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| Angela Zuendt, a native of Medina, Ohio, graduated from Kent State University with both a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Science before obtaining her Doctor of Audiology degree from the Northeast Ohio Au.D. Consortium (NOAC).  She graduated in 2010 and began her career in her first southern home of Augusta, GA.  She spent two wonderful years there until she met her husband, Alex, who easily persuaded her to make a permanent home in Greenville, SC.  She began working at Greenville Ear, Nose, & Throat in 2012 and has been there ever since.  Angie considers herself quite lucky to have found a career she very much enjoys. She is most passionate about tinnitus treatment and hearing aids, but truly enjoys all areas of audiology.  She works with all age ranges but enjoys the geriatric population best. | Angie and Alex have 2 beautiful daughters, Alexandra, or “AJ” (5yrs) and Kyla (2.5yrs). They have 2 obnoxious, but sweet pups, Jersey and Noah. They are also currently awaiting the arrival of their twins who are due to make an appearance around the end of October. They love surprises very much so they do not know the genders of the twins. On days off you will find her playing or cuddling with her kids as much as humanly possible.  Some random facts about Angie: she always dresses her family up in a theme for Halloween, she loves Ethiopian food….a LOT, her favorite sports team is the Cleveland Browns (insert sympathy face here), and she thoroughly enjoys slapstick comedies. |

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| Mary Anne Larkin, AuD has been in the audiology profession since 1983. She received her Bachelors and Masters degrees in Audiology from Purdue University and her Doctorate degree in Audiology from the University of Florida.  Member Spotlight |  | |
|  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | Mary Anne recently founded Lowcountry Listening Lab where she now devotes her professional time to diagnosing Auditory Processing Disorders in children and adults on a part-time basis. She has over 30 years of experience in the area of Auditory Processing and receives referrals from fellow Audiologists, Speech-Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, Pediatricians, ENT Physicians, Schools, Psychologists and word of mouth from all over South Carolina, parts of North Carolina and Georgia. She has grown very passionate about this underserved and under recognized population. Mary Anne can perform APD testing on children as young as five years of age. Some auditory processing skills don’t develop until age 7-8 years, at which time a comprehensive full evaluation can be obtained and a firm diagnosis made. Some signs and symptoms of APD include the following: chronic ear infections, difficulty listening or auditory learning despite being tested and having “normal peripheral hearing,” problems following multi-step | directions, trouble hearing in background noise, mishearing or misunderstanding speech, difficulty with reading, spelling or academics and difficulty learning a foreign language. Her evaluations generally last three hours. The family receives a written report (12-15 pages in length) with individualized, deficit-specific recommendations for treatment, helpful teaching strategies, and guidelines for academic and environmental accommodations.  For more information on auditory processing, please visit her website: www.LowcountryListeningLab.com or contact her at 843.990.8329. When not at work, Mary Anne enjoys playing tennis, volunteering at her church and in the community, traveling and spending time with her husband and grown daughters Lindsay and Allie and her grand pups – Cooper and Fern. | | |
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| Your Executive Board  *President:*  Angie Zuendt, AuD  *President-Elect:*  Sherri Little, AuD  *President -Elect-Elect:*  Lisa Leen, AuD  *Secretary:*  Beth McCall, AuD  *Treasurer:*  Jason Wigand, AuD  *Professional Liaison:*  Mary Anne Larkin, AuD  *Members at Large:*  Rachel Worley, AuD; Laura Droege, AuD; Alex Taylor, AuD and Heather Strader, AuD  *Webmaster/Technology Chair:* Alexandra Tarvin, AuD | |  |
| Advocacy Update | |
| Attention members! We need your help writing letters. Our lobbyists are working to push legislation through for the Medicare Audiology Access and Services Act. This is to expand access and services under Medicare for us. The more who notify their representative of the importance of this bill, the better!  There was a State House hearing screening last April, which was a HUGE success. Over 20 SCAA members participated. Next year we hope to host a meet and great luncheon.  According to our lobbyists, we are gaining traction on our bill for hearing aid purchases to be tax exempt.  Finally, 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. | |
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| 37108ff6da989433fbe1ac7a2aea7aee?AccessKeyId=D346AB13349551D71631&disposition=0&alloworigin=1  This fall, the games are October 25-27, 2019 at **Coastal Carolina** (Conway). The hearing screenings will take place on **Saturday, October 26th** (9:30 am - 4 pm). Please spread the word and permanently marks those dates in your calendar😊!  Volunteers are needed to help with screenings, supervising students, check-in/out, and other tasks that arise.  The goal is to recruit 20 people.  Keep in mind this is a very rewarding event. The athletes, coaches, and parents are grateful for the services provided.  All can volunteer (and are greatly appreciated): audiologists, SLP/AUD students, friends, and family.  Approximately 150 athletes were screened at the last event with approximately 25 volunteers. Screening equipment includes: otoscopes, tympanometers, DPOAEs, and portable audiometers.    Athletes also receive screenings from optometrists (Opening Eyes), dentists (Special Smiles), podiatrists (Fit Feet), and physical therapists (FUN Fitness).  If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please email: [**Alexandra.taylor@prismahealth.org**](mailto:Alexandra.taylor@prismahealth.org). Include your t-shirt size (provided for the event). As the date approaches more concrete times will be announced.    Continuing Education:  SCAA annual meeting  March 12-13 Westin Poinsett Greenville  MUSC  11/6/2020-11/7/2020 | Special Olympics Update | | |
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