

Appendix II
2008-2009 NSSLHA Survey Report
Open-ended Question Responses

Following are the open ended responses to the 2008-2009 NSSLHA Survey. For the sake of clarity, the questions to which the open-ended responses are connected have also been included. All other data can be found in the summary report, or Appendix I.

The survey was conducted via the web throughout December 2008 and January 2009 with National NSSLHA inviting local NSSLHA chapters to participate. Local chapters in turn invited members and non-members of the communities they represent to complete the survey. In addition, a link to the survey was placed on the NSSLHA Web site. Due to the method used to attract respondents, an exact response rate cannot be calculated.

In all, 1110 individuals participated, however not all respondents answered all questions. For this reason the number of respondents appears following each question in the form ($n = x$). Some questions offered respondents an opportunity to select more than one answer. In those cases the percentages will not equal 100%.

2. NONMEMBERS ONLY - What is the primary reason you have not joined (the national) NSSLHA? ($n = 137$)

- 55% The cost.
- 4% I didn't think I would benefit.
- 5% I was not encouraged to join.
- 6% I was not aware that I could join.
- 11% I'm just not interested.
- 19% I don't know.

Please specify other reasons: ($n = 30$)

- Being an independent college student, it is difficult to find the extra money to sign up. I would however, like to join National NSSLHA.
- cost and benefits are not widely known
- currently in the process
- Due to the cost of joining NSSLHA, I decided to wait until my junior year of college to join the national chapter. Now that I am a junior, I do intend to join.
- I just found the website.
- I am a first semester SLP student and was planning on joining next semester
- I am an ASHA member now
- I am an undergraduate student. I plan on joining within the next year.
- I am going to join today, so I am not 'currently' enrolled but I will be
- I am going to join, but it would be easier to do it online rather than sending a check or calling.
- I am in the process of joining for the spring semester.
- I am in the process of joining, it just isn't through yet.
- I am not in a communication sciences major but am taking leveling courses to apply to the masters program. I do not know if I can join or not.
- I am only a freshmen right now in college, maybe in a couple years.
- I do not know how to join.
- I faxed an application and have not received a response
- I figured I would join the National organization when I was in Graduate School.
- I haven't had a chance yet, but plan on joining in the near future.
- I haven't had the chance. But, I will fill out the form to join, shortly
- I haven't got an internet connection at home

- I just have not joined yet but am going to this semester!
- I keep meaning to, but just forget, and now I'm just going to wait until next year to begin
- I was a member before; didn't join this semester because of time conflict with meetings
- I was a member for the last 2 years
- I was a member previously during my undergraduate studies, but currently the price has kept me from being a member.
- I was waiting for the new year
- I'm a full-time undergrad with 2 children and the cost was too much.
- I'm going to this year I just haven't filled out the application yet.
- started SLP coursework and veered off into Public Health and now want to finish SLP career
- The reason is financial, but I do think the rate is reasonable.

5. MEMBERS ONLY – What is the primary reason you joined (the national) NSSLHA? (*n* = 886)

9%	Convention discount
21%	Online journals
2%	Networking
0%	Special Interest Division membership
2%	I needed liability insurance
22%	My program/faculty encouraged/required it
1%	My friends encouraged it
40%	I wanted to belong to my professional association as a student
4%	Other

Please specify other reasons: (*n* = 67)

- I currently am the 2008-2009 Cal State Long Beach NSSLHA president.
- Also staying in touch with what was going on at ASHA
- ASHA conversion discount
- I was in an undergraduate program that didn't have CSD, so I wanted to know more about the field before applying as a grad student.
- A combination of the above (online journals, program encouraged it, wanted to belong to professional association as a student), but also was interested in the discount when I join ASHA after being in national NSSLHA for two years.
- Both the convention discount and the online journals.
- I became the chapter secretary and webmaster of our local NSSLHA group. As a graduate student, I continue to be a member due to all the benefits.
- Many of the answers above apply as main reason.
- ASHA membership discount
- I ALSO JOINED FOR THE CONVENTION DISCOUNT.
- career opportunities
- I also wanted to belong to my professional association as a student
- Online Journals, networking, and I wanted to belong to my professional association as a student.
- To get the discount on ASHA dues once I graduate.
- all the above
- To have an international access to my profession.
- Initially I joined because of the online journal access. I needed this for graduate school/paper writing. I recently found out about the conversion program and this was an additional benefit that made the membership of more value to myself.
- I wanted to belong to my professional association and to get a discount to join ASHA after I get my masters.

- LOCAL NSSLHA CHAPTER OFFICER
- I also wanted to belong to my professional association as a student.
- Reduced membership rates
- I had to join in order for recertification of the chapter.
- I needed it to be a part of the AHSA MSLP in Chicago.
- Conversion discount upon graduation
- Discount on CCC
- ASHA membership discount
- I found out that it significantly reduced membership fee for becoming an asha member.
- Because of the reduced fee when I earn my CCC in SLP.
- The discount I get when I join ASHA
- ASHA membership discount upon graduation
- Reduced ASHA membership fee upon graduation
- Conversion discount
- Discounts also played a large role.
- I am on the executive board of my NSSLHA chapter.
- Instead of using a textbook our teacher posted links to ASHA articles and required us to be a member. Best idea ever!
- I later learned of the access to online journals, and use that benefit regularly
- We are a club at Misericordia University. The Speech and Language Department works together to gain knowledge and raise money for those who use our services. The journals are also a huge help for writing papers and presentations
- I am a member of KUSSHA, which is the KU branch and I wanted to become a member of NSSLHA as well. Also, I thought it would look good on my resume and I was interested in what information I could get from being involved.
- I am president of a local chapter.
- Online research abilities
- ASHA member conversion discount
- Discounting available when you transition from a student member to a full member.
- Convention discount
- Also, my graduate school required it and my undergraduate school encouraged it.
- Professional growth in all areas
- Also for convention discount
- ASHA Conversion discount, liability insurance
- NSSLHA chapter officer at CSUS
- to become more active in the field of communication sciences and disorders and to expand my knowledge and skills pertaining to the major
- I was a NSSLHA chapter president and needed to be a national NSSLHA member in order to maintain our chapter's good standing.
- and the online journals
- I attended the ASHA Convention in November 2007 and needed to become a NSSLHA member in order to attend the convention as a student.
- Discounted ASHA membership in the future
- "Faculty encourage it I wanted to belong to my professional association as a student"
- My program required it in order to get liability insurance.
- The discount that I will get when I join ASHA is also a reason.
- Reduced ASHA fees after graduation.
- I am treasurer of the University of Toledo chapter. Although I am not president or vice president, it was very encouraged to join national NSSLHA.

- future discount for ASHA membership
- Conversion discount
- Both access to online journals as well as the convention discount
- Discount when joining ASHA
- Reduced professional dues if you are a member of NSSLHA for Two years prior to applying for professional membership.
- the convention discount would be a close #2
- There were several reasons listed above...discounts, journals, networking, requirement (now) but wasn't the first two years and I wanted to belong to my professional association as a student. These were not in any particular order.
- Online journals and convention discounts
- To reduce future ASHA dues

6. MEMBERS ONLY - When did you initially join NSSLHA? (n = 889)

- 63% Undergraduate student
- 32% Masters student
- 2% Doctoral student
- 3% Other

Please specify other responses: (n = 29)

- I joined when I was taking my deficiency courses.
- as a provisional student (year 1 of a 3 year graduate program)
- Post bachelor's student
- As a Post-Baccalaureate student taking deficiency courses to be eligible to apply for a graduate program in Speech-Language Pathology.
- I was in a post-BA program for SLPs, the Foundation program, near the end of the year program, right before the master's program I joined.
- As a post-baccalaureate- I have an undergraduate but I am doing some leveling so I can apply for graduate schools.
- I joined while taking prerequisites needed to apply for graduate school.
- While doing prerequisites for my masters degree.
- I am a master's student at Valdosta State University.
- One year Pre-requisite Program
- As a Post-Baccalaureate Foundations student (I was no longer an undergraduate but I was not yet a Masters student)
- post-baccalaureate year
- Post baccalaureate
- Post-baccalaureate student, conditionally classified graduate student
- post-baccalaureate
- As a post-bacc.
- As a student taking prerequisite classes for graduate school
- I joined as Post Bachelor's Student.
- Post-baccalaureate program
- Post-Bacc student
- As a Post baccalaureate student taking undergraduate classes for a second bachelors degree
- Post Baccalaureate Student aka Graduate student with a B.A. in another field (linguistics)
- Pre-Graduate Certificate Program student
- second undergraduate degree student
- I joined during the MS because my BS was on Psych and I took the prerequisites with the MS.

- I was a part of my school's chapter throughout undergrad. I joined the national chapter as a MA student.
- First semester-Fall 2005
- Post-Bach student
- post-bacc

8. Which of the following organizations are you a member of, do you plan to join, or have you been encouraged to join by a program chair or faculty? (Select all that apply.)

OTHER	Currently a member			Planning to join		
	Member	Non	All	Member	Non	All
Selected	0.4%	1.5%	0.5%	0.4%	1.5%	0.5%
Stat. Sig.	25% small cells		-	50% small cells		-
	Encouraged to join			I don't know.		
Selected	0.3%		0.3%	3.7%	8.8%	4.4%
Stat. Sig.	50% small cells		-	p = 0.011		-
	Not interested			Not familiar		
Selected	8.1%	9.5%	8.3%	10.8%	7.3%	10.4%
Stat. Sig.	n. sig.		-	n. sig.		-

Please specify other responses: (n = 26)

- I'd like to know more about GLBT in our field.
- Autism Society of America
- currently a PSHA member
- International Reading Association
- Golden Key
- Canadian Audiologists and Speech Language Pathologists Association (CASLPA)
- I may become a member of CASLPA when I return to Canada, instead of ASHA
- State Association Regular Member- ISHA
- PSHA
- when if I get lots of clients in a few of these groups, I'll probably join in order to get relevant info.
- not member of most caucus but think they are important
- I'm also planning to join my state's association, MSHA.
- I will join the State Association after I graduate
- CSHA (n = 3)
- Regional Association Student Membership
- Educational Audiology Association, National Hearing Conservation Association
- DRS
- I was a member of Sertoma during undergraduate program.
- Student Association for Speech and Hearing - club at my University
- American Auditory Society & Academy of Doctorates of Audiology
- I am also a member of PSEA. The Pennsylvania Educational Association because of working in schools
- Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- SUNY Cortland's NYSSLHA Speech and hearing club

13. What do you feel is the most important benefit of a student organization and what type of assistance do you expect? (n = 849)

- A student organization can provide important information to help transition a student from school into their professional career
- I think the most important benefit is meeting other people with the same interests as me.
- The most important benefit is the networking possibilities with those already in the field and those who are in my shoes working towards their degrees.
- Access to professional journals and information about career and school.
- Leadership opportunities
- "Networking. I expect guidance from professional members who can steer me in the right direction as far as grad school, GRE, Praxis, etc"
- The information that is provided. Unfortunately, there is not enough time at the graduate level to attend and support these meetings.
- professional resources, networking assistance
- It is very important to stay connected and updated.
- I feel as you progress through your Masters or doctoral program the benefits change. As a student I feel the most important benefit is being a part of your professional organization and having access to the online journals. Upon graduation I feel the most important benefit is the reduced cost of joining ASHA.
- The most important benefit is networking.
- I feel that the most important benefit to belonging to a student organization is to network. Not only networking with current professionals but networking with your peers. It is important to form bonds with your peers that will one day be in the field with you. I expect that a student organization will help guide me as a student and share information about the profession (by either pointing me in the direction of where I can find it, or directly supplying it).
- The most important benefit of a student organization is it is a central means to gain information about the field I love. I expect to be kept aware of the latest news and developments.
- I feel access to research is very important as I work on completing a thesis and work with my clients. I appreciate having access to ASHA resources with my NSSLHA membership.
- It is important so that you can get relevant and current research articles as well as lots of information about the field that you may not learn in school.
- Journal access; reduced fees for conversion to ASHA; reduced fees for ASHA convention.
- Staying up to date about what is going on in the field, both in research and in legislation
- sense of belonging to familiar group; not sure what type of assistance I expect
- access to journal articles has been the most helpful so far :)
- I feel that the most important benefit of a student organization is access to new information and research.
- The most important benefit of a student organization is exposing the multiple resources that are available to us that we may not be aware of. I expect assistance in applying to graduate school and gaining more hand on experience in the field
- Access to information to help the transition from student to professional.
- I think that the most important benefit of a student organization is to prepare us for the future. I expect them to give me information about my profession and what types of things are expected of me. I also expect that they will provide resources if I need help as a beginning professional.
- Advice and resources for student-level professional development, including state licensing information, information on academic programs, and praxis tips.
- It is really useful and helps in bridging the gap between student and professional worlds.
- "Question 10 didn't have the option to select more than one. I would have selected the top 4 (everything but campus meetings). I think cost reduction of professional activities is the most important benefit for me, but easy access to information about professional issues is a close second. I expect cost benefits and ethical guidelines as well as ""how-to's"" for moving from student to professional. The current ASHA

how-to's for converting are very confusing and the linked information is sometimes out of date or mis-linked!"

- access to journals and conventions at a discounted rate
- Networking and emotional support
- career assistance, treatment information
- I think the most important benefit would be all the resources you have available to you. From the Journals where you can learn more about your field to networking if you are interested in job shadowing or making some sort of connection to get some experience in your field.
- the most important benefit is being able to obtain information about the field and its discoveries. I would expect more guidance from NSSLHA regarding the "academic process"- requirements for certification, how to apply, what courses are required, etc. as well as ideas and tips for graduate school.
- I like being able to network- and of course the discounts!!
- career opportunities, current info, current research, networking
- One of the most important benefits is being able to interact with other students and professionals. I would expect assistance in becoming aware of the benefits and how to utilize the benefits.
- Exposure to the field and to the resources available to us as students and professionals is very important. I expect assistance in becoming certified.
- Networking
- Networking with other students who provided information about the program and the profession.
- Learning about the field and meeting other professionals.
- Connection to people and resources (i.e. convention, journals...)
- meeting classmates
- Access to on-line journals has proved very beneficial, tips on what to do during graduate school to make ourselves marketable, highlights of projects other students are working on, suggestions and help on preparing for the C's.
- Knowledge of what's happening in the field and how to take advantage of it is the most important benefit of a student organization. I expect this to come in the form of newsletters, opportunity updates, and access to journals.
- Educating the student about the field they are in and offering opportunities to network
- Transition into the professional field, online articles, discounts, protection
- I expect it to be a gateway into the professional organization; therefore it should help me in obtaining knowledge pertinent to the transition from schooling to the professional arena.
- Information and guidance
- Resources for the most current research.
- The most important benefit is the networking with individuals who will be, or are already, Speech-Language Pathologists. The type of assistance I expect is anything that would help me become a better SLP myself.
- networking
- "Professional guidance Opportunities for contributing and serving in the profession Member benefits"
- I think that being involved with the profession is the most important benefit of a student organization. I expect to have an easier entrance into the world of speech-language pathology thanks to the assistance I'll receive in terms of access to members of the profession, journals, conferences, and other related things.
- "connection to CFs, listings of available CFs, networking with real people (BTW, for several of the questions on this survey that say ""check all that apply,"" I can only check 1 option.)"
- Access to journals; information about current issues; networking; opportunities to participate in various activities relating to SLP
- I expect my student organization to provide both networking as well as additional educational opportunities.

- I believe that access to the ASHA website is the most important benefit of student membership. I expect information to be easy to find and that people can be contacted easily and respond in a timely manner.
- access to professional information, looks good on your resume
- "Information about the speech pathology world, code of ethics, salary information, and job opportunity. Job finding assistance or cf assistance."
- The networking aspect is the most beneficial because I am a mother who has limited amounts of time to attend "outside" meetings regularly. I am sure that other moms would agree. Assistance? Perhaps, these types of benefits could include: collaboration with other students and/or professionals, job placement and/or insurance benefits for Kirin...life insurance for myself of course!
- access to professional information
- Since my school is neither helpful nor supportive, NSSLHA is my main source of help. Thank you!
- The most important benefit is to network and become more knowledgeable about the field in general. I expect to be provided with briefs about current research in the field and contacts for the future.
- Online articles, networking
- Resources for educational advancement, and possible career assistance. Network of like-minded students and educators.
- I think it's important that a student organization be informative and useful to help us understand the issues and disorders that we will be working with as professionals. I expect that I will have access to information that will best educate me and help me learn.
- Contact with professionals in the field that provide encouragement and guidance.
- Networking!
- "1. Networking, 2. good for resume, 3. professional development"
- Access to information
- The professional development opportunities that student organizations provide is the most valuable and important benefit. I expect networking assistance through volunteer and conference opportunities.
- Being connected to what is happening in your future career. I would like help in guidance on picking the right field to work in.
- Networking
- I feel the most important benefit of a student organization is to be able to learn more about the accrediting organization and how to get accredited once you are out of school. I also think it is beneficial to have access to the journals so that you informed of the new research as well as practicing evidence based therapy with your clients.
- I think networking and being aware of job opportunities for the future is most important
- I feel the most important benefit is the access to online full text journals and information about job postings. I expect assistance in finding a good career position.
- Getting involved in an organization can give you so much information on topics that you will need to know about.
- Benefit: Having access to important information in my field of interest. I expect the following assistance: mentoring, job search assistance, CFY information
- Funding information
- To become aware of what is going on the field.
- I think it is important to learn about the most current topics in my field. NSSLHA allows me to do so.
- I found the benefits of information regarding licensure, internships, and employment the most helpful.
- I GET TO EXPERIENCE PROFESSIONAL BENEFITS FOR STUDENT PRICES, I GET ONLINE JOURNALS THAT ARE PRETTY MUCH AWESOME AND PROVIDE ME WITH SO MY INFORMATION.
- connection to professional resources
- The opportunity to interact with other students, with professors, and professionals. Also, leadership opportunities.
- To learn more about speech-language pathology.

