

# FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



## New Year, New Board!

The new NSSLHA board and reps have been inaugurated, and we are so excited to get know all of you. We are planning lots of events to provide resources and information to help you in your journey through the communication disorders field this year!

In this first newsletter, we are celebrating International Cochlear Implant Awareness Day and Tinnitus Awareness Day. In honor of this audiological focus, we have an illuminating interview with Dr. Peter Ivory, check it out on page 2!

This month we have Mock Interviews, our first Jumpstart meeting, and Praxis Prep with Sam of Speaking with Samantics. Check out the calendar on page 7 for a comprehensive list of events and dates.

Thanks for picking up the February Newsletter, see you next month!

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# Dr. Peter J. Ivory, Ph.D., CCC-A

## COMD PROFESSOR SPOTLIGHT

Please provide a brief background of your career, including any personal experiences and any areas of research:

I've been a licensed and clinically certified audiologist for over 43 years. As such, I am a Life Member of the American Academy of Audiology, of the American Auditory Society, and of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (mostly, this simply means that I get to pay less dues). As of February 2023, I have completed 29 years of employment in the California State University system, with the past 20 years at Cal State LA.

What have you taken away or learned from your time as an Audiologist, Professor, and Director?

I have been fortunate in the final stage of my career to have the rarest-of-rare professional

