

1. How many members does your chapter have?

There are currently 94 active members within our SAA Salus University Chapter.

2. What events/projects do you have planned for the near future?

We have two hearing screening opportunities scheduled over the next couple of months. These free screenings are provided for the local community. The first event will be at a women and children's homeless shelter and the second will be at a health fair. Most recently, we have a guest speaker from industry speak on the topic of audiology/career planning from the manufacturer/industry perspective.

3. How can the Au.D. community around you get involved?

We are planning to have more audiology guest speakers form the community, who have experience working in diverse patient settings, including but not limited to, private practice, medical setting, educational, etc. We hope this will help and inspire students with career planning in various subspecialties.

4. What was your most exciting past event/project?

The most exciting past event we participated in was the Walk 4 Hearing, held at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. Our SAA chapter won an award for the largest registered team. We provided free hearing screenings to all the walkers on the giant Salus bus. It was overall a very fun and exciting event.

5. Why is SAA important to you? To your members?

SAA is important to me because I am very passionate about empowering others and giving them the resources to grow as future professionals and as a student. It is also important to my members because it really provides a way to go out into the community and provide services or bring an awareness that they may not have considered before in regards to their hearing. In addition, being in a leadership position has helped me to grow in my leadership and communication skills.

6. What part of audiology do you love the most?

The part of audiology that I love the most is counseling the patient. I love it because it gives me the opportunity to truly be present with the patient as they endeavor through their journey to overcome hearing loss. It gives me the opportunity to really encourage them to pursue a life of better hearing. I enjoy discussing how a patient can better safeguard their hearing against harmful sounds and exposures.

7. What questions do you have about becoming a professional in audiology?

One question I have is "How can a professional in audiology become more involved on a national level besides through the American Academy of Audiology (AAA)?"

8. What can PAA do to better serve your SAA chapter?

PAA can help better serve our chapter by providing us with more ideas for events that can help audiology students grow in the knowledge and understanding of the profession. We would also like the opportunity to work with other local SAA chapters on events.