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How many MSHA members do we have currently?

- 25 Audiologists
- 4 Dual (Speech Pathologist/Audiologist)
- 112 Speech Pathologists
- 56 Students
- 2 SLP Aides

**199**

If you have ideas for topics in the Communicator please email [msha@fmdh.org](mailto:msha@fmdh.org) and share your requests.....



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### President's Message

Dear MSHA Members,

This October 16-18 we will be "Celebrating our Best and Brightest" at our annual conference in Missoula! Some celebration items include: The UM Communicative Sciences and Disorders department will graduate its 100<sup>th</sup> SLP this academic year. Diane Simpson put us on the map by winning the 2014 ASHFoundation DiCarlo Clinical Achievement Award. MSHA was granted nearly \$3000 by ASHA to upgrade our webpage – which is schedule to be debuted at the conference. MSHA will be active legislatively in the next session which will hopefully result in access to E and M codes (and more reimbursement) for our professionals. We will also be advocating for our consumers with regard to telepractice access barriers. Operation Smile UM supported 12 surgeries in just 6 months of fundraising this year! SCHWA hosted a highly successful spring conference and has secured presenter Sarah Ward for 2015. UM faculty and students will be well represented at ASHA this fall. SLPs and Audiologists across this great state continue to offer the Cadillac of services during Toyota economic times. Montana certainly has the Best and the Brightest!

Our fall conference is also a time of reunion. For me, it is a time to connect with my past and present mentors. I look forward to seeing my colleagues from the east side of the state and meeting people new to Montana. Catching up with past and present students is also very special to me. The MSHA/SCHWA Social is my favorite activity; however, I wish Flo and Floyd would get a Facebook page so I can keep up with their shenanigans. Regardless if you are coming to the fall conference to Celebrate, Reunite, Socialize, or Learn, on behalf of MSHA, we are very excited to have you!

Warmest regards,

Jennifer Closson  
 MSHA President

### AUCTION ACTION

Remember to gather auction items now. If you frequent a particular business, they are a good place to request an item or service from. It's fun to start early on this and see what all you can accumulate!

Submitted by: Eve Tolbert

The silent auction fundraiser helps to raise money for both Community Outreach efforts and also the MSHA Scholarship program that has recently been established.

### Special points of interest:

- Fall Convention Information & Registration
- Nominations Needed
- Membership
- SWAPS — what is this and how can you help?
- ASHA ACE State Members Recognized
- Vendors
- Professional Posters Requested!
- Silent Auction
- Legislative Issues Coming up Need Your Support

### Dates To Remember

**Fall Convention  
 October 16-18th in  
 Missoula, MT**

*Conference information and registration details enclosed.*

**MAG Meeting  
 May 1 & 2nd, 2015 at  
 Chico Hot Springs.**

### ACE Award Recipients from ASHA

MSHA received notification from ASHA that there are some professionals in our state who earned an Award for Continuing Education (ACE). They earned 7.0 ASHA CEUs (70 contact hours) within a 36 month period. Please join MSHA in congratulating the following individuals from Montana who were recognized. These listed individuals are also members of our state MSHA organization.

Name	Award Presented	City, State
Suzanne Bender	March 2014	Billings, MT
Sarah Elliott	March 2014	Missoula, MT
Janis Hayes-Strom	March 2014	Billings, MT
Debra Miller	February 2014	Florence, MT
Laurie Slovarp	January 2014	Missoula, MT
Jillian Stieg	March 2014	Billings, MT

**Thank you all for your obvious dedication to this profession.  
Thank you also for your dedication to MSHA**

### Community Outreach

Community Outreach is available via the application on the MSHA website. We grant up to \$300 per request. If anyone has questions please email Leah Jacobsen at leahjacobsen@hotmail.com

### Follow us on Face-

Type in "Montana Speech-Language Hearing Association" in the Facebook search bar, check out our page, and click the "Like" button!  
**Currently we have 171 who like us on**

### Operation Smile at the University of Montana

(OSUM) had an amazing spring semester! We were able to volunteer for the YMCA to help fund youth activities in the Missoula area and a few of our members worked in the

Rite Care Café over the summer to support the Rite Care Speech, Language, and Hearing Clinic. In regards to raising funds for surgeries, we are proud to report that our goal of 10 smiles during the year 2014 has been surpassed in the spring semester alone. Thanks to the hard work of our members we were able to provide 12 smiles as well as purchase enough antibiotics to treat 30 children awaiting surgery!

