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WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY



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shares the news of the  
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**GOLDEN RAMS FOREVER!!!**

## WELCOME TO /si ɛs di/

CSD at WCU has completed 1<sup>st</sup> Summer Session and 2<sup>nd</sup> Summer Session and, now that 3<sup>rd</sup> Summer Session has arrived, has started the countdown to Fall Semester, with the start of classes on 08-25-14. This summer, we welcomed a new cohort of Pre-Graduate Certificate Students. And, with the arrival of autumn, we will welcome a new cohort of M.A. Students, as well as a diverse assortment of new 1<sup>st</sup> year and transfer B.A. Students. We look forward to many opportunities to know our new students better. We are also excited to welcome two new tenure-track faculty members into CSD at WCU and look forward to their many anticipated contributions to the mission of our Department. And, we hope to hear your news very soon!

Please Send News Items To . . . [cgunter@wcupa.edu](mailto:cgunter@wcupa.edu)  
Thank You!



The M.A. Program  
Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders  
is accredited in Speech-Language Pathology by the  
Council on Academic Accreditation  
of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association  
(Current Accreditation Effective 2007-2015)



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**WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY  
CHAPTER OF NSSLHA  
(NATIONAL STUDENT SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING ASSOCIATION)  
EARNS GOLD CHAPTER HONORS  
FOR 2014**

The West Chester University Chapter of NSSLHA (National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association) has earned Gold Chapter Honors for 2014. CSD at WCU is thrilled to announce this accomplishment!

The “Gold Chapter” designation is awarded to chapters for outstanding accomplishments across the areas of philanthropy, community service, professional advocacy, and educational support.

**The WCU Chapter is one of only 23 NSSLHA Chapters (out of 319 chapters nationwide) to have earned this distinction for 2014. WOW!**

Congratulations to the students of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders for this accomplishment, and special commendations to the NSSLHA Chapter Officers for their exemplary leadership: Melanie Riland, President; Kaitlyn Smith, Vice-President; Judy Lubas, Secretary; and Victoria Wermert, Treasurer.

Thanks, also, to the NSSLHA Chapter Advisor, Dr. Patricia Swasey Washington, for her support of NSSLHA.

**2014 NSSLHA  
GOLD CHAPTER HONORS**

California State University-Fullerton  
California State University-Northridge  
Chapman University  
Florida State University  
Long Island University-Brooklyn  
Marywood University  
Mercy College  
Minot State University  
Pennsylvania State University  
Southern Illinois University-Carbondale  
The University of Arkansas-Fayetteville  
The University of Arkansas-Little Rock  
The University of Cincinnati  
The University of Florida  
The University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign  
The University of Iowa  
The University of Missouri  
The University of Nebraska-Omaha  
The University of Northern Iowa  
The University of Virginia  
The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee  
Vanderbilt University  
**WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY**



Honor the history of CSD at WCU.  
Celebrate a special occasion.  
Show a student you are behind her or him.  
Thank a wonderful teacher or advisor.  
Invest in the future of CSD at WCU.  
Show your Golden Rams Pride!

We welcome your donation – in your own name or in honor of a student, faculty member, staff member, or another person – to one of our current CSD at WCU scholarships, awarded each year: Suppan (for B.A. students), Tyson (for Pre-Graduate Certificate students), and Graduate Research (for M.A. students). We also invite you to consider whether you want to establish and name a scholarship to support the mission of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. To discuss our present and anticipated needs and specific aspects of our mission that you could endow, please contact our Department Chairperson, Dr. Cheryl Gunter, at [cgunter@wcupa.edu](mailto:cgunter@wcupa.edu). We appreciate your generous support!

To contribute to these scholarships,  
please visit the WCU Foundation web site,  
where you can easily donate online.  
<http://www.wcufoundation.org>



**NEW CSD AT WCU 1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR STUDENTS  
ATTEND SUMMER 2014  
FRESHMAN ORIENTATION**



