



College of Health Professions

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For Your Information – March 3, 2016

Doc student selected for research mentoring program

– We were informed earlier this week that **Sarah Kennett**, student in our Communication Sciences and Disorder Ph.D. program, has been selected from a competitive pool to participate in the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) 2016 Pathways Program.

The program is part of ASHA's Research Mentoring Network, whose purpose is to foster the "development of researchers in communication sciences and disorders at different stages" of their careers. The Pathways Program mentors "early-career clinical scientists in developing strong foundations for independent research careers." In the program, Sarah will have the opportunity to develop a five-year research career plan, become "acculturated" to a research career, build her publication record, and learn about research funding mechanisms. Pathways admits only 10



participants each year from among doctoral students, post-doctoral fellows, and junior faculty. Participants are paired with experienced researchers who provide mentorship. Sarah's mentor will be Michelle Hughes, cochlear implant scientist at Boys Town National Research Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska. Pathways is funded by a grant to ASHA from the National Institutes of Health. For more information about Pathways, [click here](#).

In 2014, Sarah was one of four U.S. students chosen for a summer research camp in Eriksholm, Denmark hosted by Oticon, an international company that specializes in producing and distributing hearing assistive devices. **Sam Atcherson**, associate professor in the Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology, is Sarah's research mentor.

Timely Matters

For College of Health Professions **Dates to Remember**, bookmark

<http://healthprofessions.uams.edu/faculty-and-staff/dates-to-remember/>

March 8 – College of Health Professions Advisory Board spring meeting, 11:30-1:00, Winters Conference Room, Administration West Building

March 8 – *Maha Shivaratri* (Hindu)

March 11 – Deadline for submitting nominations for Staff Excellence Awards

March 11 – Last day to drop spring courses with a grade of "W"

March 11 – Deadline to send fall 2016 class schedules to CJ Carrell, Office of the Dean

March 13 – Daylight Savings Time begins

March 14 – Promotion and Tenure Committee election – deadline to submit ballot

March 15 – New/revised course syllabi and other academic program changes due to Curriculum Committee (15th of each month)



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