

# WORD OF MOUTH

THE ENMU CDIS PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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## CDIS Graduate Program is Re-Accredited

The re-accreditation process that began over a year earlier culminated in an onsite visit by a team from the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) in October 2011. During their visit, the team was busy inspecting the program facilities, reviewing academic and clinical documentation, and talking to faculty, staff, university administrators, students, clinical supervisors, and alumni. Upon completion of their visit the team submitted a

written report to the CAA. The council met in mid February 2012 to make a determination regarding re-accreditation. Dr. Suzanne Swift, Graduate Program Director, was notified on March 6 that the ENMU Graduate Program had been re-accredited for a full 8 year accreditation cycle. This news was greeted with congratulatory calls and emails from the university administration, a collective sigh of relief by faculty, staff, and students alike, and celebratory air-hugs all around!

## Pomp and Circumstance

On May 12, Eastern New Mexico University celebrated its Spring 2012 commencement. Over 400 students, both undergraduate and graduate, walked across the stage and were awarded the diplomas they had worked so diligently for. Out of that number, there were several graduates from the Communicative Disorders Program. We are proud of all of our graduates and wish them the best of luck in all of their future endeavors!



Kat Million waits for her diploma with her fellow graduates.

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Briana Hendrix, Elisa Lucero, Ramona Madril, and Viva McKenzie lead ENMU Greyhound mascot Vic out of the commencement ceremony.

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## LEA HALL RENOVATION UNDERWAY

Article and Photo  
By Wendy Turner

There are big changes taking place in Lea Hall. Starting on April 30, major construction began in the clinic area. As a result, we will be getting three new therapy rooms, a remodeled reception area and waiting room, a new expanded library space, and an updated "quiet" computer lab and observation room. The clinic remodel will include a new state of the art digital streaming video observation system. Everything is a huge mess right now, but the new spaces will be put to good use in the fall semester.



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# 38TH ANNUAL STUDENT RESEARCH CONFERENCE



Elisa Lucero (above) presents her research on the link between visual and auditory memory in adults.



Elisabeth Hogue presents her research poster on the effects of sleep deprivation on cognitive performance.

On April 4<sup>th</sup> of this year, Eastern New Mexico University hosted the 38<sup>th</sup> 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 14 participants from the CDIS Program:

- **Celeste Alaniz** – “Assessing Limited English Speaking Children”
- **Abbie Allen** – “Does a Targeted Phonemic Awareness Program Towards Certain Phonemes Improve Awareness Skills to Other Phonemes?”
- **Briana Hendrix** – “Can Parents Become Clinicians?”
- **Elisabeth Hogue** – “Sleep Deprivation Effects: What Happens to Communication?”
- **Elisa Lucero (winner)** – “The Relationship Between Auditory and Visual Memory in Adults”

- **Viva McKenzie** – “The Mozart Effect: Exploring the Relationship Between Mozart’s Sonata and Performance on Reading Comprehension Tasks”
- **Zarina Yusufov** – “Hearing Impairment: The Effects of Impairment on Social Interactions of Adolescence”
- **Ramona Madril** – “Picture Cards versus iPad: Which Works Better?”
- **Jessica Maldonado** – “Language Assessment in Bilingual Children”
- **Margaret Hanlon** – “Reading Comprehension: Establishing a Link Between Oral Language and Reading Comprehension”
- **Kat Million** – “Language through Movement: Motor Based Therapy versus Traditional Therapy”
- **Lacy Plummer (winner)** – “Flexion and Speech: Will Gross Motor Movement Improve /r/ Production”
- **Sophia Vega** – “Shared Book Reading and Phonological Awareness in Preschool Children”
- **Brianna Carolan** – “Same Language... Different Meaning: A Comparison of Speech-Language Pathologist’s and English Teacher’s Analysis of Writing Samples”

## SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS CEREMONY

The annual Scholarship and Awards Ceremony took place on April 24<sup>th</sup> to honor those who have worked diligently over the 2011-2012 academic year. Below are the recipients for the Communicative Disorders awards and scholarships:

- **Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communicative Disorders:** Amanda Pullen
- **Outstanding Graduate Student in Communicative Disorders:** Brianna Carolan
- **Outstanding Clinician in Communicative Disorders:** Lacy Plummer
- **Communicative Disorders Undergraduate Energizer Bunny Award:** Kayleigh Keller
- **Gail Ferguson Endowed Scholarship for Graduate Studies in Communicative Disorders:** Danielle St. Amand
- **The Roger and Millie Pattison Scholarship Fund for the Speech and Hearing Clinic:** Denesha Hockaday
- **Ike and Joy Stevenson Endowed Scholarship for CDIS Students:** Amanda Pullen



Danielle St. Armand, recipient of the Gail Ferguson Scholarship, with Mr. Gayle Ferguson.



Amanda Pullen, Lacy Plummer, Dr. Suzanne Swift, Dr. Linda Weems, and Brianna Carolan at the award ceremony.



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