National Recognition for Faculty and Students

Scholarship Recipient

Aaron Lin, a senior student in the Clinical Laboratory Science (CLS) program, is one of 5 recipients to receive a $2,000 scholarship from the American Proficiency Institute (API). When asked to explain to others his decision for pursuing a medical laboratory science career, Mr. Lin explained, “I tell them that it’s something that’s on the cutting edge of technology and innovative science. I tell them that I am gaining practical knowledge while learning about the human body, and that it is preparing me to help other people.” Mr. Lin maintains a Twitter feed @theclinicallab documenting his medical laboratory studies.

Dr. Larry Broussard, CLS Department Head, also recognizes Aaron for being a leader and active member of his class. “Aaron organized 2 events with Habitat for Humanity for his class to participate in, he administered a text alert system for contacting students during Hurricane Isaac and he participates on the School committee for Emerging Technologies.

API is one of the largest proficiency testing providers in the world serving nearly 18,000 laboratories. API offers innovative solutions and technical excellence for the proficiency testing needs of hospital laboratories, physician offices, clinics, and point-of-care testing sites.

Audiology Program works with AARP

Faculty and students of the Audiology program partnered with the Better Hearing Institute (BHI), a non-profit organization, to provide over 300 hearing screens to AARP members and guests during the 2012 AARP Convention in New Orleans. Faculty and students to be recognized for their service include: Allison Clark, Bradley Davis, Au.D.; Kristen Doll, Brandi Greenhouse, Meredith Hobgood, Paige Hooper, Annette Hurley, Ph.D.; Jerald James, Au.D.; Greg Kettelhake, Hung Mai, Brandi McGraw, Danielle Mercer, Meredith Poynot, Lauren Stiles, and Robert Turner, Ph.D. The Better Hearing Institute’s mission is to educate the public about hearing loss and prevention and management of this disorder.

Conducting hearing tests with BHI was an experience that was both fun and educational. As an audiology student, I always welcome opportunities to strengthen my clinical skills. In our time working with BHI we not only tested participant’s hearing, but also reviewed the results with them, giving us valuable practice in the counseling aspect of our profession. I was able to meet many interesting people in the process. I would definitely do this again!

Danielle Mercer, Audiology student

Did you know?

- Excessive noise is the number one reason for hearing loss.
- If you cannot carry on a conversation in the presence of noise, it is too loud for your ears and can potentially cause hearing loss.
- The ear has over 25,000 tiny hair cells to help you hear the nuances of sound.