The 18th Annual Northeast Ohio AuD Consortium (NOAC) White Coat Ceremony was held on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at the Kiva Auditorium in the Kent State University Student Center. The University of Akron, in partnership with Kent State University and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, offer the Doctor of Audiology (AuD) degree. Graduates of the program work in hospitals, medical clinics, private practices, and schools across the country diagnosing, managing and treating patients with hearing and balance disorders. Each year the incoming first year students receive their white coat recognizing the first step in their professional journey to become doctors of audiology. The program welcomed 22 new students from across the state and country into the NOAC Class of 2023.