

HOW TO INVOLVE UNDERGRADUATES IN YOUR SAA CHAPTER

Expanding your local chapter's involvement to include graduate and undergraduate students can build community engagement and raise awareness for the profession of audiology. It serves as an opportunity to further educate undergraduate students on different aspects of communication disorders. It can also be a great way to utilize more student volunteers for community service events/fundraisers.



LOCATING THE UNDERGRADUATES IN YOUR AREA

Your chapter has several ways you can include undergraduate students. For schools that have an undergraduate communication sciences and disorders major, you can contact the undergraduate program director to get their help in contacting students interested in audiology. Additionally, all programs can consider including universities in your local area who do not have an AuD program in some of your events and resources. Contact the Academy or SAA State Representative to put you in contact with undergraduate programs near you. The ASHA website also includes the ASHA EdFind feature, which allows you to search for undergraduate Communication Sciences and Disorders programs. Consider reaching out to other related majors (e.g. Deaf Education, Sign Language Interpreters, pre-med, and other allied health professionals).

WAYS FOR YOUR CHAPTER TO REACH OUT

1 Appoint an undergraduate liaison.

Appoint an Executive Board member from your local chapter to relay information regarding events to undergraduates

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Host a GRE Bowl

Provide GRE practice problems for both audiology and speech therapy undergraduates. Consider reviewing study strategies or including a graduate student panel.

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Local Resume Review

Offer 1-on-1 or lecture-style services where members of your SAA chapter review undergraduate's resumes as they begin to apply for graduate school. National SAA also offers a resume review you can direct students to.

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Consider starting a local Undergraduate SAA chapter

If the undergraduates near you have sufficient numbers and participation, you could consider leadership in audiology beginning at the undergraduate level.

5 Create Shareable Content

Utilize your graduate program's local SAA members, such as the social media chair, to create flyers or social media posts inviting undergraduate participation.

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STUDENT TESTIMONIAL:

"Being involved in SAA as an undergrad increased my desire to pursue audiology and sparked my passion for leadership.

-Lindee Alvarez

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RESOURCES FROM AAA AND SAA FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

- [National SAA Undergraduate Resources](#)
- [National SAA State Ambassador Information](#)
- [Undergraduate Associate Membership \(\\$40\)](#)
- [How to Become a Nationally Recognized SAA Chapter](#)



CONTACTING NATIONAL SAA WITH QUESTIONS

The Student Academy of Audiology is here to support you. If you have any questions or concerns regarding reaching out to undergraduates in your area or involving them in your program, please contact saa@audiology.org

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