- It enables me to be aware of what is happening with SLP students in my area as well as nationally. It gives me the opportunity to expand my knowledge of the field and be an active participant in my local chapter(s). I think it is very important to be a part of a professional organization even though I am still a student, because I'm very interested in what I am going to school to become! I expect to be informed of events going on in the field, have valuable information at my fingertips relating to the field that I can read and research, and to get discounts for various things (such as liability insurance). I also expect to interact with my peers and share experiences with them. I expect to be informed of the next step I must take in becoming an SLP. I want to be a part of an SLP "family."
- I feel that access to the online journals is one of the most important benefits for me at this point in my education -- I have recently begun my master's program and find this access very useful for my course assignments. I expect my membership to be helpful for networking and career development as I progress further into the program.
- career planning
- Honestly, for me the primary reason for belonging is the conference registration discount.
- Access to journals and updated information in the department
- Help paying for school.
- greater experience/knowledge base when all are together; I would love to see/hear about more scholarship and grant opportunities for graduate students.
- I feel that it is a great resource that provides helpful information about the field and also a great resource for students to help with research.
- The most important benefit should be to inspire its members. I also feel like I should be able to receive all the articles.
- Knowing that you have access to information published as well as any assistance you might need.
- The most beneficial part of belonging to a student organization is that you get additional information about the field of speech-language pathology and audiology.
- I really like the fact that belonging to NSSLHA will make my transition to ASHA easier.
- it gets you familiar with the profession and introduces you to many of the contemporary issues that SLPs are facing today
- Getting information to help towards the ultimate goal of an SLP.
- It is important to stay current on issues that deal with my profession, and the laws that the code of ethics have enforced. I expect to be protected, should anything major occur, and to be backed 100%
- I like the interaction between graduate students and professionals in the field. It is important for me as an undergraduate student to get a foot in the door and discuss possible research opportunities and professional experiences with those already involved in the profession.
- Definitely access to the journals online, the ASHA leader and NSSLHA now. They have current research as well as job openings.
- I feel like the most important benefit of being a part of student organization is the leadership opportunities and networking that a person receives by joining. I just expect to have the support of my colleagues in the future.
- Keeping me informed and helping me with my CFY job search.
- Networking, discounts to conventions and free journal subscriptions.
- The most beneficial aspects to me are the journals of new research and practices, and having a strong network for opportunities and advice.
- The most important benefit of a student organization is the opportunity for further education that you can't get from a lecture in a classroom.
- I think it is important to be able to network, so you can share and obtain new ideas. Being able to observe and have a mentor is very rewarding.
- Having a connection to people who understand the difficulties of being a student in Communicative Disorders

- The most important benefit is becoming associated with the professional organization that I will be a member of once I am a certified speech pathologist as a student.
- reduced price for access to journals/conventions
- The most important benefit of joining a student organization is already having a "foot in the door" in joining the professional organization as a clinician. I expect assistance from the student organization in: researching graduate programs in SLP, finding a good match school, and in helping me to locate scholarships that will help me to afford graduate school. It would also be helpful if the organization could tell us about useful service opportunities and/or jobs that we can do now that would help us to establish careers once out of school.
- I am very excited about receiving a print journal and access to online journals as a member. The discounts are also a plus, and I am hoping to network.
- Broadening breadth of knowledge about the profession through speakers; opportunity to meet more faculty.
- It gives us students a look at what it means to be part of a professional organization and I find that to be very important in building a good strong support system.
- It is important to receive the benefits such as online journals. It is also important to meet with other students in the same profession to get their advice and learn more about the program.
- Information regarding the field!
- The most important benefit is to have an international connections between multicultural students in the profession and I expect to be assisted in making new researches regarding new effective treatment methods as I graduate.
- It is important to be involved as a grad student so you can continue that trend and be involved as a professional. I expect to be assisted most when I am graduating from my program.
- Networking and being involved, getting updates on research
- access to on-line journals
- networking
- I like the conversion program that I recently found out about. I would like more information about the transition between NSSLHA and ASHA (I do not feel our program fully explained the transition/when to fill out what paperwork/when to convert our membership, etc.)
- I believe that scholarship information, job postings, and online journals are all important to assist students like myself to finish their graduate program and transition into their career.
- The most important benefit I think of a student organization is the information that you get, whether it be current news or what research is going on. I expect assistance with gaining knowledge of what is going on in my field as a student.
- Guideline/curriculum/organization changes. Basically, being in the loop with updates.
- To inform you of the latest research on SLP and to inform us of great graduate programs.
- The networking and just meeting people in your program.
- The most important is to have people to talk to and to enjoy being in a professional organization.
- Information and Discounts
- Help with school projects in the form of access to journals and research.
- Helping me find a CFY site and eventually, a job.
- The most important benefit is access to the ASHA journals. I would like to see more scholarships go out, and further support of chapters just beginning and those that are working on becoming stronger chapters. There seems to be a disconnect from chapters and their regions.
- networking
- resources and important information is available in this organization
- the share of information such as current researches, scientific resources, job opportunities,...
- Access to peer-reviewed journals for research and gaining knowledge of the profession.
- I think a student organization is helpful to provide the educational information for students in our profession. My undergraduate school provided seminar-type information session. It is also helpful for

job searching. My undergraduate organization also hosted therapy agencies to recruit students for CF positions. This was helpful to be exposed to this information early in my career. The social networking is also a benefit of a student organization.

- I feel that access to professional resources is the most important benefit, and I expect this to be very valuable in obtaining my degree and being successful in my future career.
- Networking and availability of educational resources
- Just having the support of those that are going through or have been through the same processes had been beneficial.
- Guidance and resources
- networking and collaboration/support through a "buddy" or mentoring program
- I feel that it is very important to have an organization that tailors to our specific needs and provides support, whether through mentoring, publications, etc.
- Guidance towards the professional field as well as a support and networking system of students with similar interests.
- Professional networking and leadership opportunities. Also, I like the access to journals for professional development.
- The professional discounts such as convention, and ASHA membership
- Opportunities for professional development are probably the most important benefit. I generally look for assistance in the form of information from individuals who have more experience in the field than I do.
- "Benefit: access to peer-reviewed journals Assistance: reduced convention costs, access to program information and job listings"
- The most important aspect for me was being connected with all of my fellow students and professors through a mutual organization.
- The website is very useful. I used edfind a lot when applying to graduate school. The access to online journal is extremely helpful.
- It is somewhat easier to find evidence for EBP on the ASHA website, but I do not feel that ASHA website is user friendly enough to promote its usage.
- Networking, assistance with job search and information
- I feel the most important benefit of a student organization is the networking you have between students as well as professors. The type of assistance I expect is helping out with choosing the right path in becoming an SLP or Audiologist and/or helping out with studying tips, and/or internship programs that may be available for undergraduate students. As well as providing the latest updates in our profession.
- I think that the most important benefit is the connection between students that is created, as well as the connection to information that will benefit my career for the future
- To provide current and relevant information and education about the field about Speech-Language Pathology/Audiology to its members.
- The most important benefit is preparation for graduate school and careers. I expect assistance in understanding requirements for certification and continuing education.
- for an experience in leadership and social setting to get to know other students.
- Getting to know peers/socializing is helpful for study groups, etc.
- I feel the most important benefit of a student organization is meeting people and using the resources that are provided.
- Journal access and discounts on future fees
- I feel that the most important benefit of a student organization is learning more about your passion and getting involved with others in your major. Maybe a type of assistance that could help me is connections to others and their knowledge.
- INFORMATION REGARDING THE NEXT STEPS TO BE TAKEN AT ALL TIMES OF MY CAREER
- As an on-line student it is important to have mentoring, networking, employment assistance.

- Student organization connects students with the field before entering so they may be well equipped to serve the community after graduation. Financial, networking and informational assistance would be expected as part of being a member of a student organization.
- Having resources such as job posting, message boards, and opportunities to network. I expect emails and encouragement to participate through advertising well.
- online journals
- I feel that is important to stay connected to your colleagues and peers through your professional organization. I expect assistance in making the transition from being a student in to my professional career.
- Online journal access
- I feel that the chance to network is the most important benefit of a student organization.
- The most important benefit is knowledge about your future in ASHA. I expect people to answer questions about the profession.
- I think the most important benefit is access to the Journals
- Networking, learning.
- Gaining knowledge about the profession and becoming aware of the issues that the profession is dealing with. I also think that having access to current research is great!
- I feel the most important benefit of a student organization is the networking among individuals within your same field of interest along with receiving up-to-date information in research and technology. I expect assistance in terms of job searching and variations on the theme after graduation. This should stem from the networking that being a member of a student organization allows for.
- educational enrichment, learning in a different and more fun way. I liked having speakers that related to topics
- The most important benefit is to be networked with other professionals and students. Assistance is required in network during the student years.
- help me find out about my profession
- Most important is access to current information in the field. Assistance with up to date options and legislation that affects future career.
- I feel the most important benefit of a student organization is the fact that as students were are able to access journals in our field to do research and find out what is available to people in our profession.
- Meeting and talking with peers who need and are willing to share information about the field and new research.
- The most important is getting to people in the field you are interested in.
- Resources to improve the academic and professional experience. I expect an interesting website that is easy to navigate. I really enjoy getting the printed journals.
- It offers knowledge about the field I am going into on a different level than classes do. I expect guidance and information on questions I have regarding the field.
- research information, access to journals, discounts to attend ASHA convention
- Networking as well as learning more about the field from professionals.
- access to journal articles and research, reduced cost for convention, SID membership
- keeping you informed of issues related to the field of study
- Access to online journals for research
- The student org is a good way to become familiar with the national org we will join at graduation.
- I feel that the most important benefit would be that the organization helps encourage members to participate and keep them informed of the assistance and opportunities available
- building relationships and contacts in the profession
- networking and leadership development
- "The most valuable benefit of a student organization is the resources such as the online journals. This allows students (and professionals) access to perform quality research in order to work on papers,

manuscripts, and to perform evidence based practice. I do expect more clear information for best practice procedures in the multiple areas in which our profession is involved."

- I believe it is important to connect with others in your field. As well as, reaping the benefits of the association (i.e. journal access).
- Access to the journals
- It allows you to see research being completed by professionals in my field.
- belonging to a national organization
- I feel that the most important benefit of a student organization is having a say in what goes on regarding the student organization, essentially having a voice. I expect assistance from the directing professor. I don't expect the professor to watch over every little move the organization makes, but to be there when we absolutely need them to be there.
- Helping its members become aware and involved in a professional organization. Assistance with job placement is very helpful.
- Information that supplements the theories and techniques currently being taught to see its application in other areas.
- Exposure to the latest research and issues that are affecting the practice. I expect up-to-date information, networking opportunities, and lists of further resources.
- Guidance and support in beginning my career as a speech-language pathologist.
- "to be informed of the latest news, research. receive help finding jobs.."
- The most important benefit for me is access to online and paper resources that are used to advance my knowledge, and as a student, to back up my research.
- Ability to attend meetings with helpful information pertinent to our field (i.e., conventions/conferences, hiring luncheons, informative student presentations, etc...). Also, the ability to meet other students with common interests in various social settings planned by the student organization.
- professional networking, researching
- It gives students interested in the field a chance to connect, and learn hands-on.
- I feel the most important part of the student organization is to make connections with fellow students and links to other professionals.
- Having access to resources like journal articles is a big benefit for a graduate student.
- The most important benefit of a student organization is to get information about NYSSLHA and ASHA to students that are interested in this profession or may have an interest in this profession.
- Addressing and exploring specific areas of interest within the realm of SLP as a team
- Discounts
- To be able to share ideas and give support to fellow peers with guidance from staff.
- The most important benefit of being a member is the access to the journals. In our field, EBP is a requirement to justify all therapy approaches. In grad school, I have found it a great convenience to be a member of ASHA.
- Peer experiences and support
- I think it is important to begin networking and getting involved in a professional environment within a national professional organization like NSSLHA. I most enjoy the discounts on conventions because I conventions are an important resource for making connections and learning about different areas within the field, but they are often not an affordable price for students.
- it's a good resource to have. keeps you connected to other people too if you need.
- Bringing local groups in step with national goals, bringing awareness to the group about scholarships and other benefits, creating a universal outline of each school's program to allow for easy searching.
- "Feeling connected to other professionals. Also, having access to the most current research."
- The online Journals have been the greatest benefit and I do not expect any other assistance.
- the most important benefit is the publications, being able to stay on top of any new research coming out makes it easier to use evidence based practice. I also use the CF listings to get an idea of where I can complete my education and will likely use it when I am ready to apply for my CF

- I like that my NSSHLA membership keeps me aware of new opportunities and breakthroughs in the field of speech-language pathology.
- Information on Graduate school.
- The most important benefit of a student organization is increased access to ASHA services (professional journals and membership benefits) as a student; assistance is expected in the efforts of increasing access to related CSD publications without Special Interest Division membership.
- I believe the most important benefit of a student organization is the references that students receive from the journals that are available and I expect that the journals continue to be a reference, giving student's articles on the latest research and contact information of professionals in the field. I also expect to see a continuation of the discounts and benefits that come with being a member of a student organization.
- I keep up to date on research, evidence based practice, and contemporary issues in the field. I also will get ASHA discounts when I apply after graduation.
- online journals, career services
- I feel that receiving information about the field is the most important benefit of being involved in a student organization. I expect the ability to network with professionals who are currently working in the field, all while being presented with the chance to interact with other students and become further introduced to the possibilities available in our field.
- The most important benefits are building relationships with colleagues. I expect assistance in obtaining information on how to become certified and organizations on how to better serve my clients.
- To provide information about the process and benefits of joining the professional organization after graduation, as well as information on certification. Resources such as journals and careers postings are also very important.
- I feel it provides help in school work, career advice and preparation to further my career through networking and resources I would not otherwise have access to.
- Answers to our questions about the field (getting first-hand experiences of others to guide us)
- I like knowing other people who are in my major and I expect assistance in applying for graduate school and then applying for a job.
- I think access to electronic journals, ASHA convention reduced fee, and reduced ASHA membership are the most important benefits. I think more NSSHLA students should be accepted as volunteers at the annual convention.
- Networking is a huge benefit and I expect opportunities to expand my networking field.
- They provide students with information regarding graduate school and what makes students a competitive applicant
- Access to online journals has been extremely beneficial to me.
- Entrance into graduate school
- Networking. Organizational scholarships for interaction events (ex., we had a faculty student picnic to introduce new members to faculty)
- networking
- I believe the networking opportunities as well as the career opportunities that are intertwined within the programs are especially valuable. I would expect assistance in the area of searching for a career, as well as networking and other professionals to bounce ideas off of.
- I feel that the most important benefit has been the ability to connect with other people in my field. It is also very helpful in seeking employment.
- Being able to access journals and discounted rates to conventions.
- The discounts and being aware of professional issues that we will be exposed to when we graduate.
- Learn about my future career and help those that need questions answered
- Helping with the transition from student to professional. I expect information presented to help with the transition as well as information about what are the current trends in the field.
- Meeting new people and conducting volunteer work. Also, peers can possibly help with answering questions.

