

Louisiana State University Health Science Center

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

NATIONAL STUDENT SPEECH, LANGUAGE AND HEARING ASSOCIATION

JANUARY NEWSLETTER



CONGRATULATIONS ON RETIREMENT!

Mrs. Aloma Lykes M.C.D. CCC-SLP, an Associate Professor of Clinical COMD, retired after 25 years of dedicated teaching and service at LSUHSC. Mrs. Lykes graduated from Xavier University in 1974 and obtained her Master's at the LSU Medical Center in 1976. We thank Mrs. Lykes for her time spent at LSUHSC and wish her a happy retirement!

LAST MONTH AT LSUHSC

NSSLHA held a book drive during the month of December for the children at the New Orleans Women and Children's Shelter. Over 300 books were donated to the shelter to promote early literacy skills!

NSSLHA students participated in two Sensory Sunday opportunities during December. Sensory Sundays are opportunities for parents to bring their children with various developmental disorders to locations in New Orleans and participate in activities just for them! Sensory Sunday at the Children's Museum had a holiday theme. Children were able to have snowball fights and do various crafts related to the holidays. Dinosaurs was the theme at the Sensory Sunday at the Audubon Zoo. Activities included painting dinosaur feet, temporary tattoos, and touching an actual snake, a distant relative of the dinosaur.

MEET OUR NSSLHA OFFICERS



Treasurer	Vice President	Treasurer	President
Jenna Hotstream	Tori Stanton	Kendra Ventura	Katie Holsapple
Historian	Secretary	Historian	
Tessa Bourgeois	Alexis Dupuy	Ashley Goodsell	

NSSLHA MEETING DATES FOR SPRING

Tuesday, January 29th	Tuesday, March 26th
Tuesday, February 26th	Tuesday, April 30th

All meetings will take place at 4:30pm on the 9th floor.

MEET OUR NEW INSTRUCTOR!



Brittney Wright is well known to our department, as she is an LSUHSC alumni from the class of 2010. Upon graduation, she joined LSUHSC Human Development Center as the Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) as Project Coordinator. There, she worked to prepare and mentor future healthcare providers in designing and implementing services addressing the needs and priorities of children with disabilities and their families. She has experience working with individuals across a wide range of ages and a variety of disorders. She enjoys early intervention and community outreach in clinical and school settings. Her experiences include:

- augmentative and alternative communication (AAC)
- developmental speech and language delays
- articulation and language disorders
- feeding and swallowing disorders
- working with children with autism spectrum disorders.

She is passionate about her students, clients, and families reaching their full potential and wants to see her community and profession thrive. We are truly honored to have Brittney Wright as the newest faculty member of the department.