



Recent Scholarship Winners:

Emily Leister won the first Roger Ruth Scholarship from the American Academy of Audiology Foundation.

Amanda Burg won a Starkey Clinical Scholarship from Starkey Laboratories.

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AudiologyNOW2011 registration is here! Here are a few hints and information from www.audiologynow.org. This year's convention is being held in Chicago from April 6-9th, 2011. The theme is *Innovation to Implementation* to "innovate your knowledge and implement your new skills in audiology."

Why should YOU go?

As we have been told so many times, audiology is a field of nonstop learning. Audiology is constantly growing and changing and we should be a part of it. This opportunity is for us as students studying to be audiologists as well as already successful working audiologists. There are fee accommodations and volunteering opportunities to help students with the costs of this event. To make this event even more beneficial for students, there are student activities in addition to the main "Schedule of Events" to network, interact, and have a great time with each other. (Visit <http://www.audiologynow.org/students/schedule.html> to take a look at these opportunities.)

Become a Student Volunteer!

Why? If you want to have your registration fee WAIVED, become a student volunteer. The earlier you sign up, the more favorable time slots to volunteer will be available. You must show up to your assigned time or you will be charged the full student amount.

How Do I Apply? Student volunteers will be able to apply online when AudiologyNOW! registration opens on November 1, 2010. Online registration is only available to students with current SAA membership. If your membership is not current, you will need to fax or mail your membership materials. Once your membership is current, you will be able to apply as a student volunteer. Don't miss out on selecting the prime time slots - [renew](#) or [join today!](#)

We hope to see you all there! The opportunity to interact with audiologists and associated professionals with AAA on this level only comes once a year. It is a wonderful learning and growing experience to be a part of the profession we love. We hope to see you all there to share this time together!

Lauren McGivern

Interview with: Laura Sadler, AuD MA



**Laura Sadler,
AuD MA**

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What is your background in Audiology? Where did you go to school and start out in the field?

I went to Kent State for Speech Pathology. I Started out as a Journalism major, and found it wasn't for me. Then I just started taking classes, until I took the intro to Audiology class, then I was hooked! Since I was in ROTC, I immediately went into the Air Force after graduation. Four years as chief of Audiology at Wright-Patterson AFB Medical Center (pretty funny, just being out of school and all), three years as clinical audiologist at Seaway Hospital in Michigan, then 23 years at EB Brown Hearing and Optical Centers. The last six have been my own private practice.

How do you think the Air Force Shaped your career? Would you recommend other students to joint the Air Force?

I think everyone should have a stint in the military! However, not during wartime. It was an invaluable experience for me. I was fitting hearing aids before Audiologists were even allowed to. I tested babies, did ENGs and ABRs, hearing conservation, as well as regular military functions. It all made me very well rounded!

What do you think is the most important aspect of being a clinician?

The most important aspect of being a clinician is treating the patient as a whole, not just treating the hearing loss. This job is part technician, physician, psychiatrist, and marriage counselor. You want to show the patient not how much you know, but how much you care.

What do you enjoy most about working in a private practice setting?

I love being the boss! I can order what hearing aids I like, what products to use, what hours to work, etc. Working in another setting, you have many rules to follow, and many times strict adherence. The down side is you are the boss, and the buck stops here. Plus, you may have to work longer hours and certainly take less time off than working for someone else.

What made you want to precept? What is your favorite part about being a preceptor?

I appreciated having preceptors when I started out, and I believe in paying it forward. It is so important to have someone help you when you are starting out. My favorite part is when a student suddenly “gets it”, like masking. I still remember the day I finally “got it” when it came to masking.

What do you like about NOAC students?

NOAC students came from the same mold I came from. Times are different, philosophies are a little different, but the attitude is the same.

If you weren't an Audiologist, what would you do as an alternate career?

Believe it or not, I think I would love to be a hairdresser!!! Of course, I would like to own my own shop and “precept” hairdressers to be!

Do you have any Audiology heroes?

Dr. Kent Berger is my hero. He taught me so much, especially to deal with physicians as well as patients. He also taught me the most important thing: he told me as I graduated that this was just the beginning of life-long learning, and when I got out in the real world, I would find out just how much I didn't know. Boy was he ever right!

Dr. Laura Sadler has owned and operated Hearing Doctors of Ohio private practice in Middleburgh Heights since 2004. She can be contacted by phone at 440-234-5515 or by email at sadlerlaura@yahoo.com

Chelsea Dieck

Highlights of 4th Year Students (Class of 2011)

Emily Leister

Where are you from?

Lodi, OH – near Medina. Lodi is very small, but we’re famous for our Prime Outlets Mall.

Where is your clinical placement?

Toledo Audiology in Maumee, Ohio. It’s a group practice that’s affiliated with the hospital. We have 4 Audiologists, 6 ENT’s, 1 Neuro-otologist, and a Physical Therapist for vestibular rehabilitation.

Why did you choose the placement that you did?

This practice caught my eye because the Audiologists here see a wide variety of patients of all ages and flavors for both complete Hearing and Vestibular diagnostics and treatment. They value evidence-based practice and they strive to offer the most up to date equipment, technology and care. They also have opportunities for students to observe surgery, work with cochlear implants, collaborate with a multi-disciplinary Vestibular team, observe ENT’s, and to participate in a clinical research study. The practice also values a more independent environment for students, and I was happy to be able to learn from my mentors and then immediately practice new skills on my own.

What is your favorite part about the clinic?

Every day is fast-paced, challenging, and I see a diverse patient base. Every appointment is vastly different from the one before, and I feel that I will become very well-rounded in many areas of Audiology. I have the opportunity to manage my own patients and develop relationships with them. It’s rewarding to see their progress from start to finish, and to see what works well and what does not.

Do you have any specific experiences or memories from your past years through NOAC that had a big impact on you?

My best memories would have to be at my clinical sites, both on campus and at external locations. That is where I learned the most about working with people. Each clinical rotation had a specific focus, whether it was hearing aids or electrophysiology, and I am now calling upon all that knowledge in my 4th year.

Do you have any advice for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd years?

Don’t waste any time in school. Read everything you can get your hands on, even if it is not assigned or on any exam. You will need to know and use all the information at some point in your professional life, even if it doesn’t seem to be relevant to you right now. Also, stay updated on new ideas, research and technology. Go to AudiologyNOW and every educational event that you can attend. The more exposure you have, and the more times you hear something, the better it will be remembered and put into practice. There is so much to learn!

How do you feel about graduating? (Nervous, excited, ready, sad to depart from your fellow students?)

I am ready and excited to graduate! This year’s “real world” experience in Audiology is confirming that I love this profession. I am excited to be able to practice Audiology, and to develop my own style and process of managing patients. I am not looking forward to starting the job search and interview process again, but it will come a day at a time.



4th year NOAC student
Emily Leister

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Bake Sale 2010

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<http://www.uakron.edu/groups/saa/>

Upcoming Events

November

Food drive now through 11/15

11/14: The Cleveland Browns vs. NY Jets

The class that donates the most will receive a PIZZA PARTY!

11/ 22/10: Resound will be on campus to discuss new products. Food/drinks will be provided

Location: Polsky 421 Time: 6pm-8pm

Spring Semester

OAC Feb 17-19, 2011 in Columbus

March 16th 2011: Legislative reception: More details TBA

AAA April 6-9 2011 in Chicago



Class of 2013