



Dear CAPCSD Members,

Wow, what a difference a few months can make! In my Winter President's report, we were all looking forward to our upcoming annual conference and the great opportunities for networking and collaborating with colleagues from near and far. Now, most of us are unsure when we might be able to gather again in person. Although we continue to face uncertainty within our own programs, I want you to know that the CAPCSD Board of Directors, staff and many volunteers have been working diligently to support the needs of the membership through these most challenging times. Below I highlight some of the major accomplishments that have taken place over the past few months as well as upcoming activities to benefit our members.

COVID-19 Resources, Podcasts, and Information Exchange

In response to the pandemic, CAPCSD quickly established a [COVID-19](#) resources page on our website with links to excellent resources for online teaching, simulations, and telepractice. With valuable contributions from many CAPCSD members, we also have hosted a series of short [podcasts](#) that are available for free on the website on the following topics:

- Simulations in CSD
- Simulation Debriefing
- Simulation in Audiology
- Standardized Patients to Develop Professional Competence
- Speech Therapy Telepractice Training Program

In addition, we created ongoing discussion boards in the *CAPCSD Conversations* area of the member Info Hub that offer members the opportunity to exchange questions, information, and solutions about how they have responded to the pandemic. Specific topic areas include: Admissions, Online Teaching, Student Hours & Telepractice in SLP/AUD, and Student Hours & Simulations in SLP/AUD.

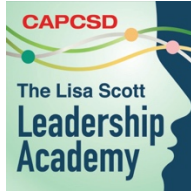
We have worked collaboratively with other professional organizations (ASHA, AAA) to ensure that we all are providing the needed support for our academic and clinical programs, students, and practitioners in the field.

41st Annual CAPCSD Conference and Membership Meeting Cancellation

Although we had to cancel our conference in New Orleans, we identified several high demand sessions and began transitioning them to webinars. So far, two webinars have been delivered and are available for viewing on the website; 1) CAA Accreditation Updates and 2) CFCC and ASHA Certification Update. Because we also were unable to hold our annual Membership Meeting at the conference, the Board developed a virtual meeting presentation with updates on

the activities we have engaged in since our November 2019 meeting. I recorded the presentation, and it is available on our website [here](#).

Naming of The Lisa Scott Leadership Academy



Earlier this year, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to rename the Leadership Academy “The Lisa Scott Leadership Academy” in recognition of the vision, inspiration, and endless leadership contributions provided by our friend and colleague, Dr. Lisa Scott. We look forward to offering The Lisa Scott Leadership Academy prior to our annual conference next year in Atlanta for the participants who were already selected to attend this year.

Scholarships, Honors and Awards

As a result of canceling our annual conference, we missed the opportunity to recognize our student scholarship winners (two Plural Publishing Research scholarships, one Frances J. Laven Service scholarship, and eight Ph.D. Research scholarships). We also were unable to recognize in person our members who were awarded the Honors of the Council (Michael Robb), Distinguished Contribution (Audrey Holland and Brian MacWhinney) and Excellence in Diversity (Linda Rosa-Lugo and Reem Khamis-Dakwar). All winners and awardees are recognized on the CAPCSD [Scholarship](#) and [Honors and Awards](#) pages of the website.

Professional Development Webinars and Clinical Educator eLearning Courses

This spring we hosted 5 Professional Development webinars. The next one, entitled "**Pharmacology and Communication Disorders: Using Simulation in Graduate Education**" will be held on **June 4, 2020, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. EST**, with registration available [here](#). Stay tuned as we are in the planning stages for additional webinars for the summer and fall.

CAPCSD continues to provide *free of charge*, the self-paced eLearning courses focused on clinical education. All four courses are now available and include; 1) Foundations of Clinical Education, 2) Effective Student-Clinical Educator Relationships, 3) Feedback in the Clinical Education Environment, and 4) Assessing Student Performance. Course information is available [here](#).

CSDCAS Updates

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its potential impact on admissions, CSDCAS member programs were offered the opportunity to extend their admissions cycles for this year, and [additional questions](#) related to COVID-19 were added to the application for next year. In

addition, CAPCSD recently enhanced the CSDCAS committee by adding a new subcommittee to focus on student recruitment efforts for our CSDCAS programs. 67% of CSD graduate programs participate in CSDCAS. We are preparing for the 2020-2021 cycle now, so this is a great time to considering [joining CSDCAS](#).

Congratulations and Thank You

Congratulations to our **new Board members**: *President-Elect*, Michael Bamdad, Director of Clinical Education at George Washington University; *Treasurer*, Kathy Shapley, Chair and Professor at Mississippi University of Women; and *VP for Program Resource Development*, Tricia Montgomery, Director of Clinical Education at Florida State University. They will join the Board of Directors effective July 1, 2020. I would also like to extend a huge thank you to Past President, Lisa Lucks Mendel, and Treasurer, Katie Strong, who will rotate off the Board at the end of June. Both I and the Board have benefited tremendously from their wealth of knowledge, experience, and leadership in guiding this organization along such a solid path forward.

In closing out my year as President, I want to take this opportunity to thank the many individuals who have volunteered their time and talents to CAPCSD. We would not be able to achieve half as much as we do for our member programs without your dedication and commitment to excellence. I also would like to thank the awesome CAPCSD staff (Deborah, Ned, Megan, Saba) and the entire Board of Directors who never stop giving of themselves when there is good work to be done. You all are an inspiration to me and the rest of the CAPCSD membership. Thank you for the amazing opportunity to learn, grow and contribute to the profession in ways I never imagined – it truly has been my honor to serve as President this past year.

On behalf of CAPCSD's Board of Directors, I wish you all continued safety and health in the months ahead and look forward to seeing you again sometime soon.



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