



President's 2021 Fall Report

September 1, 2021

Dear CAPCSD Members:

I hope this message finds you well. It's the time of year when numerous things are happening in our programs, particularly this fall when so many of us are again transitioning the format of our programs in response to the COVID pandemic. I want to take this opportunity to highlight just a few of our activities as CAPCSD continues to offer support for our programs.

Strategic Planning

The CAPCSD Board of Directors recently completed a board development session and started the strategic planning process for the next three years. Working with an outside resource, we evaluated how CAPCSD responds to member programs and provides support. More to come as we finalize the goals and strategies for the upcoming years. During this process, we also looked at our Mission and Vision statements and updated them as follows:

Mission Statement - We support, promote, and advance higher education programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders.

Vision Statement - The definitive source for advancing academic leadership and program excellence in Communication Sciences and Disorders

CAPCSD's Core Values

Excellence - We uphold, advance, and support the highest standards of academic excellence, and aim to enhance the educational quality of all member programs.

Visionary Leadership - We are on the cutting-edge of our academic discipline in leadership training and development, institutional advancement, and member support, forging the way for sustainable growth of the field.

Collaboration - We work together to provide solution-centered support for the immediate and enduring problems, creative opportunities, and innovative aspirations of member institutions and our academic discipline as a whole.

CAPCSD Annual Conference

As most of you know, CAPCSD had to cancel the 2020 conference in New Orleans and the 2021 conference was held virtually instead of being in Atlanta. The 2022 CAPCSD conference returns with in-person networking opportunities that has always been a cornerstone of the conference. Mark your calendar for April 20-22, 2022, to join your colleagues in Portland, Oregon.

The Conference Planning Committee is planning an interactive and engaging conference that includes more problem solving and information exchange sessions. Using conference attendee feedback from this past year, the 2022 conference will be designed to provide sessions on timely topics for deans, chairs, program directors, clinic directors, and faculty. More information will be available on the conference [webpage](#) in the upcoming months.

Webinars, OnDemand, and Clinical Educator eLearning Courses

The fall webinar series will kick-off on September 15th with "Get Your SoTL Study Started" and registration is open now. Visit the [website](#) to see the additional webinars being planned.

Did you know you can earn continuing education units on your own time? CAPCSD has a growing library of asynchronous learning opportunities addressing issues in higher education. Be sure to check out our [on-demand](#) courses.

CAPCSD continues to provide *free of charge*, the self-paced [eLearning courses](#) focused on clinical education that offer ASHA CEUs. Course one, "Foundations of Clinical Education", modules 1-5 are currently available and course two, "Effective Student-Clinical Educator Relationship" modules will open September 6th. We encourage you to share these courses with your clinical preceptors, educators, supervisors.

Work of the Committees and Volunteers

As always, we want to express our gratitude and appreciation to our many volunteers, committee chairs, and committee members. I would like to recognize the work of the CAPCSD DEI Committee, that is actively working to address the mission and goals of this critical aspect of our field: co-chairs Danai Kasambira Fannin and Kerry Mandulak, and committee members Lauren Bland, Teresa Girolamo, Jamila Harley, and Nidhi Mahendra. Please visit the [webpage](#) to see the CAPCSD committees.

Board of Directors

I am pleased to introduce the members of the 2021-2022 Board of Directors: President Michael Bamdad, The George Washington University; Past-President Carol Dudding, James Madison University; President-Elect Jennifer Taylor, University of Memphis; Secretary JoAnne Cascia, Kean University; Treasurer Kathy Shapley, Mississippi University for Women; VP for Research and Academic Affairs Shubha Kashinath, California State University-East Bay; VP of Clinical Education Kevin McNamara, Southern Connecticut State University; VP of Admissions Rachel Theodore, University of Connecticut; VP for Organizational Advancement Jennifer Simpson,

Purdue University; VP for Online Professional Development Mark DeRuiter, University of Pittsburgh.



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Carol Dudding
Kathy Shapley
Rachel Theodore (virtual)
Shubha Kashinath
Jennifer Taylor
JoAnne Cascia
Tricia Montgomery
Jennifer Simpson

Back row left to right

Mark DeRuiter
Michael Bamdad
Kevin McNamara

*****Thank you*****

I want to extend a huge thank you to Past-President Ann Eddins, Secretary Jayne Brandel, VP for Research and Academic Affairs Vikram Dayalu, and VP of Clinical Education Elaine Morner, who rotated off the Board the end of June. The Board has benefited tremendously from their wealth of knowledge, experience, and leadership in guiding this organization along such a strong path forward.

Scholarship Program

Applications for the Frances J. Laven Service Award, Ph.D., and Plural Publishing Research scholarships will open September 15, 2021. Members will receive an email announcement to share with graduate students and information is always available on the scholarship [webpage](#).

Welcome New Member Programs!

Members - Brescia University, Mount St. Joseph University, and Regis College
Affiliate Members - Binghamton University and Delaware Valley University

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Bamdad', with a stylized, flowing script.

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