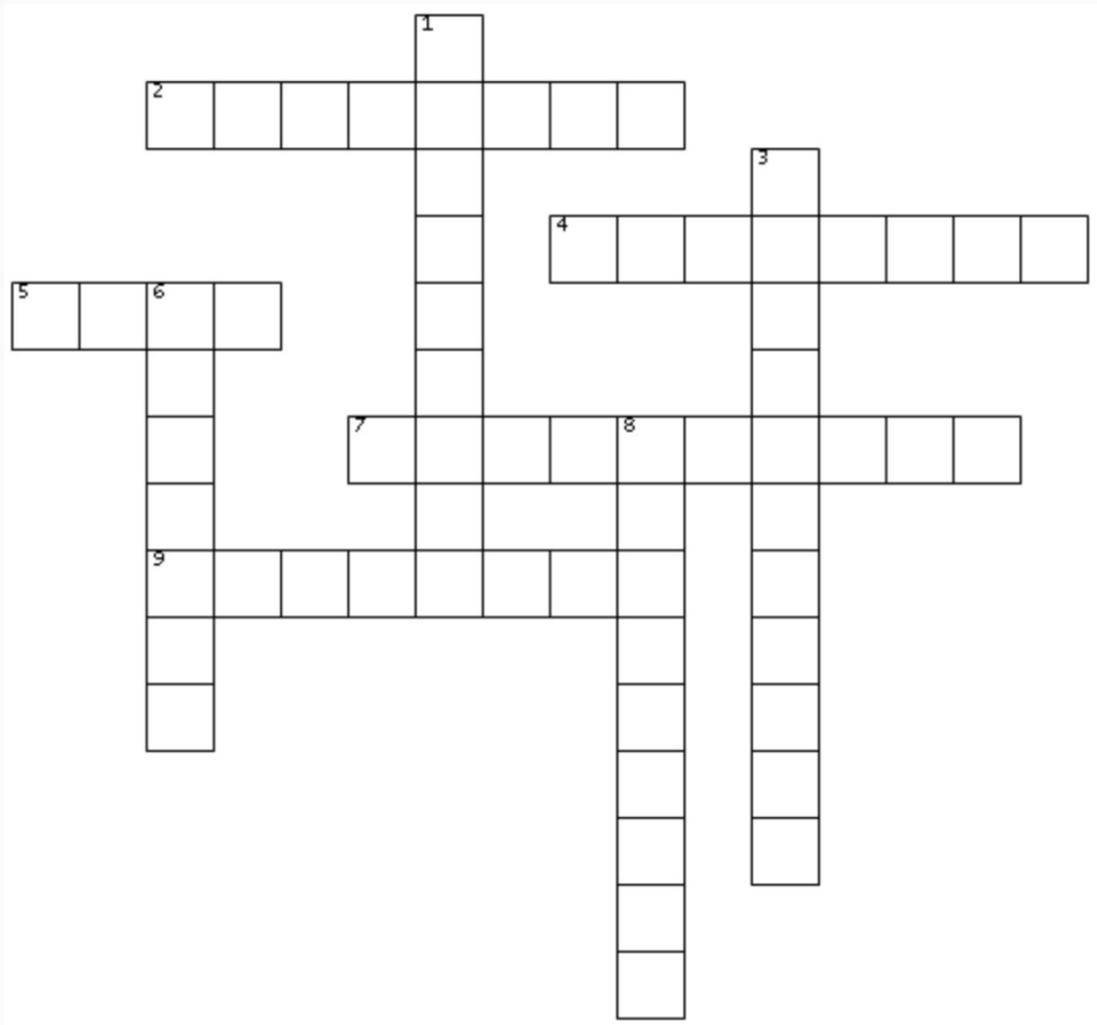


opportunities to build a Doctor of Audiology (AuD) Program at Cal State LA, in collaboration with my colleague, Dr. Miles Peterson. I have served as AuD Program Director at Cal State LA since July 2019 and had the privilege to place the doctoral hoods over our first cohort of AuD graduates at Commencement 2022. We are currently in the process of selecting our Cohort #6 – the AuD class of 2027.

If you could spread awareness about one thing regarding hearing loss, what would it be?

This is easy: protect your hearing from excessive noise! Sounds/noise at high amplitudes can (and usually does) cause permanent damage to the all-important cochlear hair cells. This can cause lifelong hearing loss and also, tinnitus (the perception of ringing or other sound in your ears).

# COCHLEAR IMPLANT CROSSWORD



## ACROSS

2. \_\_\_\_\_ HEARING LOSS IN BOTH EARS MAKES CANDIDATES VIABLE FOR COCHLEAR IMPLANTS
4. \_\_\_\_\_ PART OF A COCHLEAR IMPLANT INCLUDES A RECEIVER, WHICH IS LOCATED UNDER THE SKIN ON THE TEMPORAL BONE
5. \_\_\_\_\_ IS WHERE MAXIMUM SENSITIVITY TO HIGH FREQUENCIES OCCURS
7. \_\_\_\_\_ ARE PLACED INSIDE THE COCHLEA
9. \_\_\_\_\_ COMPONENT OF A COCHLEAR IMPLANT CONTAINS A MICROPHONE, A SPEECH PROCESSOR, AND A TRANSMITTER

## DOWN

1. \_\_\_\_\_ MODE SPREADS OVER A WIDER AREA STIMULATING A LARGER NEURONAL POPULATION
3. \_\_\_\_\_ DOES COCHLEAR IMPLANTS?
6. \_\_\_\_\_ IS NEEDED TO PLACE A COCHLEAR IMPLANT INSIDE THE EAR
8. \_\_\_\_\_ IS USED TO TEST THE HOOK-UP OR INTERNAL DEVICE OF THE COCHLEAR IMPLANT

# International Cochlear Implant Awareness Day: February 25th

## What are cochlear implants?

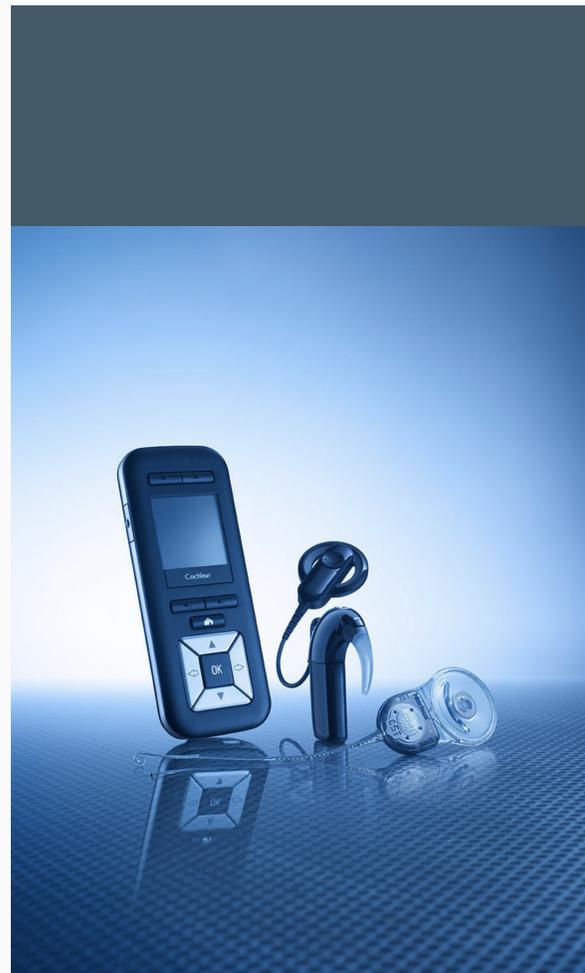
Cochlear implants are medical electronic devices that stimulate auditory nerves directly bypassing any damaged sensory hair cells in the cochlea. An external sound processor captures sound signals and processes sounds. The internal implant works as a receiver that stimulates the auditory nerve and send these signals to the brain



