

Michigan Audiology Newsletter

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The American Academy of Audiology (the Academy) and Student Academy of Audiology (SAA) annual conferences will be held virtually this year; registration opened on January 18. Take a look at all of the [AAA 2021 Virtual details](#) and [registration](#) information. The [SAA Conference 2021 Virtual](#), generously sponsored by Starkey, will be hosted on April 14 and [registration](#) is now open; registration is \$20 for all students (members and non-members). Make sure to register for the two conference separately if you wish to attend both.

Here are the registration fees for AAA 2021 Virtual:

- *Student Academy of Audiology (SAA) Member: \$35*
- Academy Member: \$299
- Nonmember: \$399

The AAA [schedule](#) includes topics such as BPPV treatment, third-party administrators, tele-practice post COVID-19, ethics, hearing aids, etc.

Chapter Updates:

All three Michigan SAA chapters have been hard at work this academic year. Two of the chapters, Western Michigan University and Wayne State University, are welcoming new executive boards. The president from each chapter has provided updates on what they have accomplished or their goals for the upcoming year.

Central Michigan University



President: Liadan Weaver

Last semester, the big event for our chapter was a large garage sale. The proceeds were donated to the local [Summer Speech Specialty Clinic](#) and the [Hear the World Foundation](#). This semester, there are a few events we plan to host. One of our annual events is the [Polar Plunge](#). This year will be virtual but we still plan to support Special Olympics Michigan in this event. We encourage involvement from undergraduates as well as the first year students. Some other planned events include coffee talks with our professors, guest speakers, online Zumba classes, and more!

Western Michigan University



President: Ophelia Chang

Our goal for this year is to create fundraising events that follow COVID-19 guidelines and increase community outreach. We recently held an apparel fundraiser and a “giving” tree fundraiser within the Kalamazoo, MI, community. We also plan to host our annual golf tournament fundraiser this summer. In addition, we hope to create fun and COVID-safe social events so everyone in our program still has a support system even though we may not be able to be physically near one another.

Wayne State University



President: Shannon Seraphinoff

My goal for the Wayne State University SAA this year focuses on the students of SAA, community collaboration, and our impact as a profession both within the state and nationwide. I hope to unite the members of my local chapter so that our group can recognize the issues faced not only by our patients’ communities, but also the challenges our profession faces in providing superior care. The SAA’s continued dedication to volunteer work and professionalism when it comes to social justice issues is necessary to best serve our community. I hope that my fellow members will inspire one another to make a noticeable impact for our university, our patients, and our colleagues. Lastly, I believe that through enhanced collaboration with other Michigan universities, students’ voices will be heard and we can serve as a powerful collective voice to advocate for the rights of our patients and profession.