Hello INSERT_FIRST_NAME INSERT_LAST_NAME,

Happy 20th Anniversary!

To celebrate the Academy’s 20th anniversary, you will receive this special e-newsletter on the 20th of each month throughout 2008. We will feature meaningful stories from members, special events, and milestones in Academy history. Let us know if you have a story to share. We want to hear from you. Contact us at publications@audiology.org.

A Moment in American Academy of Audiology History

Having just wrapped up AudiologyNOW! 2008 in Charlotte, you are most likely still pondering the information you learned in your educational sessions. What better time to highlight the history of continuing education at the Academy!

It was 13 years ago this July that the Academy became an authorized provider of continuing education units (CEUs) through the International Association of Continuing Education and Training (IACET). Authorized provider status has allowed the Academy to be one of the leading sources of CEUs in the field. In addition, the Academy approves other CE providers to offer continuing education to audiologists across the country.

Over the years, the Academy has continually found ways to provide CEU opportunities to members, for example, the Journal of the American Academy of Audiology (JAAA) and Ethics in Audiology which offer not just CEUs but also Tier 1 credits (a requirement for ABA recertification). In August 2006, eAudiology was launched, providing members with easily accessible live and on-demand Web seminars. Today, there are 13 on-demand seminars to choose from. Additionally, eAudiology
offers one live Web seminar on a hot topic per month. Do you have a topic you’d like to see presented through eAudiology? E-mail Cornelia Gallow, education manager, at cgallow@audiology.org.

Continuing education has been at the heart of the Academy from our first convention in Kiawah Island, SC, to the present. Congratulations on making professional development a priority, thereby enhancing your practice and the profession of audiology, fulfilling the Academy's national slogan, “Caring for America's Hearing”!

**Remember to enter your CEUs from AudiologyNOW! 2008 no later than April 30, 2008. Submit here.**

**Sound Effects**
*Academy members share stories from their lives in audiology.*

**Why Audiology Is My Passion, by Sue Hollar, AuD**

I began my career after obtaining my nursing degree in 1977. After not being able to find a job in nursing, I decided to pursue another career. At the time, speech pathology was of interest. (Do you get the picture that I like helping others?) A professor from SUNY Plattsburgh was at the college where I got my nursing degree and he actually tried to talk me out of applying! My grades at the time were just barely adequate for application to a college. He didn’t feel that I would do well at his college. However, after being accepted into SUNY Plattsburgh and taking a few audiology courses I found my passion! (Not to mention straight As!) I did so well in audiology that there was no question in my mind what my new career goal was. [Click here for full story.]

Sue Hollar has been a fellow of the American Academy of Audiology since 2004.

Be featured in the next 20th anniversary e-newsletter by sharing a memorable moment from your life in audiology. Send your submission to chanson@audiology.org.

**The First AuD Program**
For 20 years, the Academy has promoted the field of audiology and taken strides to increase the academic and clinical training requirements to practice. Win a $20 gift certificate to the Academy Store by e-mailing if you are the first one to correctly e-mail in the answer to the following question: "What university was the first to open an AuD Program and in what year?" Send all answers to to publications@audiology.org.

All entries must be received by May 7, 2008. Members who have previously won are not eligible. All winners must be current members of the American Academy of Audiology.

Thank You

The Academy would like to recognize and thank a number of industry partners for their generous support in celebration of our 20th anniversary.

Audiology is HEAR to STAY! in Charlotte thanks to a home. Oticon funded the construction of a single-family home, built through Habitat for Humanity, at AudiologyNOW! 2008. Building was done by Oticon staff and went off without a hitch despite unseasonably cold and rainy weather in typically sunny Charlotte.

Widex underwrote the creation of an art piece composed of over 150 photographs, publications, and pieces of memorabilia and professional equipment that commemorate the Academy's achievements over the past 20 years. A poster of the art piece can be purchased through the Academy Store.

Oticon, Phonak, ReSound, Siemens, Starkey, and Widex all were part of sponsoring "Celebrate Audiology" at the U.S. National Whitewater Center. Although the weather was not ideal, many audiologists came out to network, eat and drink, listen to live music, and even a few ventured attendees into the cold water for some kayaking and white water rafting.

Congratulations

Kate Scully, MA, won a $20 gift certificate to the Academy Store for being the first person to e-mail the correct year, chairperson, location, and attendance of the Academy's largest convention: 2001, Gail Gudmundsen, San Diego, 7,321.

Kate has been a fellow of the American Academy
of Audiology since 2004. She received her undergraduate degree in speech and hearing science from George Washington University in 2002. She then spent over a year in Bethesda, MD, working with children with autism spectrum disorder, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, and auditory processing disorders before returning to her home state of Massachusetts to obtain her graduate degree in audiology from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst in 2005.

After obtaining her graduate degree she went on to complete her clinical fellowship year in the Department of Otolaryngology-Audiology at the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor. During this time she completed rotations in various specialties of audiology including hearing aid dispensary, cochlear implants, vestibular testing, intraoperative monitoring, electrophysiology, pediatrics, and newborn hearing screening.

Congratulations are also in order to the following members, who each won a $20 gift certificate to the Academy Store for e-mailing the correct location of the 20th anniversary logo hidden on the cover of the March/April 2008 issue of *Audiology Today*.

Linda Cox, AuD  
Naomi Smith, AuD  
Angel Peacock, Student