- I was just told to join NSSLHA because it will be less costly to join ASHA when I get to grad school.
- "The most important benefit is to have access to current trends in the field and new available resources.
- I expect to get assistance regarding my SLP license and CCC. Also, with professional development and job positions."
- "I enjoy the articles we receive via the mail as they have been very beneficial in both undergrad and graduate levels. I have used many of them for research papers, which intern limits the amount of time I need to search for them on the internet. I also enjoy the networking aspect of the membership and all the benefits we as students receive."
- I think it is very beneficial to meet other people who have gone through the program, because they can provide you with advice to help you succeed.
- The common interest of advocating for our field.
- easy access to quality online material and assistance in finding career development information.
- helping after undergraduate studies in preparation for graduate school
- Guidance in meeting professional requirements
- Student organizations help to plug you in to what is currently going on in your field. Also, they are encouraging and supportive. I expect to be informed and given opportunities to become more involved in the community.
- It puts you in touch with other people within your career field and helps you think ahead for graduate school as well as planning your career path.
- We should be able to learn "real world" information from these online resources. The journals should be easier to search through. Also, by highlighting the key changes in the field and making it easier to find the supporting documentation.
- profession related peer interaction Peer interaction
- Networking with peers, outreach to new members and unaffiliated students
- information resource for beginners; funding help at the masters level;
- The most important benefit is know what is going on with speech pathologists and their research and helping out my community, I expect to be fully informed on all aspects of Speech Pathology.
- Networking is key as I am entering my last semester of grad school. I hope that it will help keep me informed about positions available and what to look for.
- free journals and resources are a huge reason and the conversion to full membership.
- It is a place where we can share our concerns and ideas about our futures. We also contribute to the community by doing services for others.
- The most important benefit is having the ability to work with peers and learn new things about the field. I expect to learn new and different techniques from other peers.
- I feel that it is important for students to be aware of current issues, so I think it is important for student organizations to give us information so we can be more knowledgeable about the field today.
- Networking, upcoming research
- The most important benefit of a student organization allows undergraduates like myself to gain insight into the "real world" issues and opportunities of SLPs and AUDs. Student organizations should provide the confidence to enter graduate school/the working world well prepared and perhaps even a step ahead of peers not involved with student organizations. I expect student organizations to provide me with experiences that enrich, excite, and educate me for the future in CSD.
- I used to think it was to meet others in the program, networking, but at my new school it is more forced than anything else.
- I feel the most important benefit of a student organization is assisting with programs and writing papers (which this organization does greatly)
- Supplying additional information
- The most important benefit of a student organization is that it is run by students my own age and we all work as one to come up with different ideas to help our own program, people around our area and others not near us.

- Career development help would be the largest benefit (i.e., job postings and fairs). Financial support (in the form of scholarships) is also important.
- The experience of belonging to a professional organization, and discounts on other things.
- Professional support from other members of the same field. I expect that mentor assistance will be available when needed.
- All of the information that I have access to regarding the profession (SLP) is very beneficial. I expect assistance/information related to the whole process of becoming educated and preparing for licensure as an SLP.
- I feel the most important benefit is that it is a great way to find out information. Everyone else is dealing with the same things you are and can offer help.
- Access to the most-current research publications and EBP information
- I think the most important benefit of a student organization is to provide access to a wide variety of professionals and professional resources that will better prepare us to enter our respective fields of either audiology or speech language pathology.
- Assistance with graduate programs, scholarship opportunities, networking for jobs
- I feel that the social community of students benefits the students the most.
- Reduced ASHA membership and online journals
- networking, assistance with searching for grad programs and scholarship opportunities. I would expect assistance making the transition from student to SLP and expect to be informed of current issues in the field.
- To answer questions about the program that other student may have already encountered.
- "Allows networking and keeps students in the loop as to new finds in the profession. Assisting us to achieve our highest potential in our field."
- Student organizations are beneficial for networking and getting involved in the community.
- It has been great to network with other students. It has helped me to learn more about other organizations and benefits available to me.
- The online journals is a must for students who are doing research and the Leader is a must to keep up on current issues in the field.
- Since I am an online student, I appreciate the online journals the most!
- Networking is an important reason as well as working together with fellow students to accomplish a goal.
- Networking; career updates
- To network with other students to get the most out of your career path
- Reduced cost to join combined with interesting and relevant information.
- Professional improvement and job seeking
- to have access to information in your professional field. To keep updated on research and current practices and to receive discounts. type of assistance expected is a number I can call when I have questions and they can be answered or they can redirect me to where the answer can be found.
- I think it gives me insight into ASHA and gives me a better chance for getting into ASHA
- Getting information about the field that will help with course work as well as knowing what will be available after graduation.
- I feel the most important benefit is the ASHA conversion discount and the networking that the organization provides. I expect assistance with choosing a graduate college, finding jobs, and access to online journals.
- Opportunities for continuing education and networking, as well as general advice or relevant information that applies to my field and myself as a professional. I expect notification of financial assistance opportunities for college loans, local and national events, and up to date information on laws and regulations that may change
- networking

- sharing ideas and experiences that lead to a non-conventional learning. The information that is not obtained from being in a classroom.
- The access to valuable information, online journals and a guide to choosing graduate programs and finding placements for CFY and a job.
- Being able to meet and connect with fellow students to create lasting connections for the future
- info on jobs and reduced fee when joining asha
- To provide you information for furthering your career in your particular path
- "Information about CFY and graduate schools networking with local clubs"
- Information about future organization expectations (ASHA). Belonging at the student/National level allows discounts to conferences and future membership to ASHA.
- To begin a network of young professionals to begin their careers.
- I feel the most important benefit of a student organization is to allow the student to network with other professionals and learn about their future career.
- Networking with other students and access to professional journals.
- I hope to learn about what steps I need to take to become fully qualified in this profession, as well as learn about opportunities in my local community that will help open my eyes to what is out there beyond the classroom.
- Connections with other members.
- I feel that student organizations help with the networking for students, and I expect help in finding places of work after graduation
- Discounts and networking
- I feel the most important benefit is the current information from the field that is discussed and shared during meetings. Information about conventions and information sessions is helpful for knowing what else is out there that we are not currently studying.
- Having the opportunity to meet other students going into the same field as me, and also the financial benefits are very worthwhile.
- to keep up to date with current issues in Speech-Language pathology; to ease the transition when we join ASHA and begin our careers
- The most important benefit is the networking aspect. We are allowed to not only open doors in the area of jobs, but also, we can talk with peers to find out treatment techniques, etc. that are working. This is an invaluable opportunity.
- The most important benefits are access to career related information, as well as networking opportunities. I expect continued access to the newest information, career updates (i.e. available job opportunities), as well as a way to connect with other professionals in my field.
- support, direction, and exposure to available career options during and after graduation
- Discounts.
- Great way to meet people and get involved with our career!
- The most important benefit of a student organization is you get to be among students have many of the same interests as you. I expect help when it comes to becoming a member of ASHA
- I'm not sure.
- getting to know other students who are interested in the same field that you are
- having access to published journal articles and being informed about current news regarding speech language pathology
- Experienced professionals discussing our futures with us as well as networking opportunities available through NSSLHA
- The networking and ability to reach others outside of the program to either educate or recruit for the field is a wonderful benefit of NSSLHA. I really enjoy being a part of an organization that does community projects and our sponsors really try and keep us up to date on information that is happening in the field.
- The ability to discuss issues relating to our field of study and receiving advice.

- Networking
- Networking is the most important benefit
- Being a member of a student organization relating to a future career is very beneficial. By participating in this organizations we should become more familiarized with benefits and requirements of becoming a future SLP.
- networking and contacts with others, professional support
- Student organizations keep you abreast of current issues.
- I allows for the collaboration of ideas and issues among students and professionals in the field. I expect to get employment assistance and assistance regarding issues that may present in my clinical work.
- Encouragement and Involvement toward my future career!
- Networking for jobs/CFY and current issues.
- To help with children of speech & language disorders in the community. I also expected more networking among the student members with regards to materials and ideas to help with the classes we currently take.
- It gives you the experience of working with other students who will be working in your field. It gives the individual the opportunity to gain friendships with future colleagues and work closer with mentors, professors, etc. It is expected that the adviser gives guidance, advice, and insight into future experiences. It is expected that the members work together to achieve goals, and that each member can bring something to the table so that each member can teach the others something.
- how to plan for the future, job prospects, advice
- Help and encouragement to become a better professional...
- The journal articles that we can access are very helpful. This was great to have access to them. I do think that searching them can be a bit hard. This is especially true whenever verbiage has changed.
- Access to research and the latest news regarding the profession.
- To find out valuable information in the SLP fields
- I feel one of the most important benefits is helping me understand my field and future opportunities in my field. I hope that it will provide additional education and knowledge, as well as assist in finding jobs once I graduate.
- The most important benefit from a student organization is that you can get involved with things and see if you really like it.
- Access to professional journals and other materials/resources that might not be available through schools/other institutions that one is affiliated with.
- Preparation for professional membership-- including discounts, access to journals, networking, etc. I expect the same assistance as all other ASHA members.
- transition into the workforce
- I think access to a variety of resources would be the best benefit of being involved in a student organization.
- information about upcoming conferences, job opportunities, and access to online journals
- Meeting others in your field, networking
- Discounts and resources
- If it is an organization devoted to a specific career field, I feel it is most important that the organization keeps its members informed of opportunities within the field, issues within the field and also it is important to encourage members to get involved in the field as early as possible. Organizations can be amazing networking opportunities for those involved.
- networking
- I enjoy getting to be around other students with similar interests to mine and working together to help our community and school.
- The most important benefit of belonging to a student organization promotes awareness about the field of study and opportunities to access resources that will empower the student member to achieve the academic goals they have set out for herself (through journals, articles, career information, conventions).

- I feel the most important aspect of a student organization is the opportunity to be involved in professional development with peers. Within the student organization, I expect to be provided with educational materials about current issues within the field and others pertinent to students, as well as opportunities and assistance for job searching and mentoring.
- Networking and connection to mentors
- preparation for the professional field and navigation through the education and transition process.
- "I think one of the most important benefits of a student organization is access to online journals, discounts (since you have to pay for the membership), and information about jobs. I would expect friendly and helpful assistance in all of the areas listed above and more!"
- Reduced discount on ASHA fees.
- Communication and Cooperation!
- Meeting other individuals in the same major/field of study and learning new information about the field of speech-language pathology
- NSSLHA helps with professional development and community outreach.
- The most important benefit of a student organization is networking.
- The most important benefit for me thus far is the access to publications. I have used this service multiple times to obtain documents that allowed me to complete assignments. In the future, I expect to find the networking relationships that will provide me with leads within the job market.
- I feel the most important benefit of a student organization is the information provided to its members about the professional organization we will all become members of upon completion of graduate school. It is important to understand what benefits are available to members before becoming a member of the organization so you can utilize the benefits that are available to you.
- Networking with other professionals and students in the discipline
- acquaints us with the professional organization addressing specific needs and learning of students
- Information about current research in the field and financial assistance with educational opportunities
- One of the most important benefits for me right now is the access to journals.
- Information for use in research and later as a tool for networking
- professional development
- "Making new friends, Having fun, Learning new things, Leadership opportunities, Trips, meetings, social events, Assistance: Assistance with research projects from advisors!"
- I feel that you get information that you would never get and you feel linked to what is going on in the field and what is being done for the future to further the field. I expect assistance in finding a job, like job listings and spotlight on good places to work.
- Graduate school selection, job listings, financial information
- The most important benefit of a student organization is furthering your education. I expect more financial assistance.
- I expect graduate school assistance. The most important benefit is just getting engaged in the field to feel more connected to it.
- The connection to important resources for development and networking in the profession.
- It was very helpful to be connected to the ASHA website, and I was able to locate graduate programs.
- Access to information in the field.
- For me it's an opportunity to broaden my understanding of the profession.
- The most important benefit of a student organization is establishing a group that can communicate openly and honestly about any of their questions or concerns.
- Community involvement and meeting others in the same field of study and/or work.
- I think that being able to be involved with other students in my field of study is a major benefit.
- A place to learn more about our field and have the opportunity to learn about internships, jobs and mentors.

- The most important benefit is getting the student knowledge about their future career. A student organization is the best way to find that knowledge and get yourself oriented with the profession. I also believe that the discounts are helpful to students because of the costs of graduate school.
- The most important benefit of becoming involved with a student organization for me is to be more informed on the issues in speech-language pathology. I expect assistance from the NSSLHA membership for support and information on new technologies, studies, and educational information.
- Access to professional resources; networking; convention participation
- The most important benefit of a student organization is getting to know your peers, community, and profession at a level that is not offered in the classroom.
- Provides information specific to students entering the field.
- Access to information, networking, and sharing information with other students within the program
- Access to educational materials to enhance academic and clinical learning experiences as a student. This can be addressed through journal subscriptions and conventions.
- Networking among professionals in the field, and access to information (journals).
- Access to peer-reviewed journals to increase the ease of accessing relevant and current information regarding my field.
- A student organization allows the ability to network and to receive a variety of information related to the profession. The assistance I expect from a student organization involves career assistance/planning as well as information about the various areas/scope of practice that are available with the SLP profession.
- I think the most important benefit is being more prepared to enter the profession. This can be achieved by providing the student with information and tools needed to learn more about the topics and issues that are being learned about in school and that are currently pertinent to the field.
- Networking and both peer and professional resources that encourage growth, stability, and inspiration in pursuing this career and conscious development as a professional
- Right now, working on my masters, is receiving and having access to relevant publications. This not only helps with research projects, but also allows me to see what things are happening in the profession.
- I feel that the professional development as a student and the exposure to the field as a whole is very important. I expect and would like for the student organization to walk me through the process of becoming a professional in the field from general exposure to board certified specialist. I also expect them to keep me informed of opportunities and changes and what they mean to me as a student and future professional.
- I believe the most important benefit would be giving the students the support and resources they need while pursuing their education.
- networking and learning more about the field that I intend on devoting my career toward
- journal access
- I love the networking and all the doors it opens to help me learn more about my program
- guidance and help in making choices and recognizing opportunities while in school
- Networking and what to expect in the profession.
- I feel that the most important benefit is the ability to further learn and have the opportunity to advance in one's career due to a student organization. I expect that through this student organization, I will have the experience and background knowledge to my career as well as insider information and possibly the upper hand compared to those not involved in this student organization, as well as the resources that will have allowed me to advance.
- I enjoy the community outreach. It is a way to being representing our profession in a positive light by volunteering through NSSLHA throughout Boise. I also have found the publications to be very useful in researching my thesis topic.
- An important benefit would be the amount of assistantship given to each member and how that leads to many opportunities, scholarships or other programs.
- The most important benefits of a student organization are leadership, networking, and community involvement.

- I is great to get up to date information and I like having contact with ASHA.
- I expect answers to questions I may have...networking.
- The networking and sharing of information between professionals and students is the most important benefit/assistance to me.
- reduced cost of ASHA membership post graduation
- Access to on-line journals is critical. To the best of my knowledge, my university's library does not have access to all the ASHA journals so it's convenient to log in to my NSSLHA account and gain access.
- Staying connected to important legislative, financial, and educational updates in the field. Being able to remain current on research. I expect assistance with initial licensure/certification/ASHA conversion, and availability of journals as a resource for practice.
- Resources and networking
- I feel the most important benefit is being given the resources to learn about current research and discuss the trends and issues within our field in order to better myself as a professional and impact the people help.
- The most benefit would be to meet more peers who are going through and majoring in the same subject area as you. I would like the organization to help me prepare for my future career.
- Networking and journals.
- Camaraderie, education, and networking are the benefits I believe students get out of student organizations. I would expect assistance in learning and growing as a professional in my field from such organizations.
- Access to information, resources and networking.
- Access to research, discounts, transition to ASHA, would like to see more to help CFY students find jobs, professional FAQ etc.
- Information about what is occurring in our field in the real world.
- The most important benefit of a student organization is its ability to educate its members on what it is they will be expected to do/know as a professional. Assistance from peers and professors involved in the same program/profession should assist in any way possible
- You gain access to materials that help you realize what you might want to specialize in and it helps to keep you updated in the COMD world.
- TO have the availability to have other resources to expand my knowledge and skills in comm. dis. To become part of a specific group that relates to what my field of study and have other members that have the same interest
- The student organization provides students with a fantastic pre-professional resource preparing them for future membership in the national organization.
- As an undergraduate, information about graduate programs and where SLP is as a profession. As a graduate student, job opportunities and what is going on currently in the field.
- The access to journals and other information
- access to more materials and research
- Access to updated information
- Journals
- Preparation for entering the field after graduation.
- For me, the connection with ASHA is the most important, followed by networking with fellow students at the local level.
- The journal access and information on scholarships and job opportunities
- The access to endless valuable information and its networking abilities.
- I think it's important that an organization inform students about relevant topics for the profession. We should be able to gain knowledge as well as understanding about issues that we will have to deal with as professionals.

