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CDIS CLASS of 2013

The commencement Ceremony for this year's ENMU graduates took place on May 11, 2013. The CDIS Program was represented by both bachelor's and master's degree graduates. It was an exciting day for the students that symbolized the culmination of all their hard work. Congratulations to all of the CDIS graduates!



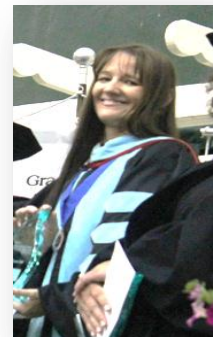
Among the graduates that walked across the stage, Elisabeth Hogue and Jessica Maldonado along with Tanisha Aday and Celeste Alaniz all received their Master's in Communicative Disorders.



We Have the Best of the Best!

During the Spring 2013 Commencement Ceremony, Dr. Suzanne Swift, Chair of Health and Human Services was presented the Presidential Award for Excellence in Service by Dr. Steven Gamble, ENMU President. In addition to chairing HHS, which includes CDIS, Nursing, Social Work, and Emergency Medical Service Management, Dr. Swift serves as Faculty Senate President, Co-chairs the Student Research Conference, and serves on a variety of other committees across the university. As chair of Health and Human Services,

programs, CDIS, Nursing, and Social Work, are the fastest growing programs on campus. Congratulations Dr. Swift, you are indeed the best of the best!



(Photo by Wendel Sloan)



39th Annual Student Research Conference

On April 3rd of this year, Eastern New Mexico University hosted the 39th Annual Student Research Conference co-chaired by our own Dr. Suzanne Swift along with Dr. David Hemley. The Research Conference provides an opportunity for ENMU students to showcase their original graduate and undergraduate research through poster sessions and paper presentations. At this year's conference there were research presentations from 12 different disciplines across the university. This included 15 participants from the CDIS Program:

Ana Mancilla: *Early Pacifier Use and Later Tongue Tip Placement for the /s/*

Millysa Lawrence: *The Immediate Effects of Drinking Water and Caffeine on Voice*

Natalie Moctezuma: *Non-Flavored Water versus Flavored Water: Does It Matter?*

Victoria Elaine Flores: *Let's Work On Your Speech, Buddy!*

Sara Arellano: *Articulation Boot Camp*

Victoria Stamadianos: *Are Speech Disorders Educationally Relevant? An Example From Fluency*

Shannon Evans: *I Can't Talk...But I Have A Lot To Say*

Lisa Perez: *iTherapy: A Qualitative Study of iDevices and Social Media in Speech Therapy*

Alyssa de la Garza: *A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words: Emoticons in Written Language Interpretation*

Jessica Ritchie: *Effects of Speech Noise on Listening Comprehension in Elementary Students*

Lindsay Garber: *Distinctive Features of Sign Language and Sign Learning: A Comparative Study*

Tanisha Aday: *Demands in Graduate School: What Impacts Students Most?*

Shanna Headstream: *What Good Is Therapy? Caregiver and Clinician Perceptions of Services*

Andrew Gallegos: *The Correlation Between Reading Comprehension and Metalinguistic Abilities in Normal Functioning Adults*

Danielle St.Amand: *Verbal Mediation vs. Scripting: Comparing Visual and Verbal Strategies in Teaching and Learning Statistics*

Karen Maytorena: *Thinking In Languages*

Krystal M Herrera: *A Drop In The Bucket*

Erin Taylor: *What Are You Looking At? The Importance of Eye Contact*



Kekoa Morgan presents his research on Inappropriate Text Messaging: A Pragmatic Language Perspective



Megan LeBoeuf presents her study on Simplified EPG Palate Design in Detecting Tongue-to-Palate Contact

Scholarships and Awards Ceremony

The annual Scholarship and Awards Ceremony took place on April 23rd to honor those who have worked diligently over the 2012-2013 academic year. The recipients of the Communicative Disorders awards and scholarships included:

