

# THE MONTHLY ADVOCATE



## CHAPTER CHALLENGE UPDATE

### WHAT TO DO IN NOVEMBER?

Decide on a format for the day. Some ideas include the following:

- Half Day: morning meetings followed by group lunch near your state's capitol w/ guest speaker (e.g. legislator who supports your cause, your state's lobbyist, etc)
- Full Day: several meetings combined with tour of your capitol or meeting with a local audiologist
- Multi-Day: meetings split over two days with a mix of all of the above

### THE POWER OF ADVOCACY

The state of Illinois passed a new law in 2018 requiring insurance to cover hearing instruments for children, all because of one family's advocacy efforts. Clint and Sarah Drury fought fiercely for this law after their daughter, Sawyer, was diagnosed with Mondini dysplasia. They raised \$7,000 for the Hearing Loss Association of America's Walk4Hearing, and promoted the new bill for the sake of their child and others with similar diagnoses. This family used their passion and skills to improve hundreds of young lives.

### NEXT STEPS

- [Check out the SAA's resources for planning your advocacy day!!](#)
- [Connect with your regional contact!](#)

### SURVEY ALERT!

What would you say to the lawmakers on Capitol Hill about audiology advocacy? Here's your chance to get in on the action! Fill out this [quick survey](#) if you're interested in joining the DC Meet-up!

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Current standings for first place, by category:

- Overall: University of Washington
- Advocacy: NOAC
- Education: University of Colorado at Boulder
- Humanitarian: University of Cincinnati
- Fundraising: University of Washington

Don't see your program on the leaderboard? It is not too late to crack the rankings! We are in the [second period of three](#), which is September 21-December 13.