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From the Director

Hello friends! I'm pleased to share the first ever UTEP SLP Program Newsletter spotlighting our faculty, student, and alumni news.

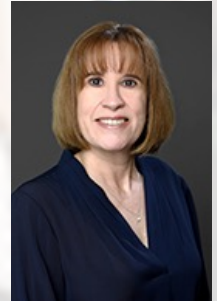
We had a busy and exciting 2021-2022 school year, and we have big plans moving forward. I hope during these next few months we will be able to connect at an event we will be hosting.

You are also welcome to stop by Campbell and visit. We always welcome new and old friends. Talk soon! ~Vannesa



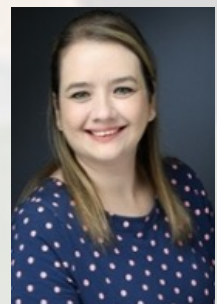
The Speech-Language Pathology Program Welcomes 3 New Faculty Members!

Dr. Stacy Wagovich joins our faculty as an Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Research and Scholarship from the University of Missouri. She has expertise in fluency disorders and specifically seeks to answer questions related to identifying the underlying factors that contribute to the onset and persistence of stuttering, including in children who are learning multiple languages early on.



Dr. Brandon Merritt comes to us by way of Indiana University Bloomington where he received his Ph.D. in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences. His exciting research program will focus on how people use the way they speak to communicate gender identity, how listeners use speech characteristics to judge speakers' genders, and why listeners sometimes differ in judgments about a speaker's gender.

Kelly Lambeth is a proud UTEP alumnus. Kelly graduated with a master's degree in Speech and Language Pathology in 2018. She currently holds the position of Clinical Instructor. Kelly's clinical experiences include evaluating, diagnosing, and treating expressive/receptive language, articulation, phonology, augmentative and alternative communication, autism, and dysphagia/feeding disorders



Class of 2024

Inaugural Class for New Curriculum

A massive curriculum overhaul was completed in the 2021-2022 academic year. The new curriculum will include content on Pediatric Feeding, a required course in Autism and Behavior Modification, and Cleft Palate. See our new graduate curriculum here:

<https://www.utep.edu/chs/slp/academic-programs/graduate-degree-program.html>



New Graduate Certificate in Bilingual (Spanish-English) Speech-Language Pathology

Along with an overhaul of the entire curriculum, a revised certificate program is also launching this year. Students gain knowledge and skills in order to better serve individuals who are bilingual in Spanish and English.

Reaccredited

The program went through reaccreditation in 2021 and was reaccredited for 8 more years until 2029.



Summer clinic rotations

Summer clinic was something new! Four, intensive summer camps were offered to our community. Our students logged so many more hours than was typical and our clients benefited greatly from the group experiences.



That's all for now Miners! So much is happening around here. We are growing bigger and stronger as a program. We'd love for you to be involved in our successes. Talk soon!