**CSD AT WCU  
DEAN'S LIST STUDENTS  
SPRING SEMESTER 2014**

Carly Aaron . . . . . Kelsiann Acer  
 Joanna Adamo . . . . . Laura Alexander  
 Jennifer Allen . . . . . Kelly Anderson  
 Samantha Balistrieri . . . . . Alexa Barry  
 Rebekah Beahan . . . . . Jordan Bennett  
 Whitney Black . . . . . Kay Bogunovich  
 Jessica Bramante . . . . . Jessica Brand  
 Lauren Brill . . . . . Lauren Brosky  
 Mackensy Buell . . . . . Katherine Burker  
 Rachel Butera . . . . . Hannah Campbell  
 Kristine Campbell . . . . . Amanda Campbell  
 Jaelyn Carr . . . . . Cassidy Carrion  
 Samantha Caruso . . . . . Caitlin Caruso  
 Shannon Cassidy . . . . . Melissa Christie  
 Kirsten Clemens . . . . . Victoria Coates  
 Shannon Corrado . . . . . Rachel Crescitelli  
 Kaycee Crofton . . . . . Cecelia Cronin  
 Jenna Crowley . . . . . Samantha D'Amora  
 Taylor D'Antonio . . . . . Christine DeCicco  
 Amy DePippo . . . . . Emily Deeves  
 Ellen Delp . . . . . Noelle DiBlasi  
 Isabella DiLauro . . . . . Jullianne Doll  
 Anna Downey . . . . . Elizabeth Dzero  
 Emily Elias . . . . . Tara Ellington  
 Elizabeth Fedak . . . . . Jason Fish  
 Rebecca Fisher . . . . . Stephanie Frasca  
 Anne Garstka . . . . . Alexandra Generelli  
 Ruby Gift . . . . . Ashtyn Goshaw

Renee Gross . . . . . Erin Hadfield  
 Jane Harris . . . . . Johanna Hattier  
 Nicole Hearn . . . . . Lindsey Herr  
 Emily Hooper . . . . . Amber Hosmi  
 Cassandra Ippolito . . . . . Jillian Jackson  
 Bo Juzwiak . . . . . Caitlin Kane  
 Corinne Kelleher . . . . . Maura Kelly  
 Julia Kessel . . . . . Emily Kish  
 Kelsy Koch . . . . . Leigh Koffenberger  
 Elise Lerario . . . . . Abbie Lookingbill  
 Judy Lubas . . . . . Rachel Maga  
 Erin Maloney . . . . . Amy McCaffrey  
 Erin McCaig . . . . . Tara McDonough  
 Natalie McGonigle . . . . . Kelsey McIntyre  
 Chelsea Meloni . . . . . Brittany Miller  
 Rebecca Mills . . . . . Olivia Mohnacs  
 Amanda Mooney . . . . . Victoria Mosuriak  
 Nicholas Nobile . . . . . Christina O'Neill  
 Jennifer Odomirok . . . . . Lauren Onorato  
 Rebecca Penaranda . . . . . Jessica Rauscher  
 Alainna Rehrer . . . . . Lauren Reichart  
 Melanie Riland . . . . . Lara Roche  
 Sarah Romeiser . . . . . Katie Roth  
 Mariah Ruane . . . . . Andrea Rudderow  
 Bethany Rudy . . . . . Gia Santivasi  
 Alexandra Schurr . . . . . Samantha Shaw  
 Shannon Shiring . . . . . Amanda Sloan  
 DeVonna Smith . . . . . Kaitlyn Smith  
 Staci Sorrell . . . . . Danielle Stacy  
 Abigail Stern . . . . . Jessica Stoffel  
 Elissa Streisel . . . . . Ryan Summers  
 Alexa Taicher . . . . . Kylie Thorne  
 Victoria Tornetta . . . . . Kaitlin Trudeau  
 Nicole Tunnard . . . . . Kelsey Turczmanovicz  
 Laura Urbany . . . . . Karisa Wagenman  
 Julie Waldron . . . . . Stephanie Wanner  
 Rachel Weiner . . . . . Morgan Weinstein  
 Brianna Welch . . . . . Victoria Wermert  
 Abigail Wheeler . . . . . Elizabeth Wilson  
 Julia Witmer . . . . . Sarah Workman  
 Dina Lynn Worley . . . . . Chanel Wright  
 Dina Yevkovich . . . . . Lauren Zayarz  
 Emily Zborowski . . . . . Kailey Zeager  
 Ashley Zink



**NEW CSD AT WCU 1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR STUDENTS  
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## *Pre-Graduate Certificate Students*

WELCOME TO THE NEW 2014-2015 PRE-GRADUATE CERTIFICATE STUDENTS



Our Pre-Graduate Certificate Program (PCP Program) allows students who have earned an undergraduate degree in another discipline to complete the equivalent of an undergraduate degree in CSD as preparation for graduate studies in CSD. This four-semester (full-time) program runs Summer-Fall-Spring-Summer. Welcome to our new students!

