

# University of Colorado

## Student Academy of Audiology



### SAA By the Numbers: What did CU's SAA do this year?

#### SAA Volunteering

- 8** members assisted at the AG Bell booth during the Cherry Creek Arts Festival in July
- 6** members volunteered at the Hands and Voices Gala, and **2** others volunteered babysitting at other Hands and Voices events
- 15** members assisted with the Special Olympics Healthy Hearing program in Englewood in November
- 5** members assisted with the Special Olympics Healthy Hearing program in Grand Junction where **224** individuals were screened

#### SAA at Conferences

- 3** members attended the AAA conference in April using SAA funds

#### Our Mission Statement

This year SAA updated our mission statement to better reflect our goals. The current mission of the University of Colorado's SAA is to promote awareness about audiology and hearing healthcare issues to students, the community, and special needs populations through advocacy, education, social engagements and humanitarian efforts. Our goal is to promote career excellence to current and future students of audiology through mentorship and engagement with professionals related to audiology. We strive towards inclusiveness by strongly supporting student's voices and diverse perspectives.

#### Awarded for Advocacy

SAA was recognized as the SAA 2015-2016 Chapter Challenge Advocacy Champions for all advocacy efforts completed over the year at AudiologyNOW! 2016. Some of the advocacy efforts include educating the public on audiology and audiology related topics such as

hearing health care, and hearing conservation strategies. The chapter handed out free hearing protection and community members had the chance to measure how loud their personal listening devices using the Jolene mannequin. We also mailed letters to Colorado's Senators and Representatives advocating for the field of audiology, and publicly endorsed ADA's H.R. 2519.

#### Education Events

SAA hosted two education events this year. At one event, members were instructed on interviewing and negotiation strategies. UNC's chapter of SAA was invited to attend another education event where a panel of local audiologists working in different audiological specialties discussed their career pathway and current career.

#### Check Out Our Chapter Profile on the National SAA Website

<http://saa.audiology.org/news/university-colorado-boulder>