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American Academy of Audiology Announces Leadership Election Results

Reston, VA – The American Academy of Audiology (the Academy) recently held elections for the Board of Directors and the National Student Academy of Audiology (SAA) Board of Directors. The Academy is deeply appreciative of the time and commitment our members spend volunteering for and serving in these positions. We are pleased to announce the newly elected members-at-large and president-elect who will join (or continue in a different capacity) on the Academy Board of Directors beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2029.

President-Elect

- Meagan Bachmann, AuD, MHL, BC-CI, CH-AP, DFAAA, Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center

Member-at-Large

- Sara Jagger, AuD, PhD, ABAC, BC-VA, The American Institute of Balance
- Adam Mehlenbacher, AuD, DFAAA, Duke University School of Medicine
- Emily Jo Venskytis, AuD, ABAC, MGH Institute of Health Professions

The Academy is grateful to departing board members Patricia Gaffney, AuD, MPH, Kwame Curtis, AuD and Wafaa Kaf, PhD for their valuable contributions.

For more information: www.audiology.org/about/academy-leadership/

The incoming student leaders of the national SAA who will join the current board and begin their terms July 1, 2026:

President-Elect

- Ellie Helgeson, University of Iowa

Member-at-Large

- Brittney Cullen, Drexel University
- Brenna Downing, Northeast Ohio AuD Consortium
- Jacqueline Foley, MGH Institute of Health Professions
- Jeremiah Hauser, Northeast Ohio AuD Consortium
- Abigale Millerbernd, Nova Southeastern University
- Chloe Tierney, University of Colorado Boulder
- John Williams, University of Mississippi Medical Center

SAA appreciates the service of departing board members Lindee Alvarez, AuD, Caroline Henning, Marissa Gallan, Braidyn Milner, Shelby Somers, and Jane Zankman.

For more information: <https://saa.audiology.org/about/saa-leadership/nominations-and-elections/>

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The American Academy of Audiology is world's largest professional organization of, by, and for audiologists. The Academy is dedicated to achieving recognition of audiologists as the experts in hearing and balance care and the field of audiology as an independent clinical specialty that is integral to the health care team.