- Peer support during graduate school, specifically with professional work (i.e. graduate internships, class journal readings, etc.)
- To learn more about our diverse field of study.
- Gain experience and understanding
- Gaining insight about my future career.
- Resources about current research
- It is helpful to socialize with students in the same program. Students gain experience at conferences by volunteering. Our organization was able to sponsor several children for Smile Train.
- Networking with other students and professors... but especially with older students who have been through grad school application or clinicals. That was very valuable to me! I expected guidance for the process of applying to graduate school (which I received).
- I joined mainly to be able to access full journal articles for course work. It is difficult to find full articles without belonging to an organization and not having to pay for them.
- Networking and obtaining upcoming and future information related to the profession
- getting involved in issues that will affect me and my clients in my career
- Benefits of networking, traveling, meeting other students, receiving journals, discounts at conventions. The type of assistance I expect is resume building, mentoring, and job offering.
- I expect assistance in areas that will help me to excel in my studies, financial information, job placement information.
- The most important benefit is networking and serving the community. I expect assistance in these areas as well as social events.
- Networking and creating a team atmosphere
- It's great for networking and feeling like you are a part of something that can make a difference.
- support from others who are experiencing the same things or those who are more experienced
- I enjoy having access to my peers who share my interest in becoming professionals in the field of communication disorders. It's especially helpful to speak to students who are a few years ahead of me (such as first year grad school students) in order to get their perspectives on issues of importance to me at this point in my studies. The types of student organization-based assistance that are most helpful to me at this time are assistance finding applicable merit based scholarships and part-time jobs that relate to our field.
- Professional development and journals.
- I feel that an organization should build a sense of community in its members. I would really like to see more networking and communication between different schools.
- Getting to know the field you are going to belong to.
- networking opportunities, "talks" given by guest speakers/professionals, reduced ASHA dues
- Valuable information, and benefits.
- Helping to develop me as a professional and allowing me to network with my future colleagues
- Networking, creating awareness, volunteer opportunities
- Networking and access to information
- I believe that the most important benefit of a student organization involves peer and teacher advisement. Both groups have been essential in finding opportunities in the world of speech language pathology.
- Networking, and volunteer experience
- It helps a lot with networking and being able to reach out to other students if help is needed in the undergraduate and graduate program
- Student networking and getting information about the major and information about the profession.
- Networking amongst students within the student NSSLHA group for undergraduate information at my University.
- I think the most important benefit is obtaining experiences within my career. Also, another benefit is job placement help.
- It helps to talk about our program and truly get the meaning of a SLP.

- advice and help from some of the upperclassmen and access to more information on our major.
- I feel like networking is an a very important benefit of a student organization. Also, the upperclassman are extremely helpful in choosing classes and guidance for future career moves.
- access to publications and cheaper registration to conferences.
- Being connected to the field outside of school, especially using the online resources and having access to journals
- belong to a professional organization as a student and get a feel of how these organizations work
- A student organization should familiarize you with the expectations, policies, activities, and networking potential of the organization you will join upon graduation. It should ease you into the professionalism that will help your career and the industry.
- A support network is highly beneficial of a student organization.
- Help and support with everyday student life including classes, studying for tests, ideas for help getting into graduate programs, etc. The support system is a must!
- As a student, I feel that the main benefit is financial if you are planning to attend any conferences.
- To get students involved in important (not just buys or look-good-on-your-resume) events. Also to provide students with networking opportunities.
- Just getting to be a part of something, help the community and make friends. I expect to me accepted into the organization.
- Networking, information sharing
- It is important because we learn about opportunities for our field and get more guidance than if we were not in NSSLHA.
- It helps me prepare for graduate school. I hope to have lecturers tell the benefits of different graduate schools.
- I feel as though being a member has helped me meet other students in the major and make friends with the same interests as well as give back to the community by volunteering at NSSLHA events.
- I think the most important benefit is the information that we are provided with through guest speakers and also the ability to network. This is the assistance I expect. It helps us learn about what is out there that we can do and get involved in, as well as getting connections through different people for different reasons (e.g. job wise, advice, etc.)
- Networking and meeting professors
- "I feel the most important benefit of a student organization is the ability to be able to network with peers in my chosen field and also gain a greater knowledge of my career path through the experience of those older than me. I expect assistance when applying to graduate schools and preparation for the GREs."
- networking
- The community and networking that it can provide.
- I expect a lot of shared knowledge from those in the field and my peers, along with networking.
- I feel the most important benefit is getting information from others who are in the field. I would hope to get assistance with getting experience in the field and starting my career.
- The most important benefit of a student organization is getting to know others who are in the same field as you are, and getting to meet people who are already out practicing, getting to ask them questions about what they had to do to get where they are and any recommendations they could make to make my journey easier, or prepare me more
- Motivation. Being surrounded by those that are working hard for a chance to work with children with communication disorders.
- I really enjoy the opportunity to meet with other students in this career field and discuss things that are important. I also know that the faculty advisors are available to answer any questions and give assistance.
- Being a part of a community that share the same passions I do about our field.
- Access to research journals, convention discounts, resume builder
- It helps me to find out about new opportunities available to me as a student.

- To be able to talk to older students who can offer advice as to what classes to take and which opportunities to take advantage of is a great help! It is also nice to see what local programs have to offer speech and language pathologists or to see how we fit into the community.
- Education; Mentors/Networking
- I think the access to professional journals would be extremely beneficial. Networking with other professionals would also be very beneficial
- The most important benefit is being connected to a group that is your desired profession so you have others to talk to about any questions or comments. I expect assistance in finding any information I need concerning my career path.
- I like that I am able to do research and be a part of the online community.
- I believe it is great for networking and I expect assistance in getting into graduate school and securing a job in the future.
- You can gain experience working with other students interested in similar things.
- access to publications and journals regarding our field of study
- Being part of a professional organizations and the benefits that come from that-accessibility to journals and networking.
- I have really appreciated the support of the organization and the opportunities it has allowed me for volunteer and service.
- I expect opportunities to network, research and advance my professional career.
- Easily accessible resources. I expect a more one on one assistance if needed.
- I think the most beneficial part of NSSLHA is the networking that occurs as well as graduate school information that is provided. I think assistance is offered through NSSLHA but I have not asked for it.
- The most important benefit of a student organization is the ability to learn more about our field and to meet people who are interested in the same things as I am.
- I expect our student organization to keep us informed on new advances in our speech pathology field. As well as Volunteer and job opportunities.
- Having the support from peers and professionals in the field. I feel having assistance in continuing education is an important aspect in the field and expect a certain amount of guidance in this area.
- A student organization should serve to keep students informed of important information and events; I want to know about current events and changes in healthcare. I hoped for assistance in regards to considering graduate school programs and how to finance them. I also would like additional information regarding various student organizations and scholarly publications that exist.
- The most important benefit is that not only will you meet people with the same interest as you have, but you will also build up a network of people that can become handy in the future. Hopefully, in the future when I start to practice, I hope that if I encounter an issue that puzzles me that I will be able to call one of them and discuss it with them and get feedback from them.
- I feel the most important benefit of a student organization is the opportunities offered to become involved in my department and on campus. I expect the assistance from the department faculty and the administration to encourage other students to participate.
- The most important benefit of a student organization is the ability to network with people of similar major and job interests. I expect my student organization to help me a lot with picking classes, identifying my job strengths and weaknesses, and obtaining future jobs.
- The ability to network with professionals and make a smooth transition to my career.
- Meeting people with similar interests.
- Collaboration, Leadership, Public Service, Convention, Scholarship, Mentorship
- I feel the most important benefit of a student organization is to be able to participate with other students and to volunteer and become active in the community. I expect to get assistance on finding a good graduate school and helping me understand what has to be accomplished first.
- Access to journals and ideas for ways to get involved.
- Meeting people and learning about our career field.

- I joined the organization mostly to be able to get in contact with other professionals so that I could ask questions, get feedback, and hear stories of what to expect when I begin my professional career. I expect other professionals to be willing to help students as they make that movement from student to peer.
- connections that can be made with other students in the field
- Students get a preview of the professional life and have the chance to meet people who can help them with their goals
- It allows me to communicate with other students to discuss the field of study and learn new information all the time.
- The networking of individuals sharing ideas and the passion of this field. It allows us to promote the profession and getting exposure to the professional life of an SLP or A.
- Access to recent research and online magazines, liability insurance discount
- We are enabled to participate in discussions and research, enriching our education, that we would otherwise not be able to be involved in.
- A sense of community and a place to ask questions.
- Networking and the connections made to further ones career.
- Community involvement, and I expect my local organization to plan and execute events that serve the community.
- Networking. Networking. Networking. These days, your associations are the most important.
- Networking and available resources
- I think access to information regarding our field is an important benefit, as well as, peer mentors and a support system for students.
- communicating with my peers and future colleagues. I expect full access to journals
- Networking with peers and participation in activities throughout the community are the greatest benefits of a student organization at a campus level. Networking and being 'up-to-date' in the field are the greatest benefits of student organizations at a national level.
- I think a student organization helps you learn more about your future career. I expect to receive information and advice about the field and the steps to becoming a certified SLP.
- Joining NSSLHA at the National level was very useful in terms of access to ASHA journals online as well as catalogs and the ASHA Leader received in the regular mail. Working with other Masters students that are serious about the field is a great way to be closer with those in your program, and our fundraising and community outreach events are often geared towards speech.
- Helping the community through fundraising and helping raise awareness of communication disorders. I expect help from organizations with useful information in my studies. Journals and current articles, research.
- I think the most important part of being part of the student organization is learning about the organization and preparing to be part of ASHA in the future
- Networking and academic opportunities not provided in the classroom or clinical experiences. I expect assistance with job applications and the job search.
- Connections, benefits, meeting others with the same interests
- As I student I expect scholarship opportunities and resources in the forms of online articles and journals.
- Currently I feel that the most important benefit is access to publications and professional documents.
- I feel the most important benefit is the opportunity to interact and network with working professionals.
- I am a huge fan of the reduced price for professional liability insurance I get through NSSLHA. I expect that sufficient liability coverage and am glad that I did not have to spend a lot of time and effort arranging my insurance.
- I don't know
- I really like having access to online journals.
- being a part of the professional community. monetary discounts on future ASHA membership.
- Access to a wealth of professional resources like research, books, notice of conferences, etc.

- The ability to explore and learn more about my future field is the best benefit. I expect to be able to ask questions about the field and have those questions answered.
- Resources for finding jobs
- connect to future careers whether vocationally or academically
- The most significant benefit I feel is the access to the journals as well as the job networking that is available. I would like dues to be a little cheaper because everything is so expensive anymore. I also would like more access to other journals that are available out there for the speech language pathologist.
- Opportunities for exposure to the field as a professional.
- Information about graduate programs and universities, learning opportunities.
- networking and getting up to date information
- I believe the best benefits is the ASHA conversion, the ASHA Leader, the online articles, and networking.
- Preparing students for our profession. Providing appropriate entry opportunities into the field.
- The most important benefit I believe is having access to evidence based practice. EBP provides us with the knowledge of what interventions are of high quality and appropriate for clients. I expect continued assistance in recent EBP findings, especially response to intervention (RTI).
- Professional development is one of the most important benefits of a student organization.
- Access to professional materials such as publications
- Gaining insight and perspective in the field.
- Being current on developments and resources
- The ability to use the resources of the ASHA organization and website
- Feeling connected to your profession on a larger level. I expect the organizations to inform us of legislature changes, assist us in becoming licensed professionals, and keep us informed of up to date research.
- The most important benefit of a student organization is having access to student discounts for association meetings, journals, and networking. I expect to receive assistance with looking for funding for school.
- networking and encouragement from other students
- to gain knowledge about the profession and where to find resources outside of the university
- Great networking and becoming familiar with the field together.
- -being able to have someone to ask questions to and almost look up to as a mentor, being around someone who already has been through it
- I expect to learn about the current issues in the field such as politics, law, advances, problems etc....
- Feeling like a member of the association, even though I am still a student in the field.
- I like the networking aspect. I like to be part of something as an undergraduate, that I will be part of for the rest of my life.
- I feel that the online journals are extremely helpful for our educational and professional journey. Some assistance could be in the journal search options.
- I feel a benefit of a student organization is it's a way to get information. I am not sure what type of assistance I expect.
- Increased levels of involvement and knowledge base in the field of speech-language pathology
- Access to information in the field. I would love some scholarship for school.
- I believe the most important benefit of a student organization is to obtain useful knowledge about what is going on in the field. I expect networking assistance as well as online assistance such as posting job opportunities.
- Being a member of a professional organization prior to graduation, and easier transitioning to ASHA after master's degree.
- I feel that the most important benefit is the resources and the networking.
- Being with your peers, who can help you or you can help them with any problems with classes or otherwise

- Being able to meet and work with peers and classmates.
- I am not sure.
- The most important benefit of a student organization related to ASHA is the ability to take leadership opportunities and use it as a precursor to a future (professional) organization. I expect to receive assistance in funding for ASHA fees in the future with my membership in NSSLHA.
- Professional Networking and access to publications and online journals. I'm not sure what type of assistance to expect.
- The most important benefit to me is the professional networking that is established.
- Being part of the national organization that I will belong to when I am a working professional as well as access to important research and cutting edge information. I expected support when I was looking into graduate school and now I am looking for support in starting my career and beginning the job search.
- It's a good way to get involved in the field and get to know other students and professionals. I also enjoy the speakers that we are able to have sometimes.
- Sodality and support, mostly. Not that I don't believe strongly in volunteerism and networking, but my program's too rigorous to participate in student orgs that require a lot of extracurricular service. Opportunities to debrief and enjoy a coffee or happy hour with colleagues are especially welcome.
- "I feel the most important benefit is being able to find answers when you need them and knowing that there are those who have been through the same things as you or are currently there; also knowing someone is always willing to help. As for assistance, I expect to be informed on where I can go to get the answers I need as well as additional resources."
- "-support -one-on-one assistance and council with ""insight"" into the real deal"
- Getting information about applying to graduate school and professional contacts.
- I think the most important benefit of a student organization is getting to know other people in your major, along with inside knowledge about speech language pathology as a profession. I expect work/volunteer/scholarship opportunities available to NSSLHA members before others.
- online journals are key--I would be pleased if others were included in NSSLHA or ASHA membership
- Resources available such as journals. Networking, and opportunity for leadership/involvement.
- Support, ideas, information, and encouragement.
- Sharing common interest and goal. I expect assistance with questions I have.
- Support from other students and information about progressing through my program.
- information on relevant topics and support/guidance in navigating through the program requirements.
- sharing information and prepare me to be a member in ASHA, and I expect from this organization to provide me with the updated information
- opportunity to learn about the field, about the most recent research issues
- Being aware of current research related to speech, language, and hearing to be the most effective speech-language pathologist possible. I expect the organization to provide an abundance of journals and articles to help me gain this knowledge.
- Student organizations are beneficial in their offering of leadership opportunities as well as the provision of access to professional journals and publications to facilitate research. Such organizations are also a wonderful opportunity to network with peers and professionals. It is helpful that students can begin to get involved in their future profession which promotes such involvement.
- Networking opportunities with professionals in the field and other students.
- I think it is important to get feedback from older students and their experiences to learn from them.
- It's a great way to stay involved.
- Belonging to such a prestigious professional student organization that encourages service, support on our paths to becoming successful professionals in the study of communication disorders
- Networking and reduced costs for convention and conference fees are the most important benefits for student membership.
- The most important benefit of the local organization is greater involvement in our program and the community. The national organization provides excellent professional resources for research and for

networking. I expect a student organization to help its members by providing information, contacts, opportunities for involvement, and improvement as a future professional.

- Understanding all the avenues I can get into once I am a working member of the community
- Discounts and journal access.
- current research, hot topics in speech/language, laws that affect our practice, discounts on national organization dues
- Student organizations are important because it is an opportunity for students to see what the profession is like outside of the classroom.
- education and professional development
- "Getting to know fellow students is a good benefit. Online journals are my most important benefit."
- I think that our NSSLHA local chapter should provide more information about ASHA and benefits we can gain from our membership. I find, however, that our local chapter does community service, etc. which is great. However, I believe they should make it relate to our field.
- The ability to learn about the fields of speech language pathology and audiology and have an opportunity to discuss and develop relationships with other students, professors, and professionals in the fields. Assistance in finding the CF that best suits my talents and interests as a new clinician
- Job search, and access to professional publications. It really helps research to go smoothly.
- The most important benefit to this organization is the networking opportunities.
- I like the access to online journals, they are beneficial to my research.
- Collaboration with other students. Discussions involving school and problem-solving.
- Help finding employment
- The greatest benefit of a student organization is networking with people in the same boat as you. From a student organization I expect the acquisition of information pertinent to the profession, such as how to get where I want to be, along with recommendations, and opportunities to really find out about the field.
- Access to online journals for research.
- discounts, information, and support as you work towards your degree
- To show what options are out there for us to take advantage of when we graduate and to enrich our education and provide career postings and assistance
- Opportunity to be a part of the field and be involved as well as to obtain information for future professional needs.
- Feeling involved and connected to the profession beyond the college campus.
- It is a great place to discuss common interests and concerns. Also, it allows for future networking when job seeking.
- Networking is an important part of a student organization. I'd like assistance when looking for a job.
- It helps to make you aware of what is going on in the field. You can network with other peers.
- Being involved in a student organization, especially during your undergraduate experience, gives you the opportunity to learn even more about the field you are pursuing (i.e. SLP or Aud). The publications you receive can help as an aid to your courses. Also, the opportunity to attend the state and national conventions at a discounted rate is not only a experience and deal, but the conventions also help guide you to find out what division you would like to specialize in (i.e. pediatrics, adults, fluency, child language, etc).
- A student organization is beneficial not only to students' future as professionals, but may also enhance students' understanding and performance in later careers. These organizations help to introduce students to an organization earlier, and therefore can provide mentoring opportunities and allow the student to become familiar with current events. It helps to expose students to terminology and any challenges that professionals experience in their daily work. As a student, I feel that financial assistance and mentoring are equally important because they can fund student inquiries and activities, and guide a student to success, respectively.
- Access to past & current materials that professionals have access to. I expect assistance that enriches my student experience, both undergraduate & graduate.