BEST WISHES  
FOR YOUR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF YOUR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM TO

Aimee Barcola  
Krista Carpenter  
Sally Dayton  
Allison DeSanto  
Brittany Doan  
Susan Flanigan  
Melissa Gabriel  
Emily Gibbons  
Alvin Groff  
Jamie Gross  
Sibohan Groves  
Jamie Held  
Shane Henley  
Shannon Hull  
Amanda Keister  
Karla Ane Klouder  
Stacey Meyer  
Brianna Oertel

*Pre-Graduate Certificate Students*

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2013-2014 PRE-GRADUATE CERTIFICATE STUDENTS



The Pre-Graduate Certificate Students pictured above completed their studies in June 2014. Dr. Cheryl Gunter, CSD Department Chairperson, presented certificates to them on their final class date. Everyone from CSD at WCU wishes them the very best of success to them as they continue their studies, either here at WCU or at other institutions. We have sincerely enjoyed the opportunity that we have had to know you and to work with you in various circumstances!

*Front Row*

L to R

Ashley Avenoso

Bailey Shaw

Lisa Rubinow

Laura Leyden

Lindsay Arbutina

Christine Fenimore

*Back Row*

L to R

Michele Grant-Venuto

Tanya Ibarra

Cynthia Bialowas

Rachel Palange

Colleen McGregor

Megan Richerts

Christine Pate

*Not Pictured*

Cynthia Bialowas





CSD at WCU is very pleased to welcome our new M.A. students, who will start their studies with us in Fall Semester. This year, we received approximately 300 applications for admission. The students pictured above have a mean GPA (cumulative) of 3.77 and a mean GPA (CSD major) of 3.89 – very impressive credentials! We appreciate their interest in CSD at WCU and very much look forward to the opportunity to work with them over the course of their studies. Their names, as well as the institutions they attended for their undergraduate degrees, are listed below.



Kayleigh Anderson . . . . . LaSalle University  
Lindsay Arbutina . . . . . Millersville University  
Ashley Avenoso . . . . . Lebanon Valley College  
Chelsea Bauder . . . . . East Stroudsburg University  
Cynthia Bialowas . . . . . The University of Delaware  
Jenna Brosious . . . . . Bowling Green State University  
Taylor Calabree . . . . . Richard Stockton College  
Christine Fenimore . . . . . The University of Delaware  
Kathryn Gadbow . . . . . Pennsylvania State University  
Michele Grant-Venuto . . . . . SUNY-Oneonta  
Jennifer Hilbish . . . . . West Chester University  
Michelle LaPenta . . . . . LaSalle University  
Morgan Levitz . . . . . West Chester University  
Laura Leyden . . . . . St. Joseph's University

Chelsea Linton . . . . . Pennsylvania State University  
Lauren Onorato . . . . . West Chester University  
Rachel Palange . . . . . Pennsylvania State University  
Holly Przybylowski . . . . . Pennsylvania State University  
Lisa Rubinow . . . . . The University of Pennsylvania  
Whitney Schmutter . . . . . Pennsylvania State University  
Bailey Shaw . . . . . Arcadia University  
Megan Lawson Simmons . . . . . Clarion University  
Trevor Solis . . . . . West Chester University  
Staci Sorrell . . . . . West Chester University  
Marcia Towers . . . . . Eastern New Mexico University  
Dina Lynn Worley . . . . . West Chester University  
Jayme Wyda . . . . . LaSalle University  
Ashley Zink . . . . . West Chester University



*Welcome to Our  
New E&D at WCU  
Faculty Members*

CSD at WCU  
extends a sincere welcome to our  
new tenure-track Assistant Professors.  
Their full-time positions start Fall Semester 2014.

Welcome to . . .

**Supraja Anand**  
Ph.D., The University of Florida  
Speech-Language-Hearing Scientist

**Jeanette Benigas**  
Ph.D., Ohio State University  
Speech-Language Pathologist

We look forward to your many contributions  
to the mission of CSD at WCU!



*Thank You . . .  
E&D at WCU Site Supervisors*

CSD at WCU  
extends sincere appreciation to the SLPs  
who served as the day-to-day supervisors  
for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Year M.A. students  
in their off-campus clinical practicum experiences  
in Summer Semester.



