



## Annual SCAA Conference

Our 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary conference will take place in Greenville this year. The conference begins 3/12/2020. Our first speaker is Dr. Walden. She is completing a two-part talk on the role of Audiology in healthy hearing and balance care. Friday morning Dr. Moats will teach us how to incorporate peds services into “non-pediatric” focused settings. Lastly, Dr. Jones will explain how E-Audiology can bring engagement, ease and power to service provisions.

Please, do not miss the social event. It is great to relax with good food and friends. This year it will be held at 6:30 on 3/12/2020 at Barley’s Taproom and Pizzeria.

More details listed at [www.scaudiology.org](http://www.scaudiology.org).

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## *Member Spotlight*

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### Meet Nikki!

Nicole Herrod-Burrows has worked for the University of South Carolina in Columbia for over 15 years. Her passion is in cochlear implants with adults and pediatrics. Nikki has an amazing skill in obtaining information on difficult-to-test patients. She LOVES the challenge they provide. Nikki is a passionate professional who wants to educate and encourage patients and parents about hearing impairment and appropriate rehabilitative strategies including, but not limited to cochlear implants.

Nikki lives near Lake Murray with her two daughters, husband, and fur-babies. This summer you will find her swimming in her pool and out on the lake!



## Your Executive Board

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## Advocacy Update

Attention members! The bill that mandates insurance companies cover hearing aids in children met with the committee 2/6/2020. It will move to the full House for consideration!

The H3357 Bill has passed through the House and Senate and is awaiting committee approval. This bill would allow audiologists to provide documentation for hearing-impaired drivers. The hearing-impaired driver would be provided with a sticker alerting police of their hearing-impaired status. Once approved, it will go to the Governor for signature.



#### SC Commission for the Blind

Attention colleagues! The SCCB Vocational Rehabilitation can provide services to our patients who are hearing impaired and have been diagnosed with:

- Retinitis Pigmentosa/Usher Syndrome
- Glaucoma
- Macular Degeneration
- Diabetic Retinopathy
- Keratoconus
- Stargardt's

Services can include:

- Hearing aids
- Interpreter services for SCCB-sponsored appointments/training.
- Provision of independent living aids; specific to deaf/blindness
- Referral to other state/national resources
- Provision of eyeglasses
- Job placement assistance
- Case management

For additional information, contact Jerry Francis at 803-403-9622 (VP)/803-898-8775(voice) or email:

#### Continuing Education:

SCAA annual meeting  
March 12-13 Westin Poinsett  
Greenville

USC Communication Sciences and  
Disorders- Function and  
Dysfunction of TMC Channels in  
Inner Hair Cells: Jeffrey Holt, PhD

MUSC  
11/6/2020-11/7/2020