- Information that I can use in my speech pathology classes.
- Benefits I expect from a student organization is informing students on job opportunities, updated information related to speech and language, providing support system for new and continuing students in the field of communication disorder sciences.
- getting involved at a professional level while being a student still
- I feel that the most important benefit is being able to network with professionals and seek guidance and direction from them. I would like assistance with internship/employment searches.
- The most important benefit of a student organization is allowing the students to communicate new thoughts and ideas about their program. It also allows the sharing of information, allowing students to interact with one another about specific information they may have or know about the areas of speech-language pathology, audiology, or other related fields that might be of interest. If the organization includes local members, this would allow the students to form study groups. The main type of assistance to be expected would be sharing of important information that would be beneficial to the members of the organization.
- networking, help with meeting graduation requirements where needed
- To gain current information related to my profession and to meet people with similar goals and interests. Network for opportunities and ideas.
- To provide information on local concerns of SLP students (activities, internships, workshops).
- The most important benefit is learning about the profession and ASHA so I know what it is about for when I graduate and join.
- The most important benefit of a student organization can really help me understand the ever-changing laws and credentialing requirements. I was also glad I could obtain my liability insurance at a reduced rate.
- The most important benefit is sharing career choices and future endeavors with students with similar interests. I expect my student organization to point me in the right direction, lead me to water per se, so I can choose drink on my own.
- The most important benefits of NSSLHA: discount on ASHA membership, online journals!!, information about graduate schools, scholarships, publications, etc. I wish there were more information on funding for students interested in getting their doctorate.
- I don't know.
- Networking with peers/ supporting each other.
- Networking
- access to online journals
- I think the most important benefit is access to current ASHA research and publications, especially online.
- Receiving current information regarding service and delivery to better your understanding of being a professional in the field. I would expect a student organization to provide this information to encourage its members to be the best form of an SLP/audiologist they can be.
- The access NSSLHA allows to online journals for research benefits.
- resources in the field!
- Access to current and changing information to supplement program curriculum, support in professional development, an organization for sharing ideas- all of this is what is expected from the student organization.
- I feel it is extremely important for us, as students, to be a part of student organizations in order to gain more knowledge and become familiar with areas of the organization related to all aspects of our field. I am grateful that being a member will allow me to have a discount when joining ASHA following my master's graduation.
- Guidance in the graduate program; access to journals.
- The exchange of information pertinent to our field. I expect a moderate level of assistance.
- Assistance with career center and networking.

- "current news, research, & issues scholarships discounts"
- to open the doors of communication among other Chapters to increase our knowledge and awareness for communication disorders, language pathologies in order to serve our clients with the optimal service.
- Preparation and insight for the field; Access to current research and EBP; The process of applying for your first job and job search opportunities
- The most important for me has been the ability to network and stay in the loop with new research in my field. I expected both of these and they have both met my expectations
- "Providing a means for a sense of community among students and enhancing our preparedness for practice as SLPs"
- To connect us with community interests and national association events/benefits
- connection with the field through journals, publications, events
- It gives you hands on experience. I don't really expect assistance.
- Access to the latest information and access to other members.
- Providing resources for academic expectations and informing students about updates to the speech and hearing science professions.
- The most important benefit is being able to have knowledge of the most up to date information. I expect assistance in finding the exact career path that would fit me in this field.
- To help one plan and know what to expect in the transition from student to professional, also in the transition of student organization to national professional organization. I would like assistance with knowing yearly requirements, perhaps in a checklist fashion, of what is needed and when, to remain or become a member.
- I just became a member of NSSHLA and WISHA, I hope to learn more. I think the online journals we can access could be better explained with a sort of tutorial.
- It's a great way to gain valuable resources and stay up to date with the latest info in our field. It is also great for the discounts!!
- "Information for students at every level, undergraduate, graduate, doctoral, and even students who are just looking into the major. Assistance is need for undergraduate students regarding everything to do with graduate school from finding programs to applying to what to do once you get accepted."
- The most important benefit of a student organization is the networking and information you receive. You have a better chance at staying updated and in the loop through other members and newsletters, journals, etc...
- To become connected to the field of Speech-Language Pathology and to be exposed to the field in the future. Also, being provided with an opportunity to network with other individuals in the field.
- be able to use as a resource when needed
- The most important benefit would be the ability to learn and develop skills that pertain to my future careers with people that share my same interests. I would expect assistance from others in our field who are able to help us acquire our endeavors.
- I feel that it serves as an opportunity to learn more about the field as well as to network with our peers and professors. Also, it gives us a chance to work together as students.
- I feel that the most important benefit of a student organization is the opportunity to expand on current knowledge as well as networking with other students and professionals. I expect a lot resources within the field of Speech Language Pathology to be available and accessible. Also, opportunities to meet others in the field and network. Information on current research and conventions to be accessible.
- Resources available on ASHA.org. Expect to receive information that supplements knowledge I'm learning in the classroom and exposure to career options/decisions and real-life SLP scenarios.
- I feel the most important benefit of a student organization is the networking opportunities and research and data resources. The type of assistance I expect are to have resources and information about speech language pathology and audiology.
- I REALLY appreciate the free access I get to all of the ASHA journals, which are excellent resources that I use for school research frequently. Not only do I receive unlimited access to all the latest research,

but I feel that what is equally as important is that through the ASHA Leader and other publications, I am always receiving the most up-to-date information as far as the ongoing changes in our growing field of speech-language pathology. This is very beneficial because as I am planning to graduate next year and enter the work force, such information is valuable in that it is preparing me to transition to be a professional in the field.

- I think the most important benefit of a student organization, is that it encourages students to become more involved and interested in their specific field of study. It is also beneficial as it allows for the collaboration of peers to discuss and inform. The type of assistance that I expect from a student organization include : Constant informational reports on new technology, research and advancements, discounts on items, programs and conventions, opportunities to present research, as well as announcements of available scholarships , internships and fellowships.
- networking
- To gain knowledge and experience that will prove to be beneficial when I am out in the field of my chosen profession.
- Networking, and the ability to ask questions to professionals and graduate students
- Meeting with other students and networking. I expect guest speakers to give presentations about current topics of interest and to educate the community about our field.
- Providing knowledge about the career field and information relevant to the career
- professional development and networking
- networking and research
- I believe the most important benefit of a student organization are the experiences gained within the organization. These experiences include leadership, volunteering, and networking to name a few. Assistance that I expect is a support system. With so many things in common as a student the organization provides that support.
- networking, scholarship announcements, leadership opportunities
- Online journals for research and I expect help getting to ASHA conventions
- networking
- networking and professional opportunities
- Networking and Access to professional Journals.
- Having access to new research information, job postings, and overall current news that keeps me informed.
- convention discount, conversion discount
- I expect to learn more about the field I am entering and what resources are available to me.
- Opportunities to grow and learn within the field.
- Networking
- Networking and obtaining experience; mentoring and assistance
- Raising awareness from the start (during schooling) that as professionals with common interests we need to work together to improve and advocate for the profession.
- Access to journals
- "It helps maintain autonomy in our profession by raising awareness of the unique needs of our field to its members and the community. Our organization says who we are and what is needed to maintain our name and standards."
- A student organization should give its members the opportunity to gain knowledge and experience beyond the walls of the university. It should help make the transition from college to the real world a little easier by providing networking and support.
- Being able to discuss where we are in the process of becoming an SLP, and what we can do to help us along. Also, our organization often organizes teams for different events (e.g. the walk for Autism), which can be helpful for others as well.
- They know what we're going through and have the skills and information to help us with research and information to get involved in various programs. Those are also the things that I expect them to do

- Being able to access all the journals online is great and I was able to attend AHSA convention this year because of the discount.
- Builds community of peers and professionals.
- I think the benefit of a student organization is that it serves as a bridge between the students learning in the profession with the professionals in the field. A student organization provides us with an opportunity to talk about our profession and share ideas and network with our future colleagues. Furthermore, a student organization provides us with support through access to information through journals and newsletters, and with discounts to conventions, and opportunities to volunteer at professional conventions.
- I feel the information that you get once you join is helpful as well as the discounts. I would expect to get information from several facets that is easy to access. Also resources that I can contact to get the information if needed
- I feel it is extremely important to be in a student organization because it helps you work with your peers and fight for a common cause.
- to be in the loop of what is going on the field and the discounts they provide for professional activities and journals
- I really like to know that I am already involved, even just as an undergraduate student. At this point I really do not expect any type of assistance.
- To bring students interested in the same field together; to share ideas and bounce ideas off of one another and most importantly, to remain updated on new research and happenings in the field. The type of assistance I would expect is to help pay various dues and fees and access to all of ASHA's publications and journals.
- As a master's student, I believe networking (and a big discounted ASHA convention price) is important. Students are poor, and I even thought that \$180 was expensive for the convention this year, but I really wanted to go for the networking opportunities.
- "Professional Opportunities Convention Discounts Networking Scholarships"
- "It is important to belong to a group that encourages growth as a person and in our field.
- I expect assistance from peers and advisors."
- Legislative updates, advocacy, continuing education, SLP programs, and job search tools
- convenient access to professional information
- I feel that networking is the most important benefit of a student organization.
- Networking, Exposure to professionals already in the field.
- to help out its members and provide information for the future
- Experience in field-related opportunities.
- To be involved and learn current research.
- The most important part, to me, is feeling more involved and informed about my career path. Also knowing this will benefit me in the future when applying for jobs.
- Connecting with your peers who share similar interests and getting involved. I would expect everyone to aid each other in learning about our profession and its organization.
- Networking and finding out current news in the major.
- The most important benefit is interacting with peers and professionals to guide you in the right direction. The type of assistance to be expected is to have someone to guide me through the unknown.
- networking and looking up information about Graduate school and upcoming news in the field.
- I feel it's a great way to meet people in my major as well as for networking.
- Helping you understand the profession and being able to network with professors and other professionals.
- To learn more about the field and to gain leadership opportunities
- Being involved as much as possible to gain as much experience in the speech pathology field. I hope that the student organization can keep me connected to the world of speech pathology and prepare me for the future.

- meeting people in the same program as myself
- This type of organization is a great way to meet people in my major that I will be working with the next four maybe five years. Also it is a great way to learn more about the major that I wish to pursue.
- I feel that networking is the most important benefit. Some type of general assistance should be provided.
- Networking is the most important benefit. Discounts are also an important aspect as money is difficult for graduate students. I expect a student organization to help me network in the field and provide information for my future career.
- I feel that it has the capability of providing you with information you may not have known about or that you would like to know more about.
- I really benefit from having access to the online journals through the ASHA web page. I also like that we receive discounts on convention and joining ASHA.
- To provide resources and receive benefits for reduced costs, journals and conventions and workshops.
- Camaraderie/social networking & professional resources/journal articles
- It helps me feel a part of my future profession and allows me to get a feel of what things will be like and what to look forward to.
- Community service, and social interaction with peers within that organization.
- Being a part of a student organization creates bonds with fellow professionals and networking opportunities with students. Assistance with knowledge on different subject in the speech-pathology and audiology field to help with questions or knowledge
- job networking, licensing information/requirements
- it helps us prepare for our careers as speech pathologists and audiologists and help us get involved in our community as well
- I think that it's important to be involved. It allows me to meet new people that have similar interests and network. Additionally, if I'm meeting and socializing with individuals in the field, I will hopefully be able to learn from them.
- access to professional journals, discounts, mentorship
- It is easy to relate to the people running the organization because they are all in the process of reaching the same goal as me. I expect and receive assistance whenever I need it. It is very helpful because some students may feel intimidated if run by adults.
- journals
- I feel that giving students prior notice to important material in terms of furthering their education is very beneficial. A lot of SLP majors in undergrad. are not aware of all the requirements as well as important opportunities that they can be part of that will help making the transition into a master's program much easier. This is the kind of assistance a student organization should provide.
- I think it is important to be a member of the student organization in order to prepare and guide us through our future careers
- The most important benefit of a student organization is helping others by doing community service and in this case with NSSLHA, getting to know more about a certain type of career. I expect assistance when I have certain issues or concerns that need to be discusses concerning the organization.
- I feel that helping me achieve my professional goals is the most important benefit. I expect to receive support and encouragement.
- Student organizations allow you to connect with older students or peers that have gone through, or are going through the same situations you currently face.
- Access to journals and knowledge of events and networking.
- The most important benefit is being a part of something and helping others. I expect everyone to be helpful and work together to accomplish goals.
- Becoming more involved in your current major, meeting new people, and getting to know the professors more. I expect other students to help each other out as well as the professors becoming approachable about different things about the major.
- Access to journals

- The most important benefit of the student organization (NSSLHA chapter) that I was involved in was to inform students about the school and career options in slp and audiology.
- The organization allows you to meet professionals and collaborate with students who are like minded about the field. I expect professional developmental assistance as a member of the student organization.
- I feel the support and networking on a student colleague level is the most important in a student organization. I expect and appreciate the ability to network and "pow-wow" on a level with individuals who are currently experiencing the same things as I. Sometimes as you become a professional you lose sight of all the things and obstacles you may have had to overcome to get where you are.
- Networking and non-academic learning for a future career in SLP
- The most important benefit of a student organization is the support that they offer and the research journals available and the networking.
- Real life information from fellow students and professionals.
- access to journals
- Creating early networking with people that will eventually be working in the same field as you.
- Student organizations are important for getting help in choosing a graduate school.
- I feel that it is important to be able to others (peers) as a resource as well as having networking abilities.
- It allows you access to individuals who are interested in the same field as you are, as well as information about the field that you wouldn't get if you weren't involved. I expect the NSSLHA will provide me with preparation for my future as an SLP.
- The most important benefit is getting to know your future profession. By joining NSSLHA I have started getting involved and have had opportunities to go to conventions. I expect assistance with information on graduate programs and further information in the field.
- Being involved in a student organization allows me to educate myself about opportunities in our professional field that I wouldn't normally have been exposed to.
- I feel the most important benefit of a student organization if the access to information. When joining a student organization I expect assistance by them providing me with information about the field, current events, ways to get involved, and information (journals) for use with academics.
- Networking. I expect assistance with networking and assistance with my field of study.
- I feel that getting to know your classmates as a young interested individual, and learning what they already understand is very important
- The most important benefit of a student organization is that you get first-hand experience into the field you are going into. I expect advisement and assistance from faculty members and from other upperclassmen members.
- A great way to bring in professional speakers.
- I find the discounts, journals, and being able to stay informed about the profession to be the most important benefits of the student organization.
- Networking with future colleagues.
- I feel them most important benefit is that I can be connected with other people in my major who I can get advice from and meet other people from. I expect the organization to assist in starting to form connections that will benefit me in my profession
- I think the most important benefit would be to come together as a group and prepare the next generation for the workforce and what opportunities are out there for us.
- Advice from upper classmen about classes and grad school. Meeting professors from the department. General networking opportunities.
- networking, professional information
- I believe that the most important benefit of belonging to a student organization is the networking between people in and outside of the organization. I expect to be updated with news and information about my organization.
- I feel the most important benefit of a student organization is support and networking opportunities. I expect both from a student organization as well as current information and updates within our field.

