Welcoming First Year Audiology Students
The University of Cincinnati’s Student Academy of Audiology (SAA) would like to welcome all first year students! Many of the faculty & students had the pleasure of meeting the first years at the Welcome Picnic on August 22nd; however, we are eager to learn more! Below are a few more interesting facts that each first year has decided to share. Our wonderful AuD professors have also kindly shared some interesting facts, which can be read in the pages to follow.

Student Spotlight: Introducing First Year Students

- **Ellie Adams**
  - Hometown: Van Wert, OH
  - Favorite Movie: How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days/ TV Show: Friends
  - Biggest Audiology Interest: pediatric audiology
  - If I were a dog, I would be a Labrador Retriever because I love spending time outside with friends!

- **Alyson Janning**
  - Hometown: Bellbrook, OH (near Dayton, OH)
  - Favorite TV show: Friends
  - Biggest Audiology Interest: newborn hearing screenings!
  - If I were a dog I would be a Jack Russell terrier as they are independent, leaders, and bark (talk) a lot!!

- **Albert Joseph Kiser**
  - Hometown: Cincinnati, OH
  - Favorite Movie: Starwars Saga/ TV Show: The Office
  - Biggest Audiology Interest: Cochlear Implants, I want to impact the lives of children.
  - If I were a dog, I would be a Bernese Mountain Dog, because I want to be a big dog.

- **Jordan Burch**
  - Hometown: Cincinnati, OH
  - Favorite TV Show: The Office
  - Biggest Audiology Interest: I am most intrigued by auditory processing disorders, vestibular disorders, and tinnitus.
  - If I were a dog, I would be a golden retriever because I spend most of my days playing in the backyard and fetching toys for my one-and-a-half-year-old son Kellan.
Matthew J. Kist
- Hometown: Vincennes, IN
- Favorite Movie: Apollo 13/ TV show: The Office
- Biggest Audiology Interest: I can help improve someone’s quality of life
- If I were a dog I would be an Alaskan Malamute because they know what they want and they go get it.

Cody Ray Curry
- Hometown: Lindsey, OH
- Favorite Movie: The Pursuit of Happiness/ TV show: How I Met Your Mother
- Biggest Audiology Interest: Cochlear Implants
- If I were a dog, I’d be a yellow lab because I can't sit still, I'm goofy, and I love to run, jump, and play.

Bethany Wysocki
- Hometown: Indianapolis, IN
- Favorite Movie: The Dark Knight/ TV show: Gilmore Girls
- Biggest Audiology Interest: Cochlear implants, military audiology, and animal audiology
- If I were a dog, I would be a Husky, because they love the outdoors, being active, and have really cool eyes.

Melisa Tektas
- Hometown: Copley, OH
- Favorite TV show: The Vampire Diaries/ Movie: Pitch Perfect
- Biggest Audiology Interest: I am really looking forward to learning more about cochlear implants!
- If I were a dog, I would be a Soft Coated Wheaton Terrier because they are energetic and very social!

Hannah Barclay Reeg
- Hometown: Fort Wayne, IN
- Favorite TV show: Modern Family
- Audiology Interest: Cochlear implantation is an area of audiology that sparks my interest. After seeing several cochlear implant activations, I hope to one day be able to see the patients excitement and emotion when they are able to hear either again, or for the first time.
- If I were a dog, I would be a Siberian Husky because they are outgoing, friendly and intelligent.

Kayla Whitaker
- Hometown: Centerville, OH
- Favorite TV show: American Horror Story
- Biggest Audiology Interest: Right now I am interested in learning about cochlear implants and pediatrics.
- If I were a dog, I would be a Golden Retriever because I am out-going, kind and loyal.
Hayden Dougherty
- Hometown: Chagrin Falls, OH
- Favorite TV show: New Girl
- Biggest Audiology Interest: I am really interested to learn more about cochlear implants and auditory processing.
  - If I were a dog, I would be a German Shepard because I am somewhat adventurous, I enjoy learning new things, and I am very loyal to my friends and family.

