REFLECTING ON SPRING SEMESTER

2015 CSD Banquet
by Jade K. Clark

Faculty and students alike came together for our annual CSD Banquet on April 10th at the Madison Event Center in Covington, Kentucky. As in years past, this was a night full of honors, awards, and fun! The new NSSLHA, MC², and SAA officers were announced, award honorees were recognized, and the NSSLHA Top 10 members were revealed and presented with special gifts. All of the attendees were accompanied with delicious meals and at the end of the night, the dance floor opened up and professors and students danced the night away! Perhaps, the most memorable moment of the evening was the CSD graduate students’ annual spoof of our CSD faculty. The SLP students’ rendition of Mean Girls, aptly titled, CSD Girls (and Dr. Pete), had the audience laughing throughout.

NSSLHA also hosted the annual wine toss and silent auction, both of which were huge successes. A big thanks goes out to NSSLHA officer Lexi Perrault for coordinating the wine toss and officers Leah Baccus and Meredith Meyer who assembled all of the gift baskets used in the silent auction. Also thanks to everyone who donated or contributed wine bottles or items for the gift baskets. It would not have been a success without all of your help!

Thank you to all of those who came out and made this night one to remember. See you next year!

This year we had a total of ten award winners at the CSD Banquet. These students, both undergraduate and graduate, were honored with awards, ranging from excellence in Community Service to outstanding academics. Congratulations to all of the award winners!

Congratulations to the 2014-2015 NSSLHA Board Officers and Advisor, Dr. Sotto, on a successful year!
#CAHSRocks!

On Sunday April 12th, the University hosted its annual Student Recognition Ceremony in TUC Great Hall. This event serves to highlight and celebrate the leadership and academic achievements of some of the University’s students. This year, two NSSLHA officers, President Bria Kramer and Historian Jade Clark, were honored with awards. CSD senior Courtney Bills was also recognized. Bria received the Spirit of Community award for all of Allied Health Sciences. This award is given to students (one from each college) who contribute to student life within their college and to the campus community as a whole. Jade received the Cincinnati Women in Excellence and Spirit Together (CWEST) Red Rose Award for Scholarship. CWEST is a women’s honorary organization on campus whose members exemplify excellence in Scholarship, Leadership, Sincerity, and Spirit. Each year they choose four undergraduate women who exemplify one of those four pillars and award them for their achievements. Courtney was recognized at the ceremony for being a C-Ring Award Finalist. The C-Ring award is the highest honor a graduating female can receive at the University and is also one of the oldest and most prestigious awards on campus! Congratulations to these CSD students and also to the other CAHS students who were honored on that special afternoon!

Congratulations to these Top Ten NSSLHA members. These ladies truly exemplify the highest involvement and dedication to our organization. Without their support and commitment, this past year would not have been as successful. Thank you for every meeting, community service event, and social you have attended and every item you donated for meetings or drives. Your hard work has been truly appreciated and we hope that you continue to stay involved with NSSLHA!
The National Black Association of Speech-Language and Hearing, also known simply as NBASLH, is a professional organization designed to serve as a tool to provide for the needs of Black and underrepresented Speech-Language Pathologists and students studying Communication Disorders. Every year, they host a convention for these professionals and students to come together to discuss issues, present research, and honor those who have proved to be forces in our field.

This year’s convention, held in Nashville, Tennessee, was themed *Culture, Communication & Science in Harmony Across the Generations*. Presenters ranged from undergraduate students to licensed SLPs, so the convention definitely lived up to its title. While there, we were able to attend presentations on, Ebonics, technology in CSD classrooms, working with children with hearing loss and more! We were even able to support UC’s own Dr. Amy Hobek, along with some of our UC graduate students, as they presented their research on Challenging Deficit Discourse in Research with diverse children.

On Friday evening, we all got dressed up and headed to the annual awards dinner. Here we ate, heard from an inspiring keynote speaker and danced! The following afternoon, we got the opportunity to attend a Mentor Luncheon where we sat with a professional in the field and asked questions, as well as listened to student researchers from Howard University and Tennessee State University. NBASLH is truly an amazing way to learn about the cultural issues within our field. We hope to see everyone at next year’s convention in Virginia Beach, VA!

**MC² attends NBASLH 2015**

BY Jade K. Clark

Thank you to everyone who participated in the NSSLHA Relay for Life team. With all of your help we were able to raise $1,955! This money will be donated to the American Cancer Society so that they can continue their efforts to find a cure for cancer.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on NBASLH and how you can get involved, visit their website at:

www.nbaslh.org
A Special Thank You from St. Joseph Orphanage

Our friends over at St. Joseph Orphanage sent us a card (pictured at right) earlier this semester to thank us for our donations during the Holiday Season. They were so grateful for the many toy and gift card donations that we were able to supply. For those who do not know, SJO is a behavioral health and educational treatment facility that cares for over 1,400 children and families daily. They have been certified as a Mental Health Center for 25 years and have been a powerhouse in promoting change and advocacy for those in need in our society. We, as a chapter, are proud that we were able to make a difference in the lives of these children by buying them holiday gifts and look forward to continuing our partnership with them. Follow them on Twitter: @SJOKIDS and visit their website at sjokids.org for updates and information on how to get involved.

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Congratulations to the new and returning NSSLHA Officers! Here’s the board:

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CONGRATULATIONS!!

Interested in volunteering in the Speech-Language Pathology Department at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital this summer? If so, contact Holly Finnegan at holly.finnegan@cchmc.org
Letter from the Editor

By Jade K. Clark

It has been a true pleasure being the 2014-2015 NSSLHA Historian. I have enjoyed producing each newsletter and maintaining our bulletin board and social media accounts. I am very proud of how our new Instagram account has flourished over the past year and I know that it will continue to do so in years to come. Although the Historian position will not be continued next year, our lovely new Public Relations Chair, Sarah Tuohy, will continue to keep you all updated through social media, the bulletin board, and NSSLHA Speaks.

I would also like to again congratulate the new NSSLHA board. I am looking forward to working with everyone and bettering our chapter. I will be serving in a new position as the Professional Organization Coordinator, where I will be making the accomplishments of our chapter known at the national level, encouraging members to get involved with state and national conventions, and applying for awards and grants so that we can continue to give back to the community through donations.

I would also like to thank our Board members who have recently graduated, Bria Kramer, Ellie Adams, and Lexi Perrault. It was great working with you all and I wish you well in your future endeavors. To Dr. Sotto, thanks for being a great and supportive advisor for both NSSLHA and MC². We would not be successful without your help!

Finally, thanks to all of YOU! We are the current NSSLHA Chapter of the Year and it’s because of our awesome members!

Have a great summer everyone!

NSSLHA Love,
Jade K. Clark

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We want to know how to better serve you! If you have suggestions on how to improve our chapter and our meetings for next year, be on the lookout for a survey from us! We want your HONEST opinions!

-2015-2016 NSSLHA Board
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