- Networking within the profession is the most important benefit of a student organization. Assistance with education and continuing education in the field is expected using the reading materials.
- You learn more about the field and you network within the community.
- Primarily the access to online research materials.
- A student organization provides a great source of information and support for students pursuing a career in Communicative Disorders. I expect there to be information available on internships, job and volunteer opportunities, as well as on grants, research projects, and the like.
- I like and expect information on current issues in the field of slp. I would like more information about grants or debt relief.
- Having a network of other students doing the same work
- Feeling "in the loop". Local opportunities
- Becoming involved in the activities and events in a group that shares a common interest. I expect to be informed on events that are happening not only locally but also nationally.
- I feel that the most important benefit is the fact that you are involved at the student level. Information and involvement are most important to students to steer us in the right direction and make us more aware of our future profession. Discounted rates are also helpful for students
- Networking, discussing student matters and concerns within the program, and making the transition into a professional career.
- I believe that staying current with new information and having the opportunity to express individual ideas and feelings on the subject matter is the most important benefit. I believe assistance with school related research and future career path information are some things that I should expect.
- To provide materials, such as journals, which aid us in the learning process. I expect to have access to these journals.
- The most important benefit is getting to know other students in the same major and getting involved in social and community projects.
- Help finding important journal articles for my educational benefits, knowing about current events concerning communicative sciences and disorders, and ASHA convention benefits!
- I would say that support and encouragement is the most important benefit because if the organization has both the above the rest of the information follows.
- I feel that the most important benefit of a student organization is seeing how many peers that have similar interest and concerns about a specific issue. The assistance I expect is for no matter what level of education my peers are from, they would help me and vice versa and not just turn it into a big social party.
- Networking and the ability to learn from others within the field
- I think it's important to be able to network with other people in the field and get access to resources that aren't otherwise available.
- Networking
- Information on continuing education and the opportunity to network with future colleagues and organizations
- The most important benefit is being in the loop about the profession. Knowing job and internship opportunities is a plus. I expect assistance with internship opportunities and access to journals.
- advice and awareness of opportunities
- Looks good on resumes. assistance-N/A
- Info regarding career choices, resources to help with academic studies
- I believe becoming involved as early in your professional career as possible is most important in future success as a clinician.
- It allows for professional experience in the undergraduate level.
- Networking and being "in the know"
- The ability to network, and learn.

- The volunteer experiences with my peers, insights gained from them, and networking with others in the field.
- I felt that it was very beneficial because I had access to a variety of professional resources.
- networking is important, to gain an understanding of the profession and working with others that are currently studying in the field
- access to resources and a representative voice. I think NSSLHA does a great job
- A student organization is important because it allows students to get involved in their prospective field prior to their actual entrance into the field.
- knowledge of events
- The access to the online journals.
- I expect someone to mentor and guide me through my career.
- Access to information & networking opportunities
- The discounts are the most important benefit. It is also helpful to discuss topics and issues with other student members.
- The most important is access to the journals for current research and the discounts. It is also valuable to be aware of current issues and areas we need to improve as the new generation of SLPs. For example, based on the recent letter in the Leader attacking LGASP, it is clear that as a profession we need to work on inclusion and sensitivity regarding both our fellow SLPs and our clients. If we can't accept our own diversity, how can we possibly create a safe environment for our clients? In terms of assistance, I would like to see our organization rally to make proactive stances on these hot topics.
- The most important is to be able to spend time with clinicians and learn from them directly.
- Updates on current events in the field. Network assistance
- Networking with students from various levels of education and having peers that are participating on a professional level with you.
- I feel the most important benefit is getting involved and gaining information.
- the most important benefit is getting quality information about our future careers. I would expect help picking the right grad school and eventually a good job.
- I think the most beneficial part of being a part of a student organization is the information and support I can receive from students who are older and have already been in the position I am in now.

16. Are you a member of your local NSSLHA chapter?

	Member	Non	All
Yes	69.6%	63.1%	68.8%
No	30.4%	36.9%	31.2%
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17. If yes, what encouraged you to join your local chapter? (*n* = 618)

- I enjoy getting involved and networking. I am currently the '08-'09 CSULB NSSLHA chapter president.
- Teachers and friends
- Academic advisor
- Our professors
- wanted to be involved
- Our local chapter is a great organization. They have several social events every year as well as charity events.
- A chance to meet and socialize with other future professionals.
- Moved to a new state so I joined to meet my classmates.
- Networking opportunities and the chance to lead and help others encouraged me to join my local chapter.

- general practice
- I'm actually my NSSLHA chapter's secretary. I wanted to see an increase in social activities in order for my classmates to meet one another and support one another.
- belonged at undergrad level and I feel that it's somewhat a duty as a future specialist/professional
- The organized events, and wanting to network with the other individuals in the program
- T-shirts :)
- Peers and the department
- Peers
- become active in my program
- I wanted to be involved with my school at a local and more personal level. I was also involved at my undergraduate university and enjoyed it.
- Essentially required.
- the professors in my program
- Most of the major is a member of the local chapter.
- NSSLHA officers
- community in program
- My interest in being involved with the organization since I will be a member when I am a professional and because of the encouragement from my professors.
- Being a part of the Speech Language Pathology undergraduate program at ODU. I heard about all of the good they do for the community and wanted to get involved.
- I love being involved and I ran for a position on the council.
- community involvement, networking, keep up with current issues
- Friend and faculty support
- I was a member at the undergraduate level and wanted to continue at the master's level.
- To be involved at the local level.
- scholarships
- Program director and other peers in the program.
- desire to get involved in the field
- It was optional as an undergraduate, but required when I entered the masters program. I enjoyed the activities that we take part in.
- We were advised to join by our instructors.
- benefits- help with convention costs
- I wanted to be involved in activities outside of class that had to do with my program.
- possibility to get involved, shape services for students, take a leadership position
- Wanted to participate in local SLP activities to gain experience and learn about current issues.
- I wanted to get involved and take on a leadership position
- Fundraisers for asha, special speakers, fellowship, information about our field.
- It pays my way to the state convention.
- My program.
- The program
- Resources from others. Social aspect.
- Our local chapter has recently been reinstated. I was already a NSSLHA member and I thought that being involved locally was a good opportunity to get to know the other people that were interested in it.
- Professional involvement
- My program encouraged it.
- Campus meetings, fundraisers, and community involvement
- professors
- My adviser
- Faculty

- The program made it a requirement
- I think it is important to support your local chapter.
- To get to know and spend time with my peers
- My chapter is active in helping the community to learn more about the field of speech therapy and allows me to give back to my community through philanthropy projects.
- MY GRADUATE ADVISOR/ PROFESSOR L.STIEGLER FROM SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERISTY IN HAMMOND, LA.
- scholarship to ASHA convention
- Honor cords to wear during graduation ceremony
- I wanted to be an active participant in my major, have an opportunity to use my knowledge and skills to help those in need in my area, and to socialize with my fellow SLP students. I wanted an opportunity to learn as much as I could from seasoned SLP students who were members of NSSLHA. Additionally, the discounted liability insurance through NSSLHA was a plus!
- I am an officer and I love being involved in the department and in the community
- students and faculty
- I wanted to be involved and gain leadership experience.
- I wanted to be involved. I also planned on becoming an officer.
- Other students
- I wanted to be a part of NSSLHA
- My university encouraged me to join.
- professor
- Our program/professors
- I wanted one of the fashionable NSSLHA bags all the girls were wearing.
- I wanted to meet others in the program and get involved in my field of study. Our chapter also provides many opportunities to volunteer for those in need in our community.
- Opportunities to volunteer and get involved with the community through my NSSLHA chapter, and to get to know other students in my program.
- My local NSSLHA officers provided other students and I information about the organization when we first began the Communicative Disorders program. I've been a member since my first year of college.
- Convenient meeting times and location. Wanted to learn all that I could about the profession and the program.
- I was encouraged by my faculty, staff, and other students in the program.
- Cal U's speech and hearing club
- To have an access to other international students in the same profession.
- Resume building, networking
- professors
- I wanted to be involved.
- I needed to have access to online journals for school.
- I joined my local chapter my freshman year of college because I love speech-language pathology as the major that I picked and just wanted to be more involved.
- The access to journal articles
- The other members in the group and it didn't cost very much to join.
- My professors
- Professor
- Networking, support, activities, access to extra materials provided by local NSSLHA
- supporting my program
- the university, and the need for funding to attend ASHA convention next year

- My academic advisor encouraged me to join. Since I had experiences from a different academic background (in undergrad), she said that it would help me get to know more about the field before graduate school.
- "People in my graduate school are all considered members and are all required to attend some meetings. The NSSLHA chapter at Memphis puts on a conference in the spring and it is a requirement that all students help. I was involved in my undergraduate local chapter to be involved with other students in my field."
- instructors
- I was a member in undergrad and enjoyed the experience.
- it was strongly encouraged and offered valuable information for the program
- I joined in order to be informed about activities that affect the individual campus.
- I joined as a Master's student because I felt it was important to play the role of a mentor to the undergraduate students, during the overwhelming process of exploring and applying to graduate programs. Further, I am on the Executive Board of my local NSSLHA because I would like to be instrumental in developing programming for my fellow graduate students that will be beneficial during our program, especially for internships and job hunting.
- My professors, and the school
- Knowledge that professional development opportunities would further my education and look good on graduate school applications.
- The outreach program of my local NSSLHA chapter is very active in recruiting new undergrads and grads to join, or at least sit in on a meeting or two. We have a dedicated group of professors to the NSSLHA local chapter, and they support the organization and student body very much. They also encourage us to attend the ASHA convention as a group, and we organize our own campus "convention" for students and practicing SLP's in the area.
- It was VERY important to the faculty and every student is strongly encouraged to join.
- The connection between peers of different college levels as well as a way to be involved on campus
- Faculty and peers.
- other students
- I had to
- Benefits.
- I wanted to be more involved in the program.
- I wanted to learn more about what else there was to offer in this field and to get advice from people with a lot of experience already.
- NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES AND LOCAL EVENTS
- To get involved with my chosen future profession on a local level.
- To learn more about our program and get involved more closely with the department
- My friends
- All my classmates joined as undergraduate students so I did as well
- Becoming involved in my field of study and with my local community.
- meeting people in the major and learning more about it. (I was a transfer student and didn't know much about it before I transferred)
- Yes, program coordinator and program advisor.
- URI
- Supporting my program
- It is important involvement within the major of Speech Pathology.
- As a student they encourage us to join because of the field that we are in; also it's nice to get journals to read up on what is going on.
- It seemed like a worthwhile commitment that would benefit my application for graduate school and boost my resume. I am currently the President of my school's undergraduate NSSLHA chapter and have learned the value of skills learned such as leadership and better communication between peers.

- Our campus chapter is free to join and highly recommended by our professors.
- Professors spoke about different events the chapter does and speakers they have had in the past. I wanted to learn more about the field from professionals.
- pretty much everyone in our class joins
- Scholarship opportunities
- My program encouraged it.
- the chapter/organization is interdisciplinary
- I primarily joined because I wanted to become more involved in my school and major. Also, I was told that it was important to join because graduate schools looked highly upon active membership.
- I wanted to become a part of a professional organization, as a student. In addition, my program recommended joining.
- I be involved and it was strongly encouraged by my program.
- It was highly recommended by my department.
- I am able to be more involved in this organization since it's local.
- Funding for the ASHA convention
- In previous years our NSSLHA chapter has not been run properly, and not many things were accomplished. This year, we had our first meeting and discussed the nomination process for new officers. I felt that the underclassmen needed strong leaders and that the chapter needed to be "re done" so I decided to run for vice president, and I won! Our chapter is now active and participating in a lot of on campus activities and fundraisers.
- I wanted to be involved as an undergraduate to learn more about the field. Also I wanted a leadership position to gain more exposure to speech pathology.
- My adviser encouraged it.
- I wanted to obtain the information from the meetings and interact with my fellow students. Also, leadership opportunities were another encouraging factor for me joining.
- my peers belonged
- I wanted to get to know my peers better, and participate in activities where I could learn more, and make a difference.
- It would have seemed strange to join national and not my local chapter.
- Meet others in the major
- Peer involvement
- Simply being in the major and interest
- My program.
- Convention discount
- We were encouraged by our program to join the local chapter.
- I was happy for the opportunity to get to know other speech pathology students at my university.
- I am an officer in SSHA.
- My Professor
- My peers and the CSD faculty encouraged me to join my local chapter
- I am a member of the executive board and for us, it is then required to be a national member of NSSLHA.
- I wanted to be aware of service opportunities we would be doing in our community and to build friendships with my classmates.
- the chance to meet undergraduates
- Large % of students involved, very active in the program, lots of activities and meetings.
- Meeting other people interested in my field of study
- In order to be accepted into our program membership was required.
- the fact of being involved
- The professor encouraged us to join

- Our local chapter advisor encouraged us to join national NSSLHA.
- Networking, philanthropy, leadership opportunities
- Being a part of the local chapter has gotten me more involved in the community as well as having an outlet for research and to get me into graduate school.
- Journal articles and discounted convention rates.
- Peers, discounts
- I am on the executive board of my chapter (treasurer) and other students and professors.
- I wanted to become a member to a professional organization. I also wanted to further my knowledge on the understanding of language. In addition, I wanted to meet new people.
- To get more involved with the program/major.
- Officers went around and asked people to come to the first meeting. I thought it would be a good way to get more involved with my major and meet new people.
- Older students in the program encouraged me to join.
- my advisor
- I wanted to be a part of NSSLHA
- My peers
- Becoming more connected to those within my degree program at my school encouraged me to join.
- Required.
- To support within the major and to be able to meet people as well as get involved in activities.
- Access to information, journals, reduction in fees to join ASHA
- Wanting to be more informed on what Speech Pathologists do and how I can help as a student
- My advisor
- The department encouraged it and it is a great way to get involved.
- Future discounts for ASHA
- My adviser suggested it to me and said it would be beneficial.
- I usually belong to student organizations for whatever field I'm in.
- To me, joining the local chapter provided social opportunities to engage with students older and younger than me and to help create a sense of community among the CSD department. Also, I hoped to grow more aware of opportunities in the field. Lastly, joining my local chapter allowed me to promote and educate the "outside" community to what it is that we, as SLPs and AUDs, actually do.
- Networking
- Dr. Alpern and Dr. Berg, my professors at Pace university.
- Leadership opportunities and input in selection of speakers
- As a speech and language pathology major, I was encouraged by professors and upper classmen.
- Required by program.
- Advisors and other students
- Membership in a very active local chapter as an undergraduate
- I wanted to be a part of our chapter and be able to help our clinic and school program as well as be an advocate for the program and meet other students with similar interests.
- I thought it would be a great way to become more involved with things related to my major.
- to know about current events in our field
- The president before the year I joined encouraged me and now I am the current president of my local chapter.
- my own initiative, but also my faculty and peers
- The local chapter offers the opportunity to network with classmates and volunteer in the community. I will also receive various discounts that will be beneficial.
- I am currently the treasurer of our student organization, and officers are required to be members.
- "I'm involved in my school chapter, A graduate assistant approached me about it."
- Personal interest and program encouragement

- The advantages and to learn more about Speech-Language Pathology
- I wanted to get involved
- Other students, alumni of my program
- I wanted to be an active member and participate in educating other students about our field thru the programs that we put together.
- We did not have an active chapter, but I knew about NSSLHA and its potential benefits, so I restarted the chapter
- The faculty in my program and the opportunity to explore the profession and obtain more information- both academic and field related.
- The ability to become familiar with those in my major
- Convention information, career panels
- I wanted to be involved in the community activities provided by the chapter.
- Professors and other students.
- There are many opportunities to become involved, whether it is volunteering for activities within the school and community, or volunteering for Sertoma activities. In addition, this organization helps us become familiar with many important professional organizations and activities related to our profession. Finally, we are informed as to what is required of us as SLP students now, and in the future when it is time for us to enter into the professional world.
- A way to get involved and learn more about the field.
- My teachers
- I have been involved since my undergraduate program. I like being involved with what is happening and also being in a leadership position.
- closer camaraderie with my fellow cohorts (distance learning NSSLHA chapter at CSUN)
- Program encouraged us, as well as the many benefits such as convention costs.
- I wanted to be involved locally in my student organization, and not just at the national level. This way the experience is more hands-on.
- my school
- It was required.
- our program advisors
- Professors and ASHA discounts.
- hearing the benefits from other students
- other people in my major
- Professors and the benefits for my future
- I was encouraged by all of my professors when I started at VSU. Meeting the undergraduate students and making myself available to mentor was a bonus of joining. was I was really interested in the benefits offered by the national chapter as well.
- To be more "in the loop" as to what is going on in our field.
- My peers
- I was encouraged by other members and our local chapter. This group is beneficial to join.
- Professors!
- Actually, I thought that if I joined the national organization, I thought I was in the local chapter...?
- A friend to do it with.
- Experience in the field, getting to know peers in the major, opportunity to work closer with professors, more knowledge of the field, more work in the field, community service
- the program strongly encouraged it
- School information about the benefits of NSSLHA and ASHA.
- Professors
- I wanted to be involved in my field and bond with my fellow students
- It was strongly encouraged by my peers and the faculty of my program.