We are looking forward to the upcoming fall semester bringing new members with fresh ideas, new volunteer opportunities, and hopefully many more smiles. This fall we hope to continue to build OSUM as a more service-oriented organization as well as offer guest speaker presentations to educate our interdisciplinary group on the impacts of cleft lip and palate. In October OSUM will be hosting Dr. Stephen P. Hardy, M.D. as he speaks about the surgery required to repair cleft lip and palate and his experiences throughout his career. Dr. Hardy is a nationally awarded plastic surgeon who is a member of the American Cleft Palate / Craniofacial Association and the head of the Craniofacial Clinic in Montana. We will continue to raise funds for surgeries any chance we can through selling OSUM apparel, hosting bake sales, having a "Gifts that Give Back" event around the holidays, community nights at local establishments and many other activities.

Thank you for your continued support of Operation Smile. If you would like to donate to OSUM please mail any donations to (payable to Operation Smile UM) to Communicative Sciences & Disorders, University of Montana, ATT: Operation Smile, 32 Campus Drive, Missoula, MT 59812-6695.

**Now this is something to smile about!**

students also played a significant role in the accreditation process through their volunteer work and faith in us that this program would be a success.

I am bursting with pride for our Department, and overflowing with gratitude for all of your support! CSD is on the move into the year of Educational Acceleration—Breaking 100! We are going to celebrate all of our greatest achievements in hundreds. Our top 100 list of CSD accomplishments is off to a great start: #1 on the list—achieving accreditation!!! And, #2 is impressive as well . . . We continue to maintain a 100% pass rate on the Praxis exam!! Great things come in 100s! I can't wait to see what will happen next!

Amy Glaspey

### FALL CONVENTION PLANS ARE WELL ON THE WAY! OCTOBER 16-18, 2014 in Missoula

**Mark your Calendar & Save the Dates**

The MSHA Fall Convention is being held at the Ruby's Inn in Missoula (406-721-0990). The address is 4825 N Reserve Street. Please mention Montana Speech Hearing Association (MSHA) when you call for reservations to get the conference rate. **Please call them directly and do not book online so that they can give us the MSHA block room rates. Reservations need to be made by September 30, 2014 for access to the discounted rate. Please be aware that there are many other things going on in Missoula that week so hotel space will be limited everywhere!**

*Please plan to attend and support your state organization, connect with other professionals throughout the state, meet the students from the program in Missoula, and obtain your CEUs in a fun and interactive way.*

### MSHA/SCHWA Social Evening, Poster Sessions & Silent Auction

Don't forget to attend the MSHA Social Hour (or two or three!) on Thursday starting at 5:30. Take in the student and professional poster sessions; enjoy light appetizers and a no host bar. There will be awards, trivia, announcements, Floyd and Flo information, and a silent auction. We look forward to seeing you all! Please feel free to bring donations by anytime during Wednesday or Thursday to the registration table, or by 5:00 during setup.

Let's make some \$\$\$\$ this year for the great causes we support!!!!  
So bring your checkbooks and check out the MSHA/SCHWA Social Evening!

### Vendor Update

"We have a variety of vendors participating in MSHA this year. Please take the opportunity to update your resources and therapy tools in the vendor hall. Two of our exhibitors are sponsoring fundraisers, so part of what you spend will come back to MSHA!" Submitted by: Lisa Cannon

### SWAPS

**Remember to bring what you don't use ...**

**(Students Will Accept Professional Stuff)**

We will have a table set up near registration where therapists can bring unused materials or duplicate copies of materials to convention.

## Call for Professional Posters and Student Posters at MSHA Convention

Do you or your agency have a great treatment model? Do you have an approach you would like to share? Do you have some original research to highlight? Here is your opportunity to present your expertise and showcase your worksite or school at this year's MSHA Convention. We will be offering the first annual MSHA Professional Poster Session this October 2014! MSHA will continue to feature our Student Poster Session. If you would like to present a poster, the process involves writing a 400-word or less abstract, completing the application form (see note below), and emailing the form to [msha.poster.application@gmail.com](mailto:msha.poster.application@gmail.com). The posters are open to nearly any topic, though they should reflect best evidence-based practice. They may include a professional issue, a literature review, or original research. The abstract should include the purpose of the project, the significance of the work, the methodology, and any conclusions or expected conclusions. The deadline for submission is October 1 and you will be notified of acceptance within the first week of October. The sessions will occur on Thursday evening of the conference. As you plan ahead, it is recommended that poster presenters use thin, lightweight poster paper for their poster. Heavier paper or cardboard may be difficult to keep in position on the board or wall. The dimensions should be 3' high x 4' wide or smaller.

