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Faculty, Friends & Colleagues

CSD congratulates *Dr. Rebecca Davis* on her promotion with tenure to **Associate Professor**. Students and alumni recognize and appreciate Dr. Davis' commitment to the program and profession of audiology and speech-language pathology. Dr. Davis has a new addition to her family, *Anna*, born May 26th. CONGRATULATIONS!

CSD welcomes *Dr. Karen Lynch* to the faculty. Karen earned her doctorate at ULL and her areas of interest include language and literacy disorders. We are also please that *Ms. Aimee Adams* is changing roles and is now a permanent full-time **Instructor**.

Dr. Kathleen "Katie" Abendroth has a new addition to her family, *Sophie*, born July 14th. CONGRATULATIONS!

Ms. Marlene DesRoches and *Ms. Anne Basso* retired after many years of service to CSD and to Southeastern. Ms. DesRoches plans to travel, and Ms. Basso has plans for several exciting new ventures. Best wishes on your retirement. CSD will miss you!

Renea McGee is our new Administrative Assistant. Please be sure to stop by the front office and introduce yourself and welcome Renea to CSD.

First Endowed Professor

CSD is proud to announce the establishment of the **Knights of Babylon Endowed Professorship in Communication Sciences & Disorders**. This is the first endowed professorship in the department. *Mr. and Mrs. William J. Chaucer, Jr.* of Hammond are the donors. CSD extends its warmest thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Chaucer and the Knights of Babylon for this wonderful gift.

Campbell Conference

CSD hosted the **2009 Campbell Conference** in February with *Dr. John Rosenbek* as guest speaker. Dr. Rosenbek is on faculty at the Florida State University's Health Sciences Center and is an internationally known expert in dysphagia and dysarthria.

The 2010 Campbell Conference will be in the spring. Please be sure we have your contact information so that we can send you information about the conference. Check our department's website (www.selu.edu/csd) for an update or you can call the office (985-549-2214) or email pcurrie@selu.edu or renea.mcgee@selu.edu with your contact information or inquiries.



CSD won 2nd place for the Most Interactive Booth at Rock N Roar 2009

NSSLHA and Student News

Southeastern's chapter of NSSLHA participated in the **2009 LSHA Student Quiz Bowl**. Students enrolled in communication disorders programs from Tech, LSUHSC and Southeastern answered questions similar to those on the Praxis examination. Special thanks to our students (**Anatoly, Jessica, Leslie, and Tracy**) for competing and representing CSD and

Dr. Lillian Stiegler, NSSLHA advisor, and **Dr. Katie Abendroth** for supporting the students.

Southeastern chapter of NSSLHA continued a favorite spring semester tradition by sponsoring its Annual Professional Panel. Southeastern alumni returned to share their diverse, real-world experiences in various speech-language pathology settings. The panelists included: **Sunny Johnson, Lauren Bacot, and Reagan Battle-Johnson**. The discussion covered issues as wide ranging as job hunting and interviewing, most memorable clinical moments, scheduling, and advice for beginning SLPs.

Southeastern's NSSLHA is committed to maintaining connections with its alumni as one avenue for on-going education. Sincere thanks to all of our speakers for their generosity in sharing time and knowledge.

Nineteen students attended the 2009 ASHA convention in Chicago, and 8 students presented their clinically-based research. Sixteen graduate students have been accepted to present their research at the 2009 ASHA convention in New Orleans.

Please support the students' travel & registration to the convention by sending a donation to CSD Development Fund. **Donations go directly to CSD and are used to support student and faculty activities.**

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Speech-Language & Hearing Clinic

The Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders and the Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation expanded clinical services provided for very young children with communication disorders. Children with autism, severe speech and language disorders, and hearing impairments are seen on campus at the **Southeast Regional Scottish Rite Childhood Learning Center**. Recently, CSD and Scottish Rite partnered with

Southeastern's Head Start program to offer clinical sessions at Head Start's north campus. The Head Start campus provided age-appropriate work and play space for the children some of whom also had physical challenges.

Honors

The following honors were celebrated in the Spring 2009:

Dr. Lillian Stiegler: 2009 Healthcare Hero

Our Lady of the Lake Voice Center:
Significant Partner Award

Katie Bourdreaux: Campbell Award

Casey Cambre: Emma LaDew Award

Carrie Cranfield: Max Clardy Scholarship

Tracy Dobson: Graduate Award

Alumni

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NEW ORLEANS—
COME AND SAY HELLO!**