- My professors encouraged, because you can get involved and it looks good on your resume.
- CSD faculty encourage it at the undergraduate level and I continued to attend.
- A co-worker who is a speech therapist.
- events
- I was considering changing my major to Communication Disorders and wanted to get some more information on the major as well as the career as a whole
- networking
- Other students talked about the interesting things our chapter does throughout the school year and I wanted to be involved in something that pertains to my career choice.
- to be involved with other students and the benefit of guest speakers
- The faculty and second year master students encouraged us to join GNSLHA. We hold meetings in one of our classes so it is easy to give and receive information.
- My advisor
- I wanted to get to know people that had the same passions that I did while giving back to the community of people with communication differences and disorders.
- Our faculty and other peers encouraged us to join the organization.
- I was encouraged to join by both the professors in our program and my internal desire to connect with the students in my program.
- Professors
- Wanted to better myself in my profession
- Why not? The more resources and access to current professionals I have the better
- Discounted convention fee, access to online journals, desire to belong to my professional association as a student
- I wanted to help out my college's program by being an active member of NSSLHA and working in activities to better my community and my school's program.
- faculty and peers
- The people, but ever since the creation of NAFDA on campus, audiology participation in NSSLHA has decreased and therefore, has not done a lot of audiology events which continues the vicious cycle of non-audiology participation of NSSLHA/ASHA activities
- program director
- Our professor highly encouraged it.
- Getting more involved in the field.
- Teachers encouraged us to join. However the meetings I attended were very short and did not address much. Because I have to drive a half an hour to get to school, I ended up missing a few of our meetings since I had other work due, and I didn't feel that they were worth it.
- Many factors: it is a worthwhile program, making connections, gaining information about grad school and the field in general, being able to work in the community, etc.
- My teachers and peers.
- I wanted to grow close with my fellow students in the undergraduate program.
- My program required it.
- Just me wanting to be involved. Our NSSLHA president was also very good at encouraging us to join at my University.
- TO be involved and meet other people in my major and the faculty. I also wanted volunteer opportunities that corresponded with my future professional goals.
- My student advisor, program chair, teachers, and peers all advised me to join my local chapter.
- A brief information session was presented by the chapter president during one of my speech courses. Undergraduate and pre-requisite students were given information about the organization and invited to the first meeting.
- Community service opportunities and other friends who were also members.

- I joined the local chapter in graduate school because I was a part of the local chapter in undergraduate school and I enjoyed the benefits.
- I believe all graduate students in CDS are automatically made members.
- I was encouraged to join by faculty. Also I felt it would be an advantage to me professionally.
- I wanted to be evolved.
- Access to online publications through the ASHA website.
- A faculty member who sponsored the local chapter encouraged my cohort to join as undergrads and be active.
- united both the undergraduate and graduate students together and many opportunities to serve the public
- to further my knowledge of the field
- I am an officer and I love participating in volunteer activities and profession awareness activities with other students
- my school, almost every speech path major joins
- Professors in the department.
- Once I decided to major in Communication Sciences and Disorders and to eventually further my education into Speech-Language Pathology, I researched what was available on my campus to help me further and better understand my career choice.
- I wanted to support my university's efforts. I also served as the President of our local chapter, so enrollment was necessary.
- fellow students
- I simply wanted to participate in NSSLHA to learn, become more involved in my program and University, and to form relationships :)
- Our professors strongly encouraged it.
- I am the president of our local chapter, and it important to me that there be a strong presence of NSSLHA at the individual levels.
- peers, classmates, reduced TSHA costs, reduced ASHA cost
- Enrollment in graduate school.
- My program.
- The high reputation of the chapter and its resources and networking opportunities.
- The leadership opportunities and the involvement in community projects
- Discounted membership to ASHA after graduation.
- I wanted to meet more people in my major and to see what benefits it would provide for me and my future.
- Desire to learn more about the field and be involved.
- Wanted to run for an officer position.
- My professors and peers, as well as wanting to be involved in NSSLHA to get a better understanding/be better prepared for the professional field/Grad school
- My teachers and peers.
- to become involved in my department in my university and to learn more of what is available for students interested in this field
- The desire to learn more about my profession and promote it to others and inform them about who we are.
- More information about the field.
- peers
- Requirement as a CSD Club Officer
- I liked what they had to offer and what activities they do to promote Speech and Hearing Sciences at the university and in the community.
- To become more involved in my community and to learn more about my area of study, as well as to prepare for graduate school.

- Doing everything I could to be accepted into grad school. I think someone recommended it in that light. But I've always been a member of my professional association (regardless of profession).
- I felt it was important to be involved and membership fee was low
- My program
- Our department head and members of the national organization.
- The graduate program at my school.
- It was encouraged by our faculty. Also, our local chapter does many fun events!
- Wanting to be a part of the SLP organization.
- Becoming associated with fellow students
- Professors
- Peers and professors.
- The program encouraged it in order to be part of the professional organization as a student.
- To be involved and networking
- "learning more about speech-language pathology being an advocate for others"
- My professors as well as the type of activities and service our chapter is able to provide. Additionally, I am also President of our local chapter.
- My professors
- Students from the group made announcements in our classes and I wanted to get involved.
- Chapter promotion/information sharing through presentations
- We have a small program and most of the people in the program are members of the local chapter.
- The professor in the program.
- The office manager of the Department of Communication Disorders at my university frequently sends out information on the meetings and activities planned by my local NSSLHA chapter. This information encouraged me to join the group in order to get to know more of my peers in this program.
- Our program strongly insists that each student joins.
- It was a good way to be a part of the student community.
- Knowing that someday I'm going to be a member of ASHA
- a professor and a classmate
- I wanted to be involved
- My academic advisor
- Faculty and staff in the department
- The faculty and older students in the program.
- CSD Department
- My major stressed it as a freshman as something great to participate in to keep updated with the profession
- Teachers and peers.
- Being a part of a group of students interested in speech-language pathology and audiology.
- The Communication Sciences and Disorders major encourages the students to join.
- more advantages within my major.
- peers
- I felt it would be beneficial in order to help me in gaining information about my career choice and also it would help me with networking.
- Students in my program enjoyed the experience.
- our program/teachers
- It was just a no brainer really. Nothing really encouraged me. It's just the normal thing to do when you're in a particular major. Join the club that relates to it basically...
- There was no cost. All students in our program are automatically members.
- The majority of my program participates, so it was an easy choice. Also, I wanted to get as involved as possible with my classmates.

- I have been a member for a couple of years now and also my program encouraged it.
- My peers in my major and the professors in the major strongly encouraged all students to join.
- We are automatically members when we join our program.
- Professors
- Students came to my class and told me it was beneficial to join.
- To meet new people, and give back to the speech community.
- Peers and teachers. Also, knowing that guest speakers came in and talked to the group.
- Friends, Major, Professors, Advisor
- My adviser and professors encouraged me to join my local chapter of NSSLHA.
- my program
- The program and the rest of the students in the program.
- I wanted to be involved more since I plan on having a career as an SLP.
- my teachers
- A lot of my classes, teachers and students were talking about all the benefits of joining, and they sounded wonderful, so I joined
- The chapter is completely in my interest and it is my major.
- My advisor encouraged me to do so.
- The interest in my field. I joined as an undergrad.
- Our NSSLHA sponsors encouraged us to join. Our chapter puts on a student-run conference.
- They came and spoke in one of my classes and it sounded interesting.
- The advantage to be in proximity to other speech pathologists to keep myself up to date with what is going on. Also to be aware of opportunities for those in my major.
- Helping with planning and organizing events
- I wanted to be in a program where I could find out information about my major and grad school.
- My older peers.
- I joined because I wanted to do things that related to my field and to also meet others within the field of CSD.
- I was a member and officer in my undergraduate program
- Other students in my program, and I have enjoyed it very much.
- I thought I would learn other important aspects of Communication Sciences and Disorders that I would not learn in class.
- I thought it would be a good way to find out more about what it is to be in the field of speech and hearing science. The adviser for our major also turned me on to NSSLHA.
- our local chapter was encouraged by the leaders of NSSLHA and the active professors in our major.
- Being a part of a national and accredited association within the field
- recommended
- I wanted to be a part of the members that were on the campus and well as the national league.
- The faculty in my department.
- It was a way to connect with other people in my major who were either going through the same classes and work I was or had already been through it.
- Networking with peers.
- The benefits/opportunities for members.
- Career building opportunities.
- The professors at my school.
- Professors
- The girls came to our class, and it was a good professional organization to join and obtain leadership positions in.
- service activities
- My adviser and peers suggested I join.

- Being able to interact with primarily grad students. They provide invaluable insight and assist me in my studies. Lectures are also sponsored which I enjoy.
- My professors and advisors informed me of the opportunities for further education and networking through the chapter.
- Leadership opportunities
- I was encouraged to by the program director. I liked the idea of belonging to the local chapter, as well as, the national chapter.
- The officers of the local NSSLHA chapter came to classes to give students information about how to join.
- I joined the local chapter as an undergraduate for more experience with the field and joined the national level as a graduate student to access liability insurance reduced rates and online journals.
- Everyone was in the chapter and I was new. I need to meet new people and put NSSLHA on my resume!
- Academic, social, and service opportunities, as well as, networking opportunities.
- My professors
- I wanted to get involved. Give back.
- The fact that it was associated with National NSSLHA and ASHA
- Initially the program advisors for my department encouraged me to join NSSLHA as soon as I was accepted to the program. I wanted to be involved with my fellow students. We use our local NSSLHA chapter as a community service club, social club, and educational resource inviting guest speakers to present on topics of interest.
- School
- The idea of getting to know my classmates and to have speakers give me their perspective on the field of COMD. I liked hearing about all the different job opportunities out there.
- CDS program instructors
- I wanted to make a difference in our local chapter.
- Being with my peers.
- Learning and service opportunities
- grad school encouragement
- activities done on campus
- I was an active NSSLHA member as an undergraduate. My faculty chair encouraged me to join then.
- Club events - social, job fairs, etc. Also the ASHA conversion discount
- My professors
- My program
- The opportunity to network, learn more about the field, provide service to others, and promote the field.
- I wanted to work with my fellow state SLPs
- The graduate students that were already members encouraged the new students to join as well. It not only provided great opportunities for school, but also to make new friends with common interests.
- Requirement for program
- community service events, other member's and professor's encouragement to join
- Being a part of ASHA in a way, and all the benefits from it.
- I thought it was important for me to be involved.
- Member benefits and volunteer opportunities
- I just want to get involved in every aspect of my future career.
- I wanted to be involved in the student organization.
- Teachers and peers
- We needed to be a member for our classes, but it interested me to see the journal articles that are available and resources such as that.
- Being a part of a group of students in the same field, doing things collectively to make a difference in the community as well as the education of peers.

- The program faculty and the other members.
- The director of our program.
- Monetary discounts for future ASHA membership and being able to network with other students in my area of study.
- Professors/Advisors
- I'm currently a freshman and it is a good way to meet more people in the field. I also want all the experience and opportunities that I can get!
- Was initially encouraged to augment my application for grad school.
- Networking
- I wanted to become involved from the beginning of my college to career to develop a professional network as well as leadership skills.
- My professors strongly encouraged it and I wanted to get involved in my major.
- I joined NSSLHA to meet other people in my major. The friendship and educational opportunities are endless. Now I am treasurer of my chapter at the University of Toledo!
- The professors in my SLP program
- professors in my major
- Thought it would be helpful
- the quality of information/speakers provided at meetings
- reduced costs of joining ASHA
- opportunity to participate in the chapter meetings
- Graduate schools, professors, student networking.
- Professors in the CD program.
- I am the president and there were lots of journal benefits along with discounts to conferences.
- Wanting to stay involved.
- Strong department encouragement to join
- Serving as the secretary of NSSLHA at the undergraduate level encouraged me to continue a role in leadership through our local NSSLHA chapter.
- I chose to join the local NSSLHA chapter because I wanted to be more actively involved in our program, campus, and community. I was also highly encouraged by faculty and other students.
- Networking.
- I wanted to support my local chapter
- I was an active member in undergrad so I felt that it was important to continue my involvement during graduate school.
- My department, my desire to be involved & grow in the profession.
- I heard that we get a discount when we are in it for a certain amount of time on taking the national exam and the ASHA certification.
- Networking.
- Wanted to be part of a student group with similar goals and interests.
- Our program encouraged it.
- My school program
- Encouraged as part of the program
- It seemed like a great way to get involved!
- The faculty and other students encouraged me to join. It was a good place to meet new students and socialize with my peers outside of the classroom.
- The opportunity for leadership.
- University advisors.
- It has the same benefits as joining the national chapter of NSSLHA and gives you the opportunity to network locally.

- The involvement of the group. Doing volunteer activities. Learning about certain disorders during our monthly meetings.
- my peers and teachers encouraged me to join
- Professor and peer encouragement.
- Program director suggested.
- I thought it would be a great opportunity to participate in activities involving the major and learning about the major.
- I felt it was common sense to join an organization that represents my future occupation.
- The professors at my university highly encouraged all of us to join the local chapter.
- My program.
- professors
- I wanted to be a part of my local chapter because I wanted to contribute and be a part of anything that was happening in the field to expand my knowledge and networking.
- Professors and faculty told students of the benefits.
- local events & information
- The program encouraged students to join, opportunity to promote awareness throughout the community, support of other students throughout program.
- Being able to network and converse with the other students who have the same compassion for our field as I do was a major factor in joining my local chapter. Also, I really enjoyed having various speakers from different professional settings explain the pros and cons of their employment.
- Other students in program
- Friendship, exchange of ideas, community service
- school events, scholarships, local events, networking
- I wanted to be better informed of news within the speech hearing and language community. I want to continue to develop my professional knowledge.
- It was my future profession's group and the ability to learn more and network with others in the same field
- "The chance to meet and get to know other students; the opportunity to work to improve our program's responsiveness to student needs, even in small ways."
- I wanted to be involved.
- Students and faculty encouraged participation.
- Unanimous class decision.
- volunteer and learn more about SLP track, network, meet people of same interests and be involved in the community
- I was a member at my undergraduate school and enjoyed it, felt it would benefit me to remain a member after moving to another school for graduate work.
- Professor input
- Peers
- I want to have organizations to place on my graduate school applications.
- Other students, and the opportunity to learn more and be involved in the community.
- The professors encouraged the students to become involved in the local chapter in order to become submerged in the field further. Also to gain better conversions when joining ASHA in the future.
- networking, gain valuable information not learned in classes regarding grad schools and beyond
- My professors and other graduate students completing the same major.
- Most students who are in the CSD field enter the chapter around their sophomore year.
- Grad school info
- As, a transfer student from a Penn State branch campus to the main university I felt that it would be a great way to meet people in my program as well as seize the opportunities and resources available.

- I thought joining my local chapter would help inform me about speech language pathology and audiology and offer me opportunities in the field.
- Glen Tellis.
- To get to know other students with my same interests and service opportunities
- Opportunity to meet with others in SLP field.
- My professor in my Intro class spoke about the chapter and the importance of it. She told us about the different reasons the chapter was important and the activities they do.
- networking
- I joined as an undergrad student to become familiar with the chapter and to meet the graduate students in the chapter. I have stayed a member because it is a great group and we do great things!
- required by program
- Peers and professors
- networking, experience
- everyone in my program joins -- it's also our social club
- friends on board
- I was told it would give me resources in the SLP field.
- Student/faculty encouragement
- Just be part of the program
- Everybody joins.
- The school encouraged me to join.
- Professors highly recommended I join. My friends are also in the local chapter. I knew it was a great way to get involved with my profession and get volunteer experience.
- Peers- We like to work together.
- My school/ CSD program encouraged us all to join
- I wanted to get involve.
- Building community and getting involved with my program / department
- Being a part of a professional organization
- We have access to online journal articles and it is preparing us for the future. I like to hear about what is going on in our field across the country.
- Professors and fellow students
- Teacher/Faculty encouragement, and I wanted to be involved.
- The faculty and my peers encouraged me.
- I wanted to get to know as much as possible about the profession. I have been a member since the first meeting of my freshman year.
- Involvement in my program/profession
- I wanted to learn more about the field and I felt it would look good on a resume.
- faculty, other students
- I wanted to meet other students in the major and become involved in service activities, social events, conventions, etc.
- Professors
- to be more involved and meet people
- Reputation of organization
- I wanted to get more involved in the field of study I was learning
- The Speech Pathology program
- The reputation the group has. A lot of students from the major are in the group and my advisor highly encouraged it
- Since freshman year I wanted to meet upper classmen and other peers, get involved with our chapter's NSSLHA service events, and learn more about speech-language pathology.

