderful position to provide more support to students in our field in the year ahead. Generous donations were received to the Creig Dunckel Memorial Fund allowing us to increase the stipends awarded to our university student scholars. The 2022 Outstanding Student Scholar and nominees will receive a larger award from the Creig Dunckel Memorial Fund than has been possible in previous years. **The amount of stipends that can be awarded yearly is a direct reflection of donations made to the SHF for the Dunckel Memorial Fund. You can become a part of this award through your donations. ****

Beginning in 2022 the foundation will honor students who are in the third year of their Au.D. programs. By honoring third-year students it is our hope that more honorees will be afforded the opportunity to attend and participate fully in the TAA Annual Conference.

****How can you participate in recognizing, supporting and empowering students in our field?**

****Become our partner by joining donors in contributing to the Creig Dunckel Memorial Fund or the Robert J. Dunlop Memorial Fund. Pay It Forward by giving!**

****Give in the name of your favorite Texas university Au.D. program. Let's see which university program can generate the most donations! It's a contest!!!!**

The university program with the most donations will win bragging rights. . .and who knows what else!

2022 is just beginning and already planning for the annual conference is in full swing. Be sure to save the dates for meeting in Frisco - November 3, 4 & 5!
See you there!

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by Kimberly DeBona, Au.D., PAC Treasurer



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TAA MEMBERSHIP

by Jamie Myers, Au.D., VP of Membership

Thank you to all existing members who have renewed your TAA membership, to those of you that are new to TAA- welcome! Together, we can ensure the future of Texas audiology is bright. We currently have 411 active members, which is a great start to the year and ahead of where we have been in the past! However, there are approximately 1400 licensed audiologists in the state.

My ask of all TAA members: think of at least 3 previous classmates, preceptors, coworkers, etc., reach out and ask if they support TAA. If they don't, please encourage them to join!

TAA already does so much for Texas audiologists, and when we have the support of more audiologists, we can do so much more to protect our scope of practice, reimbursement, and representation, not to mention bring in bigger and better learning opportunities and membership perks for you all.

Again, thank you endlessly for your continued support. Feel free to reach out with any questions: JamieMyersAuD@gmail.com, 918-914-0547.



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