

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

Meet your Washington State SAA Ambassador



What is a State Ambassador?

A State Ambassador is a volunteer for the National Student Academy of Audiology (SAA) who serves as a leader for the state in which they reside. They strive to improve state and interstate communication between SAA chapters and the state's professional organization. The State Ambassador also works closely with a professional mentor within the state to encourage collaboration and participation amongst chapters for local, state, and national events. Interested in learning more? Visit the [SAA website](#).



Hello everyone! I hope your fall semester is off to a great start. My name is Geleeza Idolyantes and I am delighted to be your 2022-2023 Washington State Ambassador for the national Student Academy of Audiology (SAA). I earned my undergraduate degree in communicative disorders and Deaf studies from California State University, Fresno and am a current third-year student at

Western Washington University (WWU) in Bellingham, Washington. In addition to State Ambassador, I am also serving as the public relations chair for WWU's local SAA chapter. My interests in audiology include diagnostics, amplification, and community outreach. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with family, singing karaoke, and watching reality tv shows.

As State Ambassador, I will be sending out bimonthly newsletters to keep you informed on regional and national events and happenings. I am looking forward to serving as your point of connection during this academic year! Please feel free to contact me at **wash.saa@gmail.com** if you would like to have something featured or if I can be of assistance in any way.

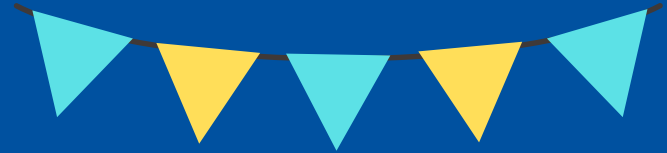
Student Research Spotlight

Kaylee Pigott



Kaylee Pigott is a third-year AuD student at Western Washington University who completed her T-35 summer traineeship through the National Center for Rehabilitative Audiology Research (NCRAR). Kaylee worked on a total of two projects this summer. She studied the associations of COVID-19 and audiological conditions, and the associations between blast exposure, traumatic brain injury, and self-reported dizziness. Kaylee will continue her research by looking into the mechanisms behind these associations (e.g., PTSD, anxiety, etc.) for the American Auditory Society (AAS) next year!

Final Year Externship Resources!



Many audiology students are currently in the process of applying to their final year externships and preparing for site interviews. Although this process can be intimidating, preparation is key! Below are some useful resources to help you prepare for the application process and interviews:

[Externship Blog Series: Nailing the Externship Application and Interview Process](#)

[Tips and Tricks—How to Ace that Job Interview](#)

[30 Audiology Mock Interview Questions](#)

[FREE Resume and Cover Letter Review Service](#)

[Audiology Clinical Education Network \(ACEN\) Externship Timeline](#)

[Preparing for Your Externship Post](#)



AMERICAN ACADEMY OF AUDIOLOGY SUPPORTS...

**BALANCE
AWARENESS
WEEK** SEPTEMBER 18-24
2022

As current and future audiologists, we play a crucial role in diagnosing and treating balance disorders. Created by the Vestibular Disorders Association (VeDA), Balance Awareness Week (September 18-24) aims to raise awareness about vestibular disorders and support those who may be affected.

To learn more about how you can contribute, visit the American Academy of Audiology's [website](#) and VeDA's [website](#).

September Events

- **September 18-24, 2022:** VeDA Balance Awareness Week
- **September 23, 2022:** United Nations International Day of Sign Languages

October Events

- **Month of October:** "Ask Me About Audiology" Campaign (AMAA)
- **October 3, 2022:** SAA "Applying to Grad School" Panel
- **October 20, 2022:** AAA Foundation Virtual Trivia Night and AAA Day of Giving

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"Ask Me About Audiology" Campaign

October is Ask Me About Audiology (AMAA) month! Every year SAA chapters nationwide participate in this campaign by hosting AMAA events in their communities and online via social media to spread hearing healthcare awareness. To learn more about how you can participate, visit the [AMAA campaign website](#).

Student Academy of Audiology "Applying to Grad School" Panel



Are you a current undergraduate student who is interested in learning more about applying to an AuD program and hearing about students' experiences? Join the SAA member relations committee for a live Q&A session with current Au.D. students on October 3, 2022 at 6:00 pm PST. Click [here](#) to register.

American Academy of Audiology Foundation Virtual Trivia Night!

The AAA Foundation is hosting their annual Virtual Trivia Night on **October 20 at 5:00-6:00 pm PST**. Register your team of six by October 13 and don't miss out on the fun! Join audiologists and audiology students across the nation for the Trivia Night Championship. No team? Don't worry! You will be connected to a team with open spots. To register, visit [AAA Foundation Virtual Trivia Night](#).

