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On behalf of the American Academy of Audiology Foundation, we are pleased to highlight our fundraising and funding efforts over the past year. It has been a productive and meaningful year, and we want all AAA members to share in our success by better understanding the Foundation's mission, the value it brings to our community, and how member donations are used.

The word **foundation** suggests permanence and support, and those two words encompass much of what we accomplished in 2025. Permanence entails planning for the future, and the bulk of the donations we received in 2025 were used to help secure our future by funding scholarships and research grants for students and professional audiologists. Past recipients of these scholarships and grants have gone on to become accomplished clinicians, researchers, and leaders in the field, contributing to the continued advancement of audiology through both practice and service.

Additionally, the Foundation supports ongoing education, primarily by funding experts in audiology and related fields to deliver lectures and presentations. These educational efforts ensure that our members receive the latest information on cutting-edge topics in audiology.

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In 2025, your Foundation donations were used as follows:

Member Support and Education:

- In response to natural disasters across the country, the Foundation prioritized member support and **pledged \$10,000** to assist members with conference travel costs.
- The Foundation provided support for the annual Marion Downs Lecture in Pediatric Audiology at AAA 2025, bringing in Margaret Kenna, MD, MPH and Shelby Redfield, MS for a thought-provoking and educational session titled *“Genetics of Pediatric Hearing Loss in the Age of Precision Medicine: From Newborn Screen to Novel Gene.”*

In addition to continuing to support the Marion Downs Lecture in 2026, the Foundation is introducing a NEW annual “Future of the Profession” session. This session will invite speakers from outside the audiology field to address interprofessional issues and foster collaboration across healthcare disciplines.



Supporting Research and Scholarships:

In 2025, the Foundation awarded **more than \$80,000** in scholarships and research grants to students and professional audiologists.

The following programs were supported:

Continued Achievement Scholarship Program

The Continued Achievement Scholarship of \$2,000 is awarded to two students who show exceptional promise as a clinical audiologist.



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The Empowering Students Scholarship of \$5,000 is awarded to six students who show exceptional promise as a clinical audiologist. \$30,000 in scholarship funds are available.



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Jerry Northern Pediatric Scholarship Program

The Jerry Northern Scholarship in Pediatric Audiology recognizes students interested in pediatric audiology. The scholarship awards three students with \$10,000 each in scholarship funds and \$500 each for travel expenses to AAA 2026 in San Antonio, Texas.



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The Amit Gosalia Scholarship in Private Practice awards \$1,500 to two full-time students in audiology (AuD, PhD, AuD/PhD) in good standing at a U.S. university who have completed their first year of studies.



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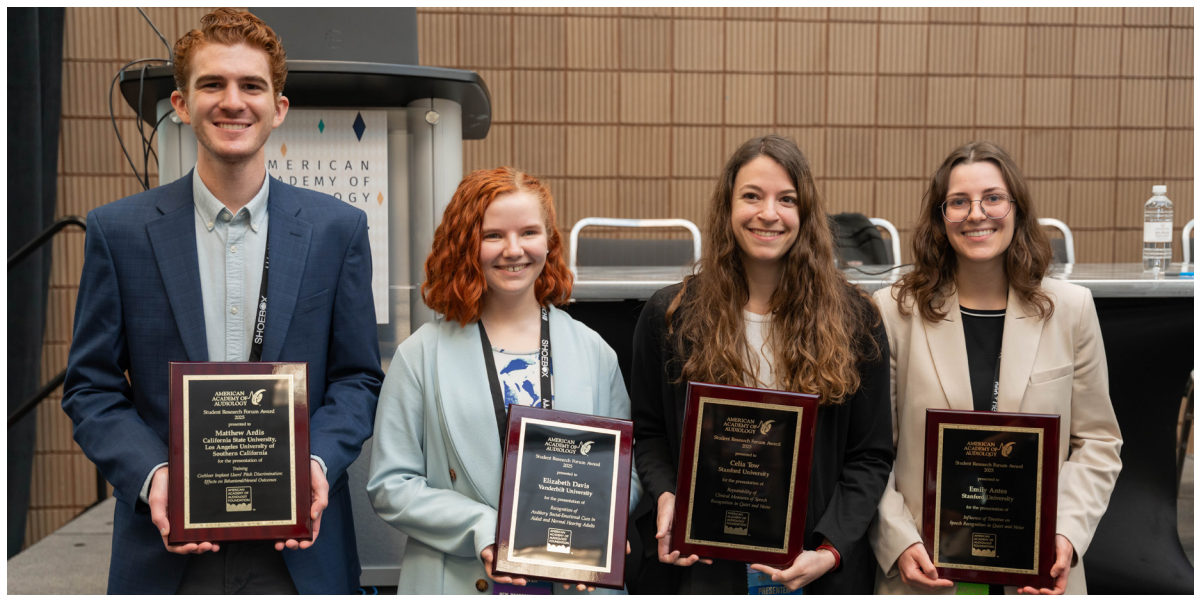
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Student Research Forum was supported by Plural Publishing at AAA 2025

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Influence of Tinnitus on Speech Recognition in Quiet and Noise