- To get to know others in the major, help out around community, and to find out more information about the major.
- To become involved and to meet fellow SLP majors
- Good to get involved, know the faculty, will look good on resume for Graduate school.
- My professors encouraged me to join the local chapter
- Faculty in the program and other students.
- The opportunity to meet other people in the major, leadership and community service
- My professors
- to be involved
- Faculty and students of the major
- My professors and peers said that NSSLHA would be very helpful and also help with grad. school.
- to get more involved with the school and my major
- Other students in the major and the people you get to meet.
- My school advisor and peers.
- My teachers and other students from my major...
- To communicate and get to know students in my major. Also to experience community service by helping others in need.
- My peers and my professors.
- I thought it would help me in my journey to become a speech pathologist
- professors and peers
- I heard about it through signs posted on campus and different student leaders told us it is a great thing to be a part of. I also thought it would help me succeed in becoming a speech pathologist.
- Encouragement from faculty
- professors
- It is beneficial to my education and provides the students with somewhat helpful information in terms of their major.
- My classmates
- I am majoring in Speech Pathology and Audiology and therefore I thought that joining and being active in this organization would benefit me on my way to becoming a speech pathologist.
- My peers and the Bloomsburg faculty.
- It allows for many opportunities and I wanted to get involved in my school and profession.
- I wanted to become more involved and become more familiar with the program as well as meeting new people.
- The benefits to professional journals, discounts to conferences, and meeting new people encouraged me to join.
- Information from the department and spoken experiences of the members. As well as learning of all the benefits involved in being a member.
- We did not have an active chapter when I came to school. I asked my advisor and we started the chapter again. Now we have twenty active local members and several interested in national membership
- my faculty and my peers, but I also wanted to join when I first became a student here at Bloomsburg university!
- Good experience; required.
- professors
- My advisor
- My professors in the major highly suggested it
- The service projects, getting to know people in my major (professors and students), learning about the capabilities in the profession and the major, etc.
- I thought it would look good on my graduate school resume, and I thought they could help me prepare for my career.

- I was encouraged by Professors and other students in the major. I wanted to get involved and hopefully begin to make contacts in the profession.
- I was encouraged by the opportunity to network and grow with like-minded professionals.
- I was encouraged to join my local chapter because it allows me to network with fellow students and faculty at meetings and socials. We are an active chapter- we have a lot of socials and are very active in philanthropic work for Operation Smile. I enjoy it!
- my friends and teachers
- I lived in a dormitory with a Living Learning Community for Health Sciences majors and there was an informative meeting targeted to all freshmen Speech Pathology majors. There was a lot of encouragement from professors in the major.
- It was required to get reimbursed (the money that I helped raise) for presenting at the national ASHA convention.
- The faculty and wanting to become more involved with my major.
- My advisor, other professors
- The faculty and peers in my major.
- Professors, other students I met in the major.
- My program and my student adviser.
- Other students encouraged me to join and I thought it would be a great opportunity to connect with my professors and peers
- My dedication that I wanted to show to the major.
- I like getting involved in the activities that they did.
- Reduced ASHA fees later. Fellow students.
- my program
- teacher's recommendation
- I saw that it was a group that would be highly beneficial to my development not only as a student but as a professional.
- My peers who were older than myself and also my own self motivation
- Professors and networking.
- My professors encouraged me to get involved in the local chapter.
- Campus meeting encouraging students to join
- good information and kept in the loop
- I joined because it looks good to show that one cares about what they're learning and not just going through the drills of class.
- The opportunity to learn more about the profession and the process of entering into graduate school
- My professors and peers encouraged me to join so I could stay abreast with current events in the major and profession.
- everyone does
- convention discount, advisor
- Desire to become involved professionally
- Professor's encouragement
- Reduced ASHA dues and online access to journals.
- The networking and learning opportunities.
- The faculty and graduate students in my program.
- I enjoy being involved in campus organizations and was excited to become involved at my new school.
- other students in the field and my professors encouraged me to join, that I would better myself, in involvement and understanding of the field, to prepare myself for my future career.
- By joining I felt I would be better prepared when I actually graduate and join the field, and this allows me to be involved and meet other people with the same goals that I have.
- friends and faculty

- Professors
- More involvement in the field, better connections with other students in the program
- My professor.
- Getting involved with other peers in the program
- professors and other students
- The program
- To learn more about being a speech pathologist and what I should be doing to get there.

18. If no, why haven't you joined the local chapter? (Select all that apply.)

	For all tables		
	Member	Non	All
<i>n</i> =	262	41	303

	Cost			Location		
	Member	Non	All	Member	Non	All
Selected	6.1%	17.1%	7.6%	6.1%	4.9%	5.9%
Stat. Sig.	25% small cells		-	25% small cells		-
	Conflict with other commitments			Didn't think I would benefit		
Selected	23.7%	19.5%	23.1%	14.1%	9.8%	13.5%
Stat. Sig.	n. sig.		-	n. sig.		-
	No chapter on my campus			Didn't know that I could		
Selected	8.8%	0.0%	7.6%	8.0%	14.6%	8.9%
Stat. Sig.	25% small cells		-	25% small cells		-
	Other					
Selected	11.5%	17.1%	12.2%			
Stat. Sig.	n. sig.		-			

Please specify other reasons: (*n* = 76)

- Cost
- Location
- Conflict with other commitments
- Didn't think I would benefit
- No chapter on my campus
- Didn't know that I could
- Other
- Comments
- Have not yet sent in the paperwork as I just moved down there in August
- Belonged last year, there was no benefit
- Not sure where to send/drop off form and check.
- Graduate students don't really have the time to be involved in it, but I was an officer of my local chapter in undergrad
- My entire program was online.
- I am a student in the OMNIE program and attend classes on the web.
- The NSSHLA on my local campus tailors specifically to the undergraduates and their options after their 4 year degree.
- I have joined in the past, I simply didn't get my registration in this year. I do however continue to support my local chapter through fundraising, etc.
- I am in graduate school and not encouraged to join.

- just didn't yet
- Didn't have the chance yet
- I live in New Zealand
- Recently graduated and no longer a student
- meeting times determined by undergrads are not convenient for the commuting grad students and the chapter is pretty much all undergrads
- I am a CF
- Not sure if there is a local chapter within the graduate program at my school
- Schedule conflicts with courses and employment
- I don't know if I am officially in it yet but I plan to make sure I am
- I was earlier in my undergrad. I joined, but never received any information from NSSLHA.
- I was a member in my undergrad years. Now I just don't have the time due to other commitments, but help, support, and encourage the group in any way that I can.
- Still new and researching
- inconsistent leadership
- I am an online student living in Indianapolis but my program is through Univ. Northern Colorado
- I was for 2 years, now an ASHA member
- Haven't got around to it
- I am a grad student and don't hear about NSSLHA happenings but also don't have time between classes, clinic/placements and my part-time job.
- Haven't had time to get to them
- the local chapter is targeted and run by undergraduate students and gives info re: preparing for/applying to grad school. I'm already in grad school, so I didn't think I would benefit.
- not given much information on meetings
- I am not a member of the specific school at my university that sponsors the chapter.
- graduate program schedule does not leave time for participation
- Haven't found one yet, since I am a distance learner, I am not connected to the campus.
- It seems like more for undergraduates.
- Graduate School did not allow time, and the local chapter was aimed at undergraduate students.
- I was a member as an undergrad; grad students in our program typically do not participate.
- I am a regular ASHA member now
- My master's program is online.
- My program is online
- I have to finish getting the points to become a member.
- The local chapter does not offer membership to graduate students.
- I was a member but because of the time commitment I cannot be an active member as a graduate student. I also think that the organization needs improvement.
- I belong to the local NAFDA chapter instead
- Don't know how to.
- Not yet but I intend to
- Plan on joining next week.
- I plan to join.
- Just moved to this state for Grad school, not planning to stay much longer than that.
- I'm a master's student, and thus I am less interested with on-campus clubs and organizations. They take up too much time, and are less beneficial to me.
- Did not have time to be involved and attend meetings.
- I was in the local chapter as an undergraduate. Since I started grad school, I don't have the time to become involved so decided to join National NSSLHA but not my local NSSLHA.

- I was a member while in school, but I graduated at the end of August and am switching over the ASHA in the next couple of months.
- The chapter meets every week during study time and if they change their meeting times I will join.
- I was a member for my undergraduate degree and was an officer. For graduate school I don't have the time to be involved and I'm not paying fees for something I don't have time to be involved in. I will continue to pay national dues since I receive benefits from that.
- I was a member in undergraduate but did not continue my membership into graduate school.
- Like many others, I have a 9 month old son, Kirin Alexander, and it is difficult to actually make it to campus 4 days a week. He is truly amazing. I'll just check the bubbles on the next questions :)
- Undergrad organization
- Graduate students have not been informed of how to join or of any meetings. Therefore due to the lack of communication between the undergraduate and graduate programs I have not been able to join.
- Didn't think it was necessary because I am a member of national organization.
- not aware of what it does locally, doesn't seem to be very active
- there are only undergraduates in it
- There seems to be a culture of the NSSLHA chapter being only for master's level students and not for doctoral, so we are not encouraged to join, nor do I know if I would get much out of it. It also seems like a huge time commitment.
- Neglected it - not very informed about it
- waiting on information on when meetings are
- I haven't started my program yet, and haven't found any information online about how to join.
- "At this point there are too many professionals' organizations to belong to all of them. I am pursuing audiology, and other organizations seem more valuable to me at this point. PS--your instructions state on several questions to ""select all that apply"", but the survey is not set up to allow more than 1 response per answer."
- I don't know if there is a chapter since communication sciences is not offered by my college.
- not really up and running
- For some reason, the SLP students believe that AuD students "have their own group" (NAFDA) and are thus not really encouraged to participate in NSSLHA events.
- I'm not sure what the difference between joining the local chapter and being a regular NSSLA member is
- I don't know anything about it.
- I was a member last year, however, as a graduate student I feel too busy. Also, I have an hour to commute to school and all events are after I leave campus. There aren't many activities or events that benefit me either.
- It is run by the undergraduates and meetings are always at a time the graduate students are in class
- I am an undergraduate student, but I am planning on applying within the next year.
- I was a member for 2 years and I did not see any benefit
- we have SSHA (student speech and hearing association), which I am a member of

27. Why didn't you submit an essay for the Student Ethics Essay Award? (Select all that apply.)

		For all tables		
		Member	Non	All
$n =$		850	106	956

		Did not know about it			Did not meet all of the eligibility requirements		
		Member	Non	All	Member	Non	All
Selected		74.6%	83.0%	75.5%	3.6%	4.7%	3.8%
	Stat. Sig.	p = 0.034			25% small cells		-
		Could not meet submission deadline			Was not interested		
Selected		10.6%	0.9%	9.5%	12.5%	9.4%	12.1%
	Stat. Sig.	p = 0.000			n. sig.		-
		Other					
Selected		3.6%	3.8%	3.7%			
	Stat. Sig.	25% small cells					

Please specify other reasons: (n = 41)

- Had no idea what to write
- did not give myself enough time before the deadline
- I don't believe I'd be recognized.
- Forgot
- I had a vague idea about what this was but not enough information to check it out.
- I was not sure on the requirements and deadlines. I also had a hard time choosing what was important in ethics now that healthcare is changing so quickly. I know there is a GEM in one of the ideas, but which one are doctors most concerned about now?
- I am so swamped with school work that takes priority over most extracurricular activities. Also, my program doesn't really encourage this particular NSSLHA event.
- Time constraints - other commitments
- Didn't think I could successfully write an essay for the competition
- I don't remember if I heard about it or not, but if I had, I know I would not have time to devote to writing anything that wasn't for school.
- Time restraints related to full involvement in KU's SLP Master's program
- I was very busy with school and extra-curricular activities, and did not feel I had the time to adequately complete the essay.
- No time!!! Also, let's face it- ethics is not an exciting topic to write about.
- Just recently joined the Communication Disorders Major in Jan. 2008
- Extremely busy with school.
- I do not have the additional time that is required.
- I just heard about it.
- I have not written it yet. I plan on submitting an ethics essay.
- Extremely busy with graduate school responsibilities
- The topic was so broad that the purpose didn't make sense to me.
- I am interested, but still need time to write a topic.
- It was kind of a lot of work for not very much money
- Time-constraints with schoolwork
- Did not have the time.
- I read the title of the award and I didn't read any further because I can't imagine what it's about.

- Am a single mother of 3 - little time to do much else but go to school full-time and raise my kids
- I may still do this for 2009, but was otherwise too busy with graduate school
- I do not have a background in communication sciences and disorders (I am a double major in Linguistics and in Psychology), so I feel that I have inadequate basic knowledge about ethics in the field (especially when I know that there are classes in communication science programs that discuss this topic).
- Overloaded with graduate work
- Did not know about it, was busy (taking first practicum and one online class, and working full time in public school)
- Not a student anymore
- Still planning to submit an essay
- I was still in High school so I was not aware of this.
- Didn't have time
- I plan to submit for the next deadline
- I did not know about the essay because I am a freshman in college.
- Still thinking about it, but need to be sure my school work is done first, so extra essay writing hasn't made it to the top of the list.
- The deadline is not till April, but will submit.
- Found out about it too late.
- I have been too busy with my coursework.

28. What is your major area of study? (Select all that apply.)

	For all tables		
	Member	Non	All
<i>n</i> =	961	137	1098

	Audiology			Speech-Language Pathology		
	Member	Non	All	Member	Non	All
Selected	4.5%	7.3%	4.8%	50.2%	56.2%	50.9%
Stat. Sig.	n. sig.			n. sig.		
	Speech, Language and Hearing Science			Communication Sciences and Disorders		
	Member	Non	All	Member	Non	All
Selected	6.8%	7.3%	6.8%	23.0%	17.5%	22.3%
Stat. Sig.	n. sig.			n. sig.		
	Other					
	Member	Non	All			
Selected	.6%	4.4%	1.1%			
Stat. Sig.	25% small cells					

Please specify: (*n* = 36)

- Double majoring in Elementary Education
- Speech and Language Disabilities
- Classroom Practice
- Human development and family studies
- biology (*n* = 4)
- Psychology, leveling CSD
- Linguistics, Psychology
- Sociology
- Linguistics and Applied Language Studies
- Master of Public Health, but want to start Masters SLP program again
- Spanish

- Communication Studies
- also major in Communications & Theatre Arts
- both adults and children
- French and trying to concentrate in American Sign Language.
- Biomedical Engineering
- M.Ed concentration in communicative disorders and sciences
- linguistics (Pragmatic language impairment)
- plan to attend speech pathology graduate school prior to graduation in May
- Being an undergraduate, I am studying Communication Disorders at this time, and I will go to graduate school for Audiology.
- Elementary Education
- Speech and Language Disabilities
- Deaf Education
- deaf studies
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Studies
- Psychology, leveling CSD
- French, Spanish
- Linguistics, Psychology
- and Audiology
- Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology , Spanish
- with bilingual courses

31. How likely are you to pursue the following?

	Other Audiology Association membership		
	Member	Non	All
Very unlikely	55.2%	38.0%	53.3%
Not very likely	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%
Somewhat likely	5.7%	12.0%	6.4%
Very likely	5.3%	8.0%	5.6%
I don't know.	12.7%	21.0%	13.6%
<i>n</i> =	804	100	904
Stat. Sig.	p = 0.003		-

Please specify other audiology associations: (*n* = 6)

- American Auditory Society
- AG Bell association
- Air Force Audiology Association, Military Audiology Association, National Hearing Conservation Association, Acoustical Society of America
- CASLPO - College of Audiologists & Speech-Language Pathologists of Ontario

36. How are you financing your education? (Select all that apply.)

		For all tables		
		Member	Non	All
<i>n</i> =		961	137	1098

		parents/other family			self		
		Member	Non	All	Member	Non	All
Selected		37.4%	40.9%	37.8%	53.0%	41.6%	51.5%
	Stat. Sig.			-			-
		loans			grants		
Selected		62.9%	58.4%	62.3%	19.9%	24.8%	20.5%
	Stat. Sig.			-			-
		assistantships/fellowships			scholarships		
Selected		19.9%	11.7%	18.9%	32.8%	30.7%	32.5%
	Stat. Sig.			-			-
		Other					
Selected		3.1%	.7%	2.8%			
	Stat. Sig.			-			

Please specify other ways you are financing your education: (*n* = 37)

- Luck
- Closure of a mutual fund and a CD
- bonds
- credit cards
- Work Studies (*n* = 3)
- research lab job
- I would need an scholarship to be able to get enrolled in a master's program
- I apply for scholarships, but have not received any yet.
- credit cards
- MGIB
- I am working part time for a local school district and they have agreed to pay for my education on the condition I work for them for 3 years after I graduate with my masters.
- Paid through employer
- my husband's financial support (*n* = 3)
- Employer Tuition reimbursement
- the school district I am employed by is financing it.
- I am paying for school myself. If I could receive grants, scholarships or a fellowship/assistantship I would prefer to pay for college that way. Otherwise I will continue to take out loans.
- Texas Tomorrow Fund
- any way I can
- Work
- hoping to get loans and grants, applied for assistantship but haven't heard about any of these yet
- on campus work in the Writing Lab--I previously worked in restaurants as well
- vocational rehabilitation
- partial tuition reimbursement through employer
- Vocational Rehab
- veterans GI Bill
- Hope to get graduate assistantship next year
- babysitting!

- working almost full-time
- Veterans Benefits
- I will take loans if needed and plan on applying for a graduate assistantship
- spouse