**Annie Benbrook**  
Kimball Center – Barnabas Health System

**Kirsten Brown**  
Health South Rehabilitation – Reading

**Erin Byler**  
Penn State Rehabilitation Hospital - Hershey

**Laura Curren**  
**Julie Schlesinger**  
Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation Hospital

**Melissa McGuffin Ferdas**  
**Molly Riley**  
The University of Pennsylvania

**Chris Findlay**  
**Jan Westerhouse**  
Crozer Chester Medical Center

**Laura Gennarelli**  
Paoli Hospital

**Dale Gregore**  
Christiana Hospital

**Jane Hocker**  
Bacharach Rehabilitation Center

**Amy Kares**  
St. Luke's Medical Center

**Sahithi Kokkalagadda**  
Robert Wood Johnson Hospital

**Genevieve Lehr**  
Moss Rehabilitation Center

**Sue Lynch**  
Hershey Medical Center

**Donald Moore**  
South Jersey Hospital

**Beth Pickard**  
Chester County Hospital

**John Rhoat**  
Nanticoke Hospital

**Vanna Roth**  
Reading Health – Wyomissing

**Ashly Sabata**  
Conestoga View Rehabilitation

**Shelly Slott**  
Taylor Hospital

**Marlene Stankus**  
St. Laurence Rehabilitation Center

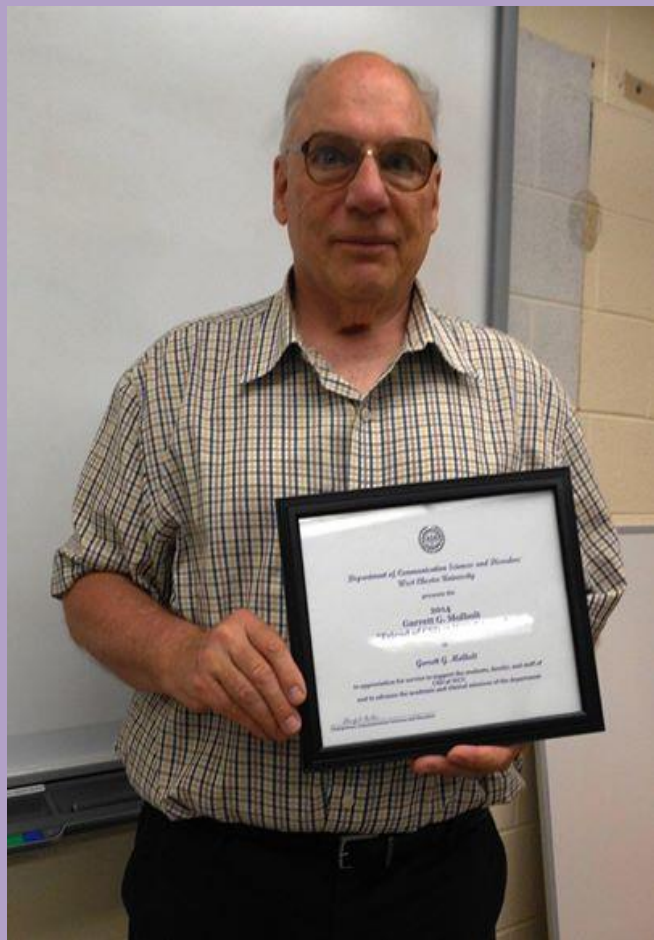
Your contributions to the professional preparation  
of our students were invaluable.  
**THANK YOU!**



*Thank You . . .  
CSD at WCU Temporary Instructors*

THANK YOU to the CSD at WCU temporary instructors who joined our faculty in Summer Semester to provide academic and clinical instruction for our B.A., Certificate, and M.A. students.

Mr. Samuel Esposito  
Dr. Kimberly Ginsberg  
Ms. Carolyn Macrina  
Dr. Irene Merenda  
Ms. Colleen Reynolds  
Ms. Shelly Slott  
Ms. Dianne Spragale  
Ms. Kathie Uschold  
Ms. Mary Wolfe



*The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual  
"Garrett G. Molholt Friend of CSD Award"*

CSD at WCU is very pleased to announce the establishment of the "Garrett G. Molholt Friend of CSD Award."

Over the years, many individuals outside the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders have provided valuable contributions to the mission of our Department. The CSD faculty decided that, while we have expressed our thanks to these individuals in many informal ways, the time has arrived for a more formal expression of appreciation.

We thus established the "Friend of CSD Award," to consist of a certificate and a coffee table book for the recipient to enjoy.

When we started to discuss who the very first recipient of the award should be, the choice soon became obvious: Dr. Garrett G. Molholt, Professor of English and Linguistics here at WCU. And, as we reflected on his substantial support of CSD at WCU, we decided to not only present him with this award but also to name it in his honor. A plaque to be displayed in the lobby of the CSD Department will bear his name (and those of subsequent recipients) as the first recipient of the "Garrett G. Molholt Friend of CSD Award."

