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The Department of Speech,
Language, and Hearing Sciences

School of Mind, Brain, and Behavior
College of Science



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CONVOCATION PROGRAM

Processional

Welcome and Introduction of Faculty and Staff

Mary Alt, PhD
Professor and Department Head

Remarks from the Dean

Carmala N. Garziona, PhD
Dean, College of Science

Department Awards

Excellence in Undergraduate Research
Lauren Distler, BS

Outstanding Senior
Kaitlyn Tullis, BS

Outstanding Graduate Student Clinician
Alexa Liss, MS

Outstanding Graduate Student Clinician
Mary Sisson, AuD

Jean R. Guloiien Outstanding Graduate Student
Danielle Girard, MS

Jean R. Guloiien Outstanding Graduate Student
Samantha Zambrano, AuD

Presentation of Graduates

Doctor of Philosophy
Doctor of Audiology
Master of Science
Bachelor of Science

Closing Comments

Recessional

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD

Congratulations to our 2024 Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences graduates! Our mission is to create new knowledge through the scientific study of human communication and its disorders, train the next generation of speech language pathologists and audiologists, and prepare students to succeed in a wide range of careers through the application of critical thinking and written and oral communication skills. Graduation is an impressive achievement. The faculty and staff are immensely proud of your hard work and all that you have accomplished. We are thankful for the friends and family who helped support our students on their journey. The students graduating today truly will make this world a better place. We are excited to celebrate with you and wish you every success as you enter the next exciting stage of your life and career.



*Mary Alt, PhD, CCC-SLP
Professor & Department Head*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & AWARDS

College of Science Graduate Student Award in Scholarship

2022 Bryan Wong, PhD, AuD

College of Science Graduate Student Award in Teaching

2022, 2024 Bryan Wong, PhD, AuD

College of Science Graduate Student Award for Service

2023 Sarah Lynn Neiling, PhD

2024 Hally Sablosky, MS

STUDENT GROUPS

UA National Student Speech Language Hearing Association

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Vice President: Emma Fendrick
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Social Media Chair: Emme Applefeld

UA Arizona Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ArSHA)

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Elissa Schiff

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Undergraduate Liaison: Sydney Murphy

Speech, Language, and Hearing Cats of Color

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Vice President: Emily Mejia
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Social Media Chair: India Cordero
Treasurer: Sydney Murphy
Philanthropy & Community Outreach: Zahra Siddiqui

College of Science Undergraduate Ambassadors

Chloe Perius
Zahra Siddiqui

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Sarah Lynn Neiling Bryan Wong

DOCTOR OF AUDIOLOGY

Mandeep Chadha ∞ Mary Sisson
Hailey Dean Emily Walker
Mira Nathan Samantha Zambrano
Karly Siffermann ∞

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Alexis Ahumada Rosie McClure
Emilia Bañuelos † Emily Meyers
Sarah Blomstrand Shea Nelson
Carly Czyzyk Anna Reeve
Hannah Flint ∞ Fabiola Romero Gonzalez
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† Multicultural-Bilingual Certificate

∞ UA Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related
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REMEMBERING JEAN R. GULOIEN

Jean (Jeannie) Guloien (1945-1970) was a much-loved student chosen to receive the outstanding graduate student award in audiology in 1970. She was known for her warmth, sincerity, and strength in the classroom as well as in the clinic. There was great sadness when Jeannie died in a car accident soon before her graduation. She was awarded her master's degree posthumously, and the outstanding graduate student award was named in her memory.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2024!



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