



# OSSPEAC Business Meeting

11 October 2022



## **2022 Executive Board**

President: Cara O'Flannigan

President-Elect: Kelly Metcalf-Lattime

Treasurer: Kelley Mendoza

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**Assistant Treasurer: Open position**

Audiology At-Large: Jessica Hoefler

SLP At-Large: Stacey Gardner

Many thanks to our  
Business Secretary, **Ellen Reaser-Lasure**

Without her...



...would not have come together so nicely!



## Committee Chairs

Scholarships/Grants: Lauren Thomas & Sufia Nisar

Media: Gina Stolicny

**Membership: Open Position**

Community of Practice: Cara O'Flannigan & Kelly Metcalf-Lattime

Honors: Oscar Gumucio

GAC Representatives: Jane Mariani-Walker

Newsletter: Sue Grogan-Johnson

University Liaison: Bill Bolden & Doreen Binnie

Ethics: Chrissie Eshenbaugh

ASHA CEU Coordinator: Sarah Prahler

OSHA Representative: Jane Mariani-Walker

OCECD Representative: Julianne Mier

Conference Chairperson: Sarah Prahler, Kelley Mendoza, Kristen McCaulley

Sponsor/Vendor Chair: Laura Novotny & Taylor Gershom

SLP Conference Program Chair: Kristen McCaulley

AuD Conference Program Chair: Taylor Gershom

# Goals and Objectives of OSSPEAC

## Goal 1 Advocacy

- Objective 1: Promote the profession
- Objective 2: Support lobbying efforts
- Objective 3: ODE/OSHPA/OEC

## Goal 2 Empowerment

- Objective 1: Optimal use of technology
- Objective 2: Increase membership and involvement across the state
- Objective 3: Improve utilization of liaisons

## Goal 3 Serve our SLP/AUD Community

- Objective 1: Provide professional development via conference & regional events
- Objective 2: Increase opportunities for involvement in OSSPEAC
- Objective 3: Benefits for members



## Agenda

1. Approve minutes from Business Meeting, 11/9/2021
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Individual Committee Member Reports

# 2022 Scholarships and Grants Recipients

## SOS Grant Recipient: Joanna Barnard

Joanna is an SLP working in Olmsted Falls City Schools in Olmsted Falls, Ohio. Joanna works in the preschool and kindergarten building.

She was awarded \$317 to purchase Story Champs. This great resource is to be used for her IEP and RTI preschoolers and kindergarteners.

The SOS Grant was designed for OSSPEAC members to purchase a product that will assist a student(s) on their caseload and help them gain access to the general educational curriculum.



# 2022 Scholarships and Grants Recipients

## Julie S. Kelly Scholarship Recipient: Gina Cardinale

Gina is pursuing a degree in business at Miami University. She was awarded \$2000 to assist with costs of tuition, books and supplies for post-secondary education.

Julie S. Kelly Scholarship was established to support hearing impaired students pursue post-secondary education.





# 2022 Graduate Scholarship Recipient



## Cosette Zupan

Cosette graduated from Miami University with a B.S. in Speech-Language Pathology and is currently attending University of Akron. As a graduate student, she is a part of the augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) concentration. Through this concentration, she has an internship position in the Akron Public School district where she helps troubleshoot, fund, program, and implement speech generating devices and other forms of assistive technology for Akron students.

In addition to her interest in AAC, Cosette is passionate about working with students from diverse and multilingual backgrounds. After graduation, Cosette plans to work in a multicultural school district where her background in AAC and her ability to communicate in Spanish will help her serve a wider range of students. Through her work with bilingual clients and students, she has experienced first-hand how important it is for these students to receive speech and language services in ways that stimulate both of their languages, recognizing both as part of their identity.



## **Thank you for donating baskets to support our SOS Grants and Scholarships!**

SLP Supervisory Network  
Orange City School District SLPs  
OSSPEAC Board & Committee  
Summit ESC Audiology Team  
Stark County SLPs  
Cleveland Municipal School District SLPs  
Jessica Hoeffler, Piper's Key  
Jenna Rayburn Kirk, Speech Room News



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# OSSPEAC Honors Nominations

## Honors of OSSPEAC

Awarded to an SLP or Educational AuD who has worked or works in a school setting. This individual will have made outstanding contributions by:

- participating in and/or contributing to OSSPEAC
- working as a clinician/supervisor
- providing or initiating innovative programming, or
- contributing to publications/literature/research

## Kathleen D. Shelby Outstanding Service Award

Awarded to an individual (classroom teacher, assistant, administrator, educational interpreter, intervention specialist, legislator, PT, OT, etc. who has provided exceptional support to speech-language pathology or educational audiology services within the educational setting.

## Founders Award

Awarded to up to 2 members who exemplify OSSPEAC's mission of "removing communication barriers for Ohio's children."

***Nominations for next year can be made directly to Honors Chair,  
Oscar Gumucio at [ogumucio@gmail.com](mailto:ogumucio@gmail.com)***

# OSSPEAC Awards Recipients



## **Kathleen D. Shelby Outstanding Service Award: Gregg Thornton**

Gregg Thornton currently serves as the Executive Director of the Ohio Speech and Hearing Professionals Board and is responsible for managing board operations and licensure requirements for the practices of audiology, speech-language pathology, and hearing aid dealing and fitting. He is a licensed attorney with thirty years of experience in state government, focusing in the area of administrative and regulatory law.



## **Founders' Award: William Bolden**

William (Bill) Bolden III, MA CCC-SLP is Project Coordinator/SLP and PhD candidate at Kent State University. He is a graduate of Kent State, where he earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees. Since graduation, Bill has worked exclusively in the public school setting, driven by his passion for language and literacy development. He is particularly interested in how oral narrative interventions can be utilized to improve academic outcomes for at-risk students and identifying ways to close the research-to-practice gap that exists for effective oral language interventions.