Alyson Ruotanen
- Hometown: Indianapolis, IN
- Favorite TV shows: New Girl and Hell’s Kitchen
- Biggest Audiology Interest: Evaluation of balance disorders and fitting hearing aids especially Cros and BiCros.
  - If I were a dog, I would be a Giant Schnauzer. They are an energetic, intelligent companion who makes life interesting with their independent thinking and playfulness, but dominant personality and bold approach to life.

Kelli McGuire
- Hometown: Cincinnati, OH
- Favorite Movie: Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid/ TV show: Buffy the Vampire Slayer
- Biggest Audiology Interest: I am most interested in cochlear implants.
  - If I were a dog, I would be German Shepard because they are loyal and protective, which are traits I value in a person.

Hillary Jackson
- Hometown: Sunbury, OH
- Biggest Audiology Interest: Pediatrics and cochlear implants
  - If I were a dog, I would be a mutt because I can't choose just one. However, it would have to be a mix of big dogs!

Introducing AuD Professors

Dr. Bob Keith
- Director of Audiology- Administrative duties, Grad Seminar for fourth year students, & guest lectures. I participate fully in Grad Seminar (Love that gig). During a long career, I have also taught nearly every course imaginable. Most recently Vestibular series and APD.
- Hometown: Garner, Iowa
- Favorite Movie: Jungle Book / TV show - either House of Cards or Orange is the new Black. Maybe Poldark lately or X files. Depends on the day.
- Audiology tag line: #UC hottest AuD program in US
  - If I could be any animal I would be a hawk or eagle and soar.

Dr. John Greer Clark
- Associate Professor- Amplification Systems; Audiologic Rehabilitation/Counseling; Counseling in Communication Disorders (for SLPs); and Practice Management
- Hometown: Born in Texas, raised in Northern Indiana but I consider Cincinnati home.
- Current Favorite TV show: The Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt
- Audiology tag line: “Listen up – Audiologists do not live by tests alone”
  - If I were a dog, I would be a German Shepherd – I appreciate their calm demeanor in a crisis.
Dr. Brian Earl
Assistant Professor- Diagnostic Audiology, Medical Audiology, & Pharmacology in Audiology
Hometown: Boise, Idaho
Favorite Movie: Life is Beautiful
Audiology tag line: *Audiology - #HottestProfessioninAmerica*
If I could be any animal I would be a bald eagle; why- Great views and fresh sushi :)

Mrs. Janet Stein
Audiology Practicum Coordinator and Coordinator of Graduate Seminar
Favorite TV Show: Guilty pleasure "The Bachelor"
Hometown: Born and raised in southern California (or as we say there, 'for sure') with a bob of the head
Audiology tag line: *"When you whisper sweet nothings in your significant other's ear, don't you want to hear it????"*
Seeing that I’m a catholic, I would have to be an orange tabby cat if I could be any animal.

Dr. Pete (Scheifele)
Associate Professor/ Director of FETCHLAB MD/PhD/LCDR USN
Hometown: Queens, NY
Favorite Movie/ TV show: Star Trek
Audiology tag line: *"I don't need no stinkin' audiology tag line."
If I could be any animal I would be either a military dolphin or specops military working dog- because they are BA. If I were a dog, I would be a Tursiops truncates or Belgian Malinois.

Dr. Gloria E. Valencia
Clinical Supervisor; CAPD Course Instructor
Hometown: Manizales, Colombia
Favorite Movie: Six Sense
Audiology tag line: *"I am the bridge between silence and sound."
If I could be any animal I would be a Dolphin because they are free, friendly, smart, & brave (when they are in group, Sharks are afraid of them).

Dr. Fawen Zhang
Associate Professor- A & P of the Periphery Auditory System, Auditory Evoked Potential I, AEP II.
Hometown: Chengdu, Sichuan province, China
Favorite TV Show: Seinfeld
Audiology tag line: *"never thought of this. I am still thinking..."
If I could be any animal I would like to be a bird, because birds can see and fly far away.
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