**Due to space constraints... the application form for this project can be found on the msha website at [www.mshaonline.org](http://www.mshaonline.org)**  
Submitted by: Dr. Amy Glaspey

## Congratulations to Diane Simpson

Do you know the news about Diane Simpson? She is the 2014 winner of the Montana State Clinical Achievement Award! She is also the winner of the 2014 Louis M. DiCarlo Award for her work with telepractice! Congratulations Diane!

The DiCarlo Award is a memorial recognition of Louis M. DiCarlo who had a long and distinguished clinical career in communication sciences and disorders before his death in 1996 at the age of 93.

From among all the 2014 State Clinical Achievement Award Winners, one individual will be chosen as the recipient of the 2014 Louis M. DiCarlo Award for Recent Clinical Achievement. That person will receive a recognition plaque and a grant of \$1,500 to further the work upon which the award is based. The recipient of the 2014 DiCarlo Award will be announced and recognized at the November 2014 ASHA Convention in Orlando, Florida. Please join us in congratulating Diane!

Submitted by: MSHA Board

## University Update

Hello Everyone!

I hope you had a wonderful summer! I am now serving the Department as Chair for Communicative Sciences and Disorders at the University of Montana. I am honored to work with MSHA in this new role. Lucy Hart Paulson completed her rotation as Chair where she served tirelessly for several years and led our Department to many great successes! Thank you, Lucy, for your dedication!

CSD has much to celebrate! It is my privilege to announce that the Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders has been awarded accreditation by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology. Our Department was monitored by the CAA in candidacy status for the last five years, which ended successfully through the hard work and efforts of many people.

I would like to thank MSHA and all members for your endless support, your voice at public meetings including the site-team visit, and your contributions to the success of our Department! We could not have achieved this recognition without you! I must also thank Dr. Al Yonovitz as our founding chair for his vision in initiating this program and Lucy Hart Paulson for her outstanding work and leadership in our Department through candidacy to the achievement of accreditation. I certainly hope to follow their lead in the continued growth and expansion of this amazing Department!

I also want to recognize our faculty who worked hard to complete all of the documentation and along with their exemplary teaching, research, and supervision, which was clearly evident to the review team who praised them. Our

MSHA would like to thank **LinguiSystems** for their generous donation of \$1000.00 which is being used to help maintain the low cost of registration for our students attending the fall convention.

Their hope is to "increase the likelihood that students who have entered speech and hearing programs will continue with their studies and go on to be contributing professionals. We hope they will spread the word to others about how rewarding our fields are."

**Thank you LinguiSystems for your generous support of our Montana Speech Language and Hearing Association.**

## Call for Nominations.....

**Give your colleagues the recognition they deserve for their hard work and dedication to our fields of speech-language pathology and audiology!  
Nominate deserving individuals for one of the following MSHA awards:**

**Meritorious Award:** For outstanding achievement in the area of communication disorders of a nontechnical nature or exemplary service to our organization, profession and the communicatively impaired.

**Achievement Award:** In recognition of a major contribution to the profession, and the communicatively impaired. Their devotion and effort far exceeds recognized standards of performance.

**Service Award:** Recognizes someone who, with dedication and excellence, provided service to the organization.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Laura Jo McKamey Award (aka The Big Purse Award):** This award is given to honor the memory of Montana Speech-Language Pathologist, Laura Jo McKamey. We honor Laura Jo's preparedness, attention to detail, and ability to carry so many tidbits of information. Please nominate individuals that you view as deserving of recognition for any contribution to our state's individuals with communicative challenges.

Please email your nominations to Jamie Frost at [kydus@msn.com](mailto:kydus@msn.com).

The deadline for nominations is October 3, 2014.

Award recipients will be announced and honored in October at MSHA's Fall Convention in Missoula.

See you there!