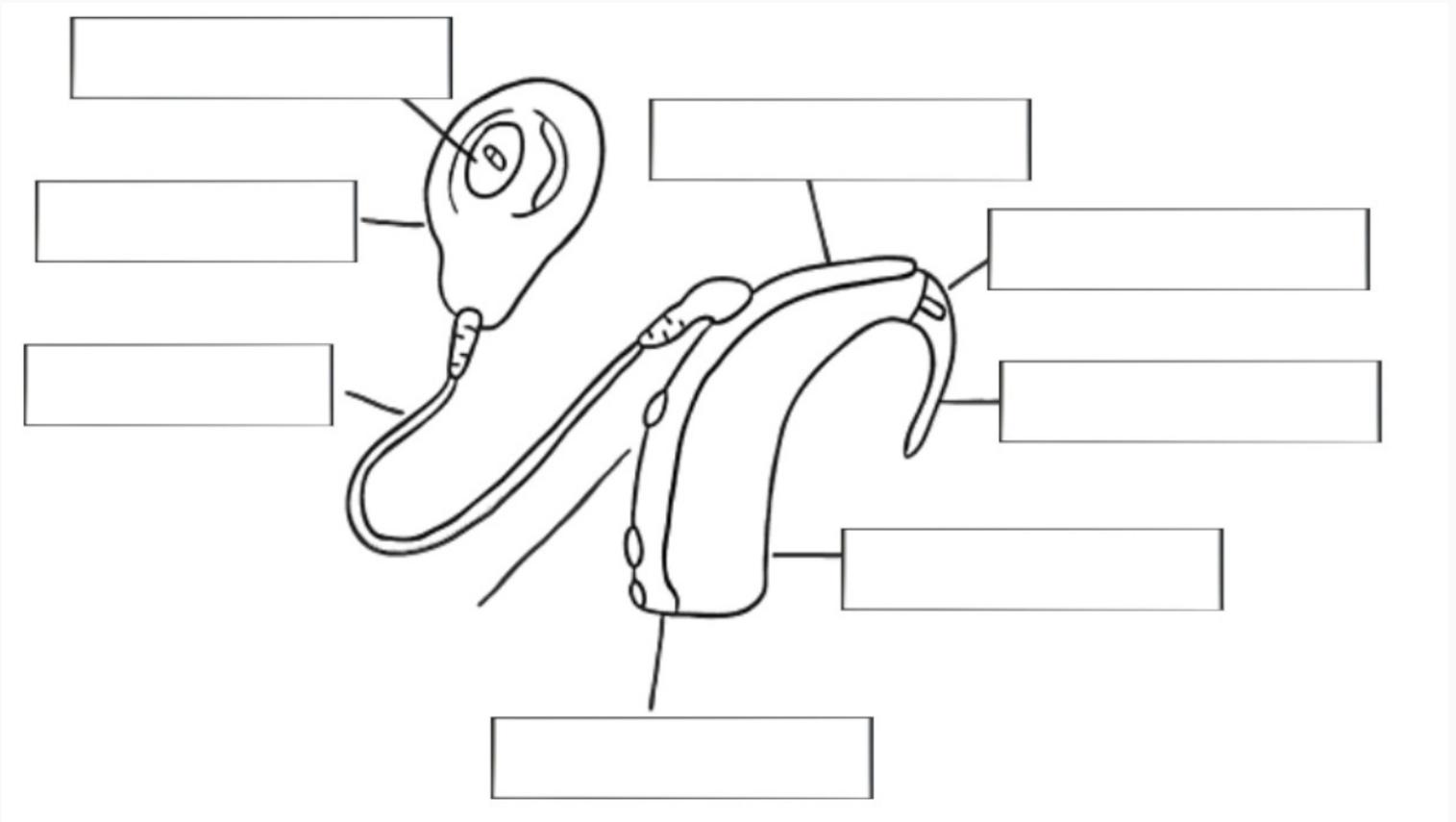
## How are cochlear implants different from hearing aids?

Cochlear implants differ from hearing aids in many ways, one being that cochlear implants use electrical signals while hearing aids use acoustic signals. Hearing aids are fitted by an audiologist and are removable. Differently, cochlear implants have to be implanted surgically by an Ear, Nose, and Throat doctor. The implant is not removable but the external processor is.

Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research. (2022, May 10). Cochlear implants. Mayo Clinic. Retrieved February 2, 2023, from <https://www.mayoclinic.org/tests-procedures/cochlear-implants/about/pac-20385021>



# COCHLEAR IMPLANT COLOR & LABEL



## WORD BANK

EARHOOK  
SOUND PROCESSING UNIT  
COIL  
CONTROLLER & BATTERIES COMPARTMENT  
CABLE  
INDICATOR LIGHT  
CONTROL BUTTONS  
MAGNET  
ACCESSORIES CONNECTION

## Tinnitus Awareness Week: February 6-12



### What is Tinnitus?

Tinnitus is one of the most common conditions we face in the United States. It is a neurological and audiological condition commonly termed “ringing in the ears”. It is described as hearing noise without an external sound source. According to The National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), about 10% of the U.S. population has some type of tinnitus.

### What causes Tinnitus?

Tinnitus is not a disease, but a symptom of another condition. There are many diagnoses attributed to it. Most commonly, it is concurrent with noise-induced or age-related hearing loss, known as Presbycusis.

### Can Tinnitus be cured?

Some forms of Tinnitus can be eased or eliminated by treating the underlying condition, but no direct cures for Tinnitus have been validated by science.

Tinnitus can sound like buzzing, hissing, whistling, swooshing, or clicking with no sound source present.



# Upcoming NSSLHA Events

ASHA Observances:  
International Cochlear Implant Awareness Day  
Tinnitus Awareness Week

2023

FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Mock Interviews Day 1 4-7 PM	3 Mock Interviews Day 2 4-7 PM	4
5	6 First Day of Tinnitus Awareness Week	7	8	9	10 Spring 2023 Jumpstart Meeting 7-8 PM	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Speaking of Semantics: Praxis Prep 7-8 PM	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 International Cochlear Implant Awareness Day
26	27	28				

Cal State LA NSSLHA PRESENTS

# GRAD SCHOOL MOCK INTERVIEWS

Do you want to prepare  
for graduate school  
interviews?

Current grad students will  
provide tips & practice  
questions for your  
interview



**When? Thur 2/2 & Fri 2/3**

RSVP & Sign-up through Canvas

**Where? Zoom**

Meeting ID: 811 2955 8021  
Passcode: 2023

**Sign-up Today!!**

You can also visit [csulansslha.com](https://csulansslha.com) for more information



Join the new  
NSSLHA  
Board & Reps

# Spring 2023 JUMPSTART MEETING

## TOPICS:

- Upcoming events
- Becoming a member
- Earning points
- Opportunities for COMD students

**FRIDAY,  
FEBRUARY 10TH  
7:00-8:00 PM**

**Meeting ID: 850 4211 2982  
Passcode: 2023**

**Don't forget to check out our website!**

**[csulansslha.com](https://csulansslha.com)**



# Cal State LA NSSLHA Presents

Free Praxis Prep Session  
hosted by  
Sam CCC-SLP & CEO of  
Speaking of Samantics

DATE OF EVENT : **Friday 2/17**

TIME OF EVENT: **7:00 - 8:00 PM**

EVENT PLACE : **Zoom**

**Mtg ID: 868 8525 1944**  
**Passcode: 2023**



# S.P.E.A.K.

*Stuttering: People, Experiences, Awareness and Knowledge*

Are you a person who stutters? Do you know a person who stutters? Are you a fluent ally that wants to support those who stutter?

COME JOIN US

**Monthly, Tuesdays-dates TBA**

**@ 7:00 p.m. via Zoom**

**Meeting ID: 485 634 9968**

OF SPRING 2023

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## Adult Research Participants Needed



**Purpose:** Identify bilingual children at risk for language impairment based on audio clips.

**Task:** Listen to audio clips and use your judgment to identify response rates in bilingual children.

**Time:** ~ 1 hour

**Location:** CSULA Bilingual lab (on campus- KHB109)

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**Sounds great...How do I participate?**

**Must be 18 - 40 years old**

**Participants will receive:**

**\$10 Amazon Giftcard + NSSLHA points**

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# COMD Department

Presents orgs, clubs & groups



The purpose of the Cal State LA NSSLHA Chapter is to promote professional growth, to discuss current events and career possibilities pertaining to the field of Communication Disorders or related areas, to promote greater fellowship among all students pursuing careers in speech-language pathology and audiology, and to involve students in community events and activities related to the discipline.



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Mentors are here to help you with any questions on any COMD courses. They are offering different times to accommodate your schedule.



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Are you a person who stutters? Do you know a person who stutters? Are you a fluent ally that wants to support those who stutter? Join Cal State LA's newest organization!



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The mission of Cal State LA's SAA is to serve as a collective voice for students in our chapter and to advance the rights, interests, and welfare of students pursuing careers in Audiology.



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**There's more... come and learn about Speak Out & Loud Crowd, Concussion Program, BiLab, Spanish for SLPs, Research & more**