# OSHGAC

## Ohio Speech and Hearing Governmental Affairs Coalition Legislative Report

OSSPEAC's priorities for GAC:

- Release the workgroup report regarding personnel shortage from ODE.
- Paperwork Reduction
- Implementation of Workload/Caseload



## OSHGAC Legislative Report

- Invite your legislator to school - it's a great chance to acquaint a politician with what we do!
- Sessions are suspended until after the election
- HB 583 passed, extending the age range of developmental delay to age 10 years. Sen. Brenner will introduce companion, stand-alone bill after the elections

GAC Representatives  
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Jane Mariani-Walker  
Nancy Maxwell



## OSHGAC Legislative Report

- Providing proponent testimony (OAA representatives on OSHGAC) to include testing for cytomegalovirus (CMV) in ODH panel of newborn screenings. Early detection critical for reducing risks of vision, hearing and neurological problems. CMV most common cause of non-genetic hearing loss at birth. Even babies without clear symptoms of CMV are at risk.

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# OSHSA

## Ohio School Health Services Association

- OSHSA's sixth PD Conference for Related Service Providers was held in-person in August and will also be available online through December. CEUs for school psychologists now available; PT, OT, Speech have always been able to obtain CEUs for state licensure. Held at Easton, OSHSA plans to find a different location for future conferences due to cost.
- School-Based Health Care initiatives reflect ODE's Whole Child approach. Ohio's state budget provided \$275 M for school districts to develop plans with community partners to address Whole Child/student wellness. Funds go directly to districts' General Funds. In his latest budget, Governor DeWine increased funding by \$26M, ODH grants for 29 new centers across the state, bringing the state total to 136 S-BHC. 30% of them are in Appalachian counties' school districts, others in school districts with large numbers of high-risk populations. Services to include diabetes medicine, optometry and dental. OSHSA will continue to provide support to all stakeholders as implementation of school-based health centers expands.



## OSHSA

- ODM: Working on parent consent for MSP programming, making sure things are compliant with documentation. SLPs, please review MSP parental permission annually (ex., during IEP). Parental consent for MSP - challenges with 3rd party providers. Medicaid is obligated to look if there is a 3rd party liability. The Department of Education and Ohio have to uphold that students/families will not incur expenses, which is in conflict with Medicaid.
- ODE's ODM rep attended Healthy Students Promising Future initiative collaboration with 20 states to identify what can be done to improve student health. Met and talked with physicians who want to gain more information regarding MSP and are willing to assist.
- Want to stretch beyond special education and into mental health.
- ODE posted districts' MSP reimbursements in July



## OSHS

OSHS's legislative rep is advocating for increased mental health funding from governor's policy team. Also promoting move toward free care and MAC.

Working to make some changes to the RMTS- other states get 50-55%, in Ohio it is about 37%. One thing lowering the RMTS multiplier is due to cost pool which combines therapists, and nurses. Wants to create additional cost pools so providers are in the proper place to allow for the multiplier to improve reimbursement.

Developing app to provide mental health information, resources, and potential for tangible rewards (eg, tickets to school football games, other school events to reduce student isolation) by obtaining points for using the app

# University Outreach

*Engaging our Future School Audiologists and SLPs*

## Recent Events

**Preparing for Your Career as an Educational Audiologist: What Does It Take?** (January 8, 2021)

Presented by Kirsten Marconi-Hutkay, AUD/CCC-A & Jessica Hoefler, AUD/CCC-A

**Don't Just Survive...THRIVE during your CF Year in the Schools!** (June 5, 2021)

Presented by Bard Conrad, Supervisor of Speech-Language Therapy Services, ESC of Lorain County & Greg Thornton Esq., Executive Director of the Ohio Speech and Hearing Professionals Board

**Counseling Microskills...Not So Micro: An Experiential Practical Application for Communication Professionals** (September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021)

Presented by: Allison LaJuett, MA CCC-SLP, Scott Palasik, PhD CCC-SLP, & Heather Salvo, MS CCC-SLP

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**How to Find My Dream Job Working in the Schools** (January 28, 2022)  
Presented by: Members of the State Speech-Language Supervisory Network including Jenni Cheek, Dianne Clemens, Barb Conrad and Kathy McDermott

**Narrative Interventions: The What, Why and How Part 1** (April 18, 2022)  
Presented by: William Bolden III, MA CCC-SLP

**Narrative Interventions: The What, Why and How Part 2** (June 13, 2022)  
Presented by: William Bolden III, MA CCC-SLP

*If you are interested in helping with these events or have an idea for engaging students in learning about working in the schools, please contact Bill Bolden at [wbolden@kent.edu](mailto:wbolden@kent.edu)*

# Anticipated Vacancies for 2023

**Assistant Treasurer** - Support the treasurer in tracking finances and reporting to Board & Membership

**AUD at Large** - Write Newsletter article about current issues, hot-topics, or member questions, provide monitorship/resources to new educational audiologist

**Scholarship & Grants Committee** - Reviews all applications, works with committee to select finalists and forward all needed info to Executive Board for final selection, Informs recipient and all applicants of final selection, Organizes Raffle Baskets and Raffle at OSSPEAC's conference

**OSHGAC** Attending regular GAC meetings and OSSPEAC Board meeting in order to share information, composing email updates for membership

**Membership** Recruits, reviews, recommends new board members, works with University Outreach Committee for recruitment of future SLPs & Ed Auds to work in the educational setting, and works with Community of Practice to support new members

**Community of Practice Co-Chair** - Outreach and planning of monthly recruitment and retention activities, grant submission