A Call to Montana Audiologists, I just wanted to plant a seed regarding serving on the state's Speech Pathology-Audiology Board. My second term is over 12/31/14 and, with a two term limit, I will not be able to apply again. This has been an awesome experience that I would recommend to anyone. The Dept. of Labor and Industry staff provide excellent guidance so that I feel I am making good decisions for the consumers of SLPA services in our state. The time commitment varies from year to year, depending on rule changes etc., but I have never felt overwhelmed by the amount of work.

So, if you want to know more about the Board as you decide whether or not to serve, visit: [http://bsd.dli.mt.gov/license/bsd\\_boards/slp\\_board/board\\_page.asp](http://bsd.dli.mt.gov/license/bsd_boards/slp_board/board_page.asp)

Submitted by: Tina Hoagland, Audiologist

Volunteer Audiologist Needed.....

Learn About our 2014 MSHA Fall Convention Speakers

Speech Pathology Speakers & Topics

Tammy Elser: Exploring Language and Literacy in the Common Core
Greg Sutton & Marnee Brick: Telepractice
Amy Glaspey: Clinical applications of dynamic assessment
Gail Sudderth: 1. Pulmonary Rehab in ICU, 2. The Benefits of the Positive Closure Speaking Valve

Audiology Speakers & Topics

Ian Windmill & Sue Windmill: Patient Centered Care
April Luxner: An Interactive Update on Cochlear Implant and Baha Candidacy
Peter VonDoersten: Differential Diagnosis of Complex Disorders of the Ear

Due to the abundant information available for the MSHA Fall Convention pertaining to our speakers and schedule please look to the website. We are currently working to establish a NEW website for MSHA but it is not quite ready. The current version will have available all pertinent information so that all attendees can download a thorough summary of information relating to the Fall Convention and our presenters.

Financial Support for Legislation Needed

As many of you may or may not know, as SLPs or Audiologists, we are unable to bill and receive reimbursement for Evaluation & Management (E&M) CPT codes to insurance companies. This is a disservice to our professions because we are providing these services to patients, but are not being reimbursed as most other providers. We have been told by the State Insurance Commissioner's office that in order for us to be able to be reimbursed for these codes (for all insurance except Medicare), our professions need to be listed on Mont Code 33-22-11. These specific CPT codes are for case history, review of systems, familial history, development of a treatment plan, etc. These are things we are already doing, but unable to get reimbursement for our time. The other option would be to bill the patient directly for these codes, which is unfair to them since other providers (physicians, dentists, PAs, chiropractors, PTs, Podiatrists, APRNs, acupuncturists, naturopathic physicians, etc.) are able to get insurance reimbursement. We feel strongly that our professions should be represented in the Freedom of Choice code, so we are going to make a change through legislation. A patient should be able to go to the provider of their choice and have all appropriate services covered by their insurance. We are thrilled to have gained overwhelming support of the MSHA Board and look forward to making this a reality. However, to make this a reality, we need your financial support. Getting a bill through the legislature is expensive. Please make a generous donation to MSHA. We can make it happen with your support. To view Mont Code 33-22-111 go to http://codes.lp.findlaw.com/mtcode/33/22/1/33-22-111 Submitted By: Doug Rehder, Au.D., Crystal Dvorak, Au.D., and Jessica Reynolds, SLP



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2014 Fall Conference

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City: State: Zip:
Phone: Email:

If you need other accommodations please let us know as soon as possible.

I am:
SLP
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Dual SLP/Aud
Student
Aide/Assistant
Other

Membership Renewal:
2015 MSHA Membership Dues: \$75
Remainder 2014 + 2015 Membership Dues: \$85
2015 Aide/Assistant Dues: \$25
2015 Student Dues: \$25 Total:

I plan on attending the Montana Audiology Guild (MAG) Luncheon on Friday which is self-pay at the site (not included in the registration fee)

Table with columns: Thursday (Check boxes you will attend), Students, Aides, Members, Non-Members. Rows include Elser/Windmill/Members Luncheon, Sutton/Brick/Luxner/Von Doersten/Sudderth, Sudderth/Glaspey, and Entire Conference.

Remember you can also register online and pay via PayPal instead.....

Remember all speakers begin at 8:30 a.m. each day

On-site registration will cost an additional \$35.00. A \$25.00 cancellation fee will be deducted from refunds if notice is received up to 10 days before the convention. No refunds will be granted after this date.

This course is offered for up to 1.7 ASHA CEUs (Intermediate level, Professional area)



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