Audiology Fellow, Stanford Ear Institute

University of Pittsburgh, Palo Alto, California

Elizabeth Davis, BS

*Recognition of Auditory Social-Emotional Cues in Aided
and Normal Hearing Adults*

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee

Celia Tow, BM

Repeatability of Clinical Measures of Speech Recognition in Quiet and Noise

Audiology Fellow, Stanford Ear Institute

University of the Pacific, San Francisco, California

Matthew Ardis, BA

*Training Cochlear Implant Users' Pitch Discrimination:
Effects on Behavioral/Neural Outcomes*

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California State University, Los Angeles University of Southern
California, Yorba Linda, California

Celebrating Our Successes

At AAA 2025 in New Orleans, the Foundation celebrated its commitment to community engagement and professional development by recognizing our 2024 scholarship and grant recipients and spotlighting emerging leaders in hearing and balance research. We look forward to carrying that energy and momentum with us to San Antonio for AAA 2026.

As 2025 comes to a close, we extend our heartfelt thanks to our new and returning donors. The Foundation's initiatives are only possible because of your support. Your contributions help us continue our mission to support research, education, and public awareness in audiology and hearing sciences.

Please join us in this important work.

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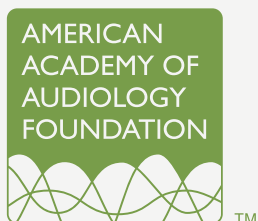
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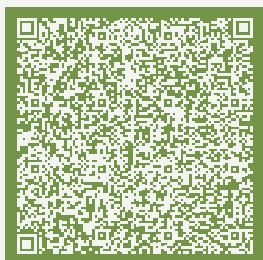


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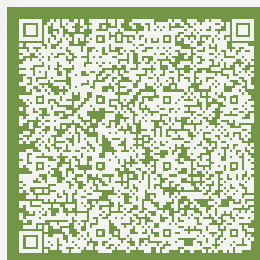


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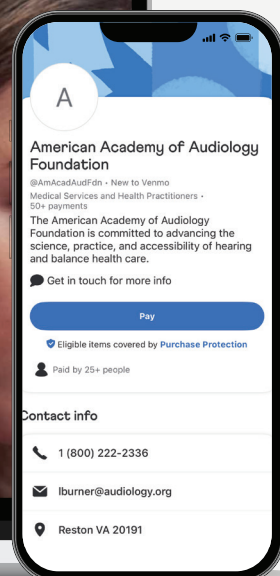
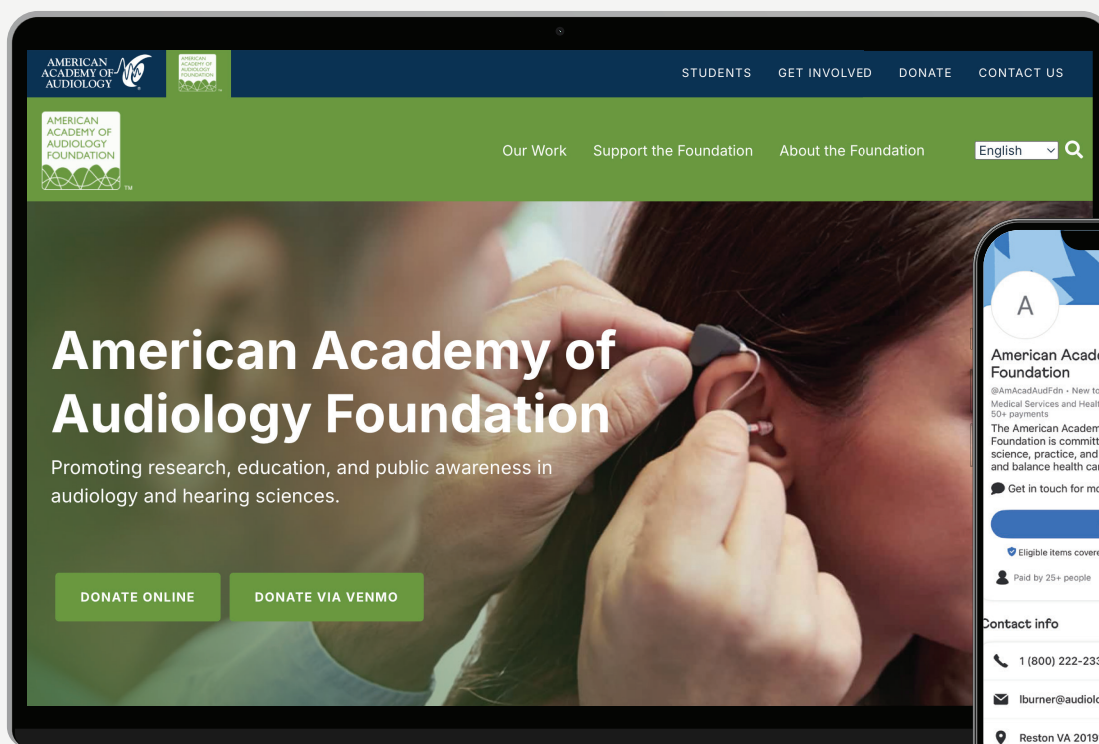
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