Dara Armstrong
Gail Ferguson Endowed Scholarship for Graduate Studies in CDIS

Christina Hinte
The Roger & Millie Pattison Scholarship Fund for the Speech & Hearing Clinic

Samara Lewis
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communicative Disorders

Lance Havens
Outstanding Graduate in Communicative Disorders

Elisabeth Hogue
Outstanding Clinician in Communicative Disorders

Cristina Hinte
Communicative Disorders Graduate Energizer Bunny



Congrats to Amanda Pullen, recipient of the Undergraduate Energizer Bunny Award and the Ike & Joy Stevenson Endowed Scholarship for CDIS Students

Endowed Scholarships

Endowed Scholarships are an integral part of the ENMU Foundation and Eastern New Mexico University. Some scholarships are established in the name of an organization, however, they are also a way of honoring individuals who have been outstanding in their areas of expertise. Mr. Dwayne Wilkerson has been working diligently to raise funds that will enable the Gail Ferguson Endowed Scholarship for Graduate Studies in Communicative Disorders to become recognized as an endowed scholarship. According to Mr. Wilkerson, the scholarship is just shy of about \$700 to be fully endowed. Monetary contributions big or small can be sent to the address below:

To make a donation to any of the CDIS scholarships, your tax deductible gifts can be sent to:

The ENMU Foundation
ENMU Station 8
1500 South Avenue K
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Donate online at: <http://www.enmu.edu/friends>

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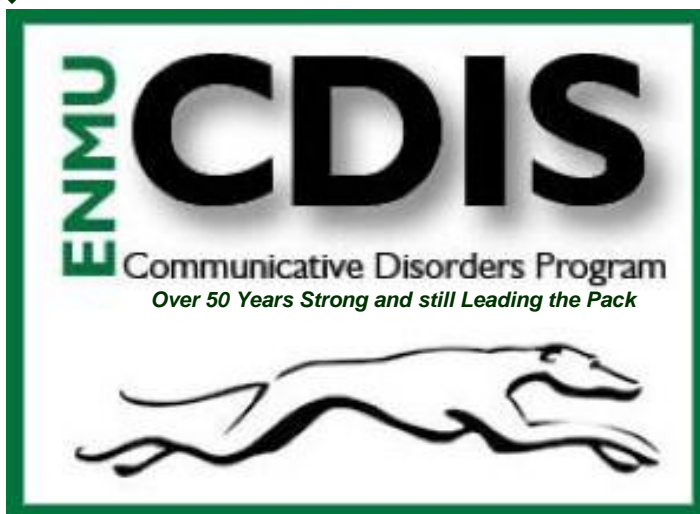


Summertime Fun...

As spring graduation has come and gone, it is often assumed that professors are enjoying their summer vacation as much as their students. In reality, the break between the spring and summer semesters the faculty are preparing for or finalizing their courses for summer school. This summer, there were approximately 450 students taking CDIS courses. Which really does not constitute much of a summer break, wouldn't you say? Not to mention that the Speech and Hearing clinic was also up and running. Throughout the summer, the number of clients it services is dependent on the number of students who enroll in practicum courses. According to Laura Bucknell, Clinical Director, Speech, Language, and Hearing Clinic, "this summer, 4-5 evaluations were conducted and a couple of clients utilized the clinic two to three times a week." So as the busy summer semester has come to an end, we are looking forward to all the refreshed, eager students in the fall.

Where Are They From?

The ENMU CDIS Graduate Program consists of students from all around the US. Acceptance into the CDIS Master's program is very competitive. According to the program secretary, Wendy Turner, she process anywhere from 90 to 180 applicants a year with only about 25-30 students who are actually accepted into the program. The deadline to apply to the Master's program is February 1st of any given year. In the past few years the graduate program has attracted from 21 different states, as indicated on the map below. Our goal is to have representation from all 50 states!



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