Dr. Molholt has supported our CSD B.A. and Certificate students as an instructor of ENG/LIN 230, "Introduction to Linguistics." He has also supported our CSD M.A. students as a member of M.A. Thesis Committees. Additionally, he has supported our CSD faculty as a member of their Department Evaluation Committees for tenure and/or promotion, as well as for their 5-year post-tenure review. His classroom observations of faculty have assisted with their continued development as instructors, and his input into their scholarly work has assisted with their continued development as scholars. His positive, personable interactions have contributed to inter-departmental collaboration on this campus as he has coordinated the Linguistics Program in the past. As he starts to transition into the retirement phase of his life, we know that his presence on campus will be profoundly missed by those of us who have been honored to know him.

Dr. Cheryl Gunter, CSD Department Chairperson, presented this honor – a surprise – to Dr. Molholt at the start of an "Introduction to Linguistics" class this summer. His students responded with a very well-deserved sustained round of applause for him.

Congratulations and sincere thanks to our very first recipient of the "Garrett G. Molholt Friend of CSD Award."

If you wish to send a note of thanks and congratulations to Dr. Molholt for his work, his campus e-mail address is [gmolholt@wcupa.edu](mailto:gmolholt@wcupa.edu).



*An Opportunity for Service . . .*

FROM  
BRENT THOMPSON, Ph.D. R.N.  
Associate Professor  
Department of Nursing

My daughter, Laura Thompson, has been selected to represent the USA in tennis at the 2015 Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles.

Over 7,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities from more than 177 countries will arrive in Los Angeles to compete and inspire everyone with their talent, courage, determination and sheer joy.

I am asking for your support to help send Laura and other athletes to the Games. She has been representing Chester County in the Pennsylvania Special Olympics tennis team for the last 5 years and has gotten a lot from the experience. She gets excited about going to State College in the State Games two months in advance! You can imagine how excited she already is about going to Los Angeles in the summer of 2015.

The Games run from July 25 to August 2, 2015. ESPN will be covering the opening ceremony at the LA Coliseum. The athletic events will also be shown during the event the last week of July.

Perhaps we will get to see Laura!

It costs about \$2500 to send each athlete to the Games. The money we raise goes to help all athletes attend, not just Laura. No athlete is asked to pay to participate. Transportation, housing, food, medical care, and entertainment will all be provided.

Laura will be staying in a dorm at UCLA and competing at the UCLA Tennis Center.

If you are interested in supporting Laura and the other Special Olympians in the World Games please click the link below and donate whatever you can. Any amount will be welcome.

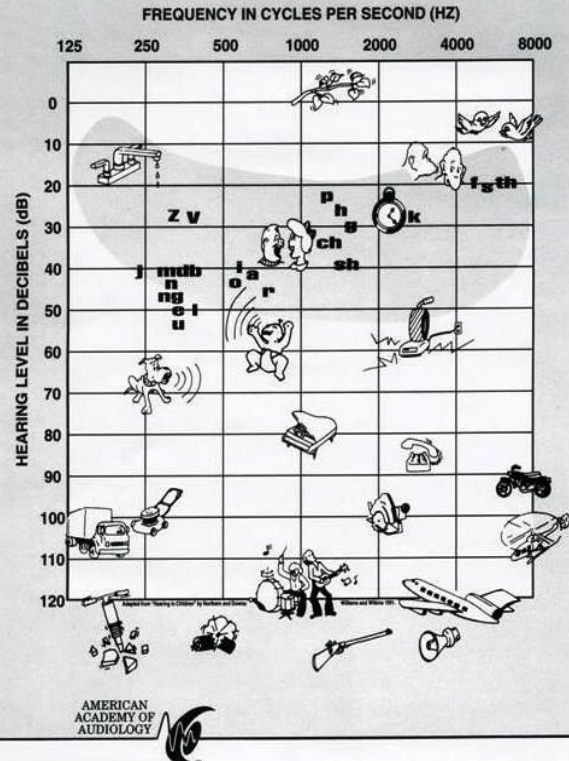
<http://support.la2015.org/fundraise?fcid=323974>

Thanks,

Brent



## AUDIOGRAM OF FAMILIAR SOUNDS



From American Academy of Audiology  
Cartoon Audiogram with "Speech Banana"

## To Our CSD At WCU Students . . . .

Would your parents/families like to receive our  
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If so, we would be happy to add their names to our  
Parents/Families Distribution List!

It's easy!



Have your loved ones send their e-mail addresses to  
cgunter@wcupa.edu, along with a short e-mail with your  
name and their relationship to you included.

We will add your loved ones to our list and send the  
very next newsletter their way!

Thank You!

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Charles Blackwell, *Conversation round 11pm regarding no corruption*, Acrylic and ink on Bristol board

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which offers guests the first opportunity to view and buy works from our 2014 show.

## 2015 PSHA Convention

### Call For Papers

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