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To Whom It May Concern:

The National Association of Future Doctors of Audiology (NAFDA) and the American Academy of Audiology (AAA) hereby announce their agreement to merge NAFDA into AAA’s Student Academy of Audiology (SAA). The leadership of both NAFDA and AAA believe that this merger is in the best interest of current and future audiology students and strengthens the SAA. We look forward to working together to finalize the SAA bylaws, and to develop policies and procedures for the SAA in the coming months.

The NAFDA Executive Committee together with students from the Academy’s SAA Task Force will together form the interim Board of Directors for the SAA until elections are held in 2009. Plans are underway to facilitate the incorporation of local NAFDA chapters into the SAA. Additional information will be forthcoming. If you have questions regarding this initiative, contact Ed Sullivan, SAA Staff Liaison (esullivan@audiology.org) at the American Academy of Audiology.

We are excited about the prospect of a unified vision for students, the future of our profession.

Sincerely,

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