

ECU Chapter of
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Membership

Graduate, Undergraduate, and Doctoral students at East Carolina University who are interested in the profession of speech-language pathology, audiology, and/or communication sciences and disorders are eligible for membership. Anyone who has an interest in these areas is welcome to join our organization. Membership dues of \$15 are collected annually or \$10 per semester.

What is required to be considered a member in good-standing vs. an active member:

- In order to remain a member in good-standing, a member must attend at least one event per semester. The event may be a general meeting, fundraiser, or service event.
- In order to remain an active member and receive the full benefits of becoming a NSSLHA member, a member must attend two meetings, one service event, and one fundraiser per semester. Graduation cords are offered for free to graduating seniors who have met this criteria, and members who are seeking funding and reimbursement from ECU NSSLHA should also follow this criteria.

National NSSLHA – Chapter Honors:

- National NSSLHA Chapter Honors recognizes outstanding affiliated NSSLHA chapters that support National NSSLHA's mission to inspire, empower, and support students in CSD programs. To receive Bronze Honors, 10% of NSSLHA chapter must be national members. To receive Silver Honors, 20% of NSSLHA chapter must be national members. To receive Gold Honors, 30% of NSSLHA chapter must be national members.
- 2017-2018 ECU NSSLHA Chapter received Gold Honors!!

Advocacy Events 2017-2018

- ECU's 22nd annual Polar Bear Plunge Student Involvement Fair: Our chapter completed an advocacy activity to spread the word about current topics within the field of speech pathology and audiology and also to inform students about what NSSLHA stands for. At the event, we provided our chapter's email address and pre-made pamphlets from ASHA with information regarding CSDI professions. To assist in engaging students while advocating for our field and organization, we gave away ear plugs and suckers. – January 18, 2018
- Barefoot on the Mall: Our chapter spread the word about Better Hearing and Speech Month at ECU's spring involvement fair. We had a table set up in the central part of ECU's main campus and provided BHSM resources downloaded from ASHA's website, ear plugs for encouraging hearing protection, and candy for a sweet treat. – April 19, 2018
- Graduate Panel: Held by NSSLHA, this panel was for NSSLHA Members and CSDI Undergraduate Students. This opportunity allowed graduate students (two speech and two audiology) to assist with increasing undergraduate students' understanding of graduate school and allowed them to ask any questions they may had, including questions about grad school and the application process. – November 30, 2017



Service Events

- Little Free Library: Our book drive is an ongoing service project where our members donate children's books to keep stocked in local parks to promote literacy in the children and youth of Greenville. – Ongoing throughout the 2017-2018 year
- Operation Christmas Child: Their mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoe boxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities. They ship these simple gifts outside the U.S to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease; and to children living on Native American reservations in the U.S. Our members collected items to go into boxes for different aged children. We then got together to put the boxes together. We were able to collect 36 boxes! – November 2017
- Valentine's cards: Our members got together and made Valentine's cards. We then took the cards to a local nursing home. – February 2018
- Canned Food Drive: Members collected canned food to donate to the Food Bank of Greenville. - Spring 2018
- Autism Walk: Members signed up to participate in the 2018 Autism Walk. We also set up a table at the walk with information on Speech and Hearing. All the money raised goes towards the Autism Society of North Carolina - April 7, 2018
- Collected Bottles/ Bottle Drive: In honor of May being Better Hearing and Speech Month, NSSLHA held a baby bottle drive. All donations were sent to the Vidant Medical Center Pediatric Therapy Program. - May-June 2018



Social Events

- Fall Picnic, Going to the local dog park, Christmas party, Valentine's party, Quesadilla Wednesday, Spring picnic, Allied Health Tailgate



Fundraising Events

- Cross Bones Tavern Fundraiser: 15% of proceeds to NSSLHA. October 24, 2017.
 - Profit: \$36.20
- Krispy Kreme Fundraiser: Members sold Krispy Kreme vouchers. November 2017.
 - Profit: \$518.20

- YETI Cooler Fundraiser: Members sold raffle tickets and a YETI cooler was raffled off. February-March 2018.
 - Profit: \$201
- Chipotle Fundraiser: 50% of proceeds to NSSLHA. April 17, 2018.
 - Profit: \$448.71

47th Annual Meta M. Downes Speech-Language & Hearing Symposium

- The Meta M. Downes Symposium is sponsored by the East Carolina University Chapter of NSSLHA, along with the ECU Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders and Eastern AHEC. This symposium enables learners to increase knowledge and skills needed to work with individuals with communication impairments and their families.
- Friday, October 27th
- Prize Raffle Profit: \$974
- Total Profit: \$6659.22