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# NSSLHA NEWSLETTER

Official Newsletter of RU NSSLHA Chapter

## Happy October!

“Believe in yourself. You are braver than you think, more talented than you know, and capable of more than you imagine.”

BY ROY T. BENNETT



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# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



## EMMA BARTON

“Hi everybody! My name is Emma and I am from Honaker, Virginia. I am a senior in the COSD program and I am also the Secretary for NSSLHA! After graduation, I plan to attend a graduate program to become an SLP.”

### WHY COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS?



“I chose Communication Sciences and Disorders as a major because I wanted to help people find their voice. I am particularly interested in Early Intervention. After shadowing at an elementary school, I realized I had a passion for helping children develop their speech skills.”



### YOU CAN FIND EMMA AT THE GYM!



Emma is the Group Fitness Supervisor at the Student Recreation and Wellness Center on campus, where she teaches cycle at the gym throughout the week!

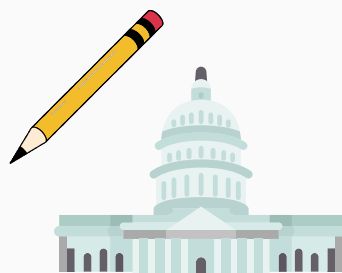
Emma describes her experience working at the gym stating, “It’s so fun and my participants are always willing to go along with my crazy themes and ideas, like my Taylor Swift and Hannah Montana themed cycle classes.”

## CONTINUING THIS MONTHS EVENTS

### STUDENT ADVOCACY DAY

Thursday, October 26th, 11am-2pm,  
Waldron 137

- Drop-by event! Inform Congress that you support the IDEA Full Funding Act



### DINE TO DONATE NIGHT

Wednesday, October 25th, 5pm-9pm, BT's  
Restaurant

- Come to BT's for dinner and TRIVIA NIGHT!!
- 10% of sales help to fund our NSSLHA members for our National Convention



### HALLOWEEN COSTUME EVENT

Tuesday, October 31st

- Prizes for Most Creative, Best Group, and People's Choice



## Did you know?

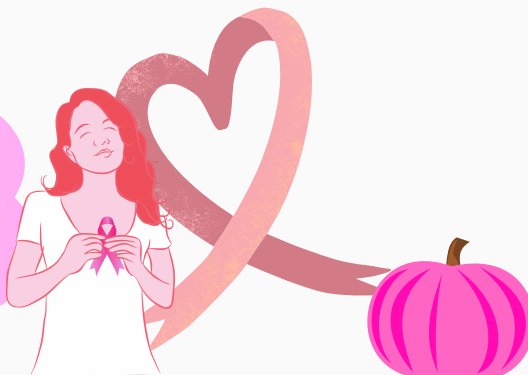
October is:

- Audiology Awareness Month
- Dyslexia Awareness month
- International AAC Awareness Month
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Bulling Prevention Month
- October the 10th is World Mental Health Day
- October the 22nd is International Stuttering Awareness Day



**Don't Forget!!!!**

**EVERY WEDNESDAY IN OCTOBER  
WE WEAR PINK IN HONOR OF  
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS!**



# Radford Gives Back Food Drive

## ABOUT RADFORD GIVES BACK:

Bobcat Backpacks Program is a local non-profit organization that provides food insecure Radford City Public School children with food for the weekends. Radford Gives Back provides 20% of the annual food needs for the Bobcat Backpacks Program.

Learn more: <https://www.radford.edu/content/radford-gives-back/home.html#:~:text=About%20Radford%20Gives%20Back,for%20the%20Bobcat%20Backpacks%20Program>



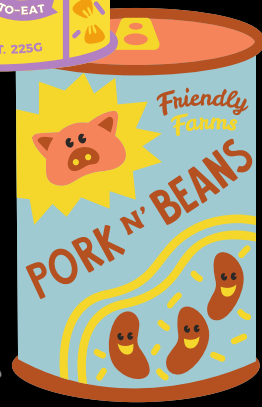
**GAME ON**

## HERE ARE THE RESULTS!!

NSSLHA FAMILIES COMPETED FOR THE FOOD DRIVE AND RAISED A TOTAL OF 1,050 FOOD DONATIONS!

**Congrats, Thompson-Cassidy Family!!**

- French-Millar: 86
- Rupe-Lenhart: 98
- Barton-Epperly: 71
- Thompson-Cassidy: 66
- Hudson-Flora: 68
- Ingo-Shelor: 75
- Brewster-Shepard: 87
- Whithers-Boruch-Laux: 89
- Maneual-Greene: 72



# GET TO KNOW: DR. FLORA

## DR. FLORA

WE ASKED DR. FLORA SOME FUN QUESTIONS  
TO GET TO KNOW HER A LITTLE BETTER!

Lauren Flora, Ph.D., Au.D., CCC-A



**Where is your hometown/ where are you from?**

Currently live in Roanoke VA but was born in Newport News, VA and was raised in Richmond VA.

**What is something you are passionate about?**

Ears! But also educating individuals about hearing preservation, importance of hearing tests and benefits of amplification, and working with individuals to better cope with hearing loss.

**What is something you couldn't live without?**

My family (husband and kids) – they are my world.

**What's your favorite color(s)?**

Purple, but it has to be a dark purple – no lavender for me!

**What is your favorite Holiday?**

Christmas, so cliché I know, but I love the decorations, food, and general sense of joy during that Holiday.

**Are you a cat or dog person?**

When I was younger, I was a cat person. But I'm 100% more of a dog person. I'm obsessed with my dog.

**What is your favorite song currently?**

I Believe by Cowboy Mouth

**What is your favorite food and/or dessert?**

This is so hard! My favorite dinner would be duck leg confit with risotto. My favorite dessert would be the white chocolate raspberry ice cream by Hagan Daas.

**How long would you survive a zombie apocalypse?**

Less than 5 minutes. I have absolutely zero self-preservation skills and an unhealthy delusion that I'm built like an Amazon warrior and can take on any foe. Hear a scary noise? Better believe I'll be the one to go check it out (dry-rotted field hockey stick in tow!).

**What's your biggest pet peeve?**

Clutter of any kind. Random junk left on countertops; toys, shoes, and clothes strewn all over the floors; and dirty dishes left on the counter above an empty dishwasher. I think it's why my office is so neat... because I have control over my environment here.

**Who is your biggest inspiration?**

People who persevere under the worst circumstances. I admire people who don't let life beat them down despite its best effort. Most of the time, these individuals don't think of themselves as strong, but it takes unbelievable strength to pick yourself back up and keep moving forward. I'm inspired by those individuals.

**What is something you want us to know about yourself?**

I'm an open book. I feel like you all know everything about me already. You know that I don't take myself too seriously but I take educating you very seriously. I love watching students achieve their goals and I'm so appreciative that I get to be even just a small part of that journey.



Dr. Lauren Flora is an Associate Professor in the department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Radford University. Additionally, she serves as the Graduate Program Director for the department. She is a licensed audiologist and provides hearing-related services in the Radford University Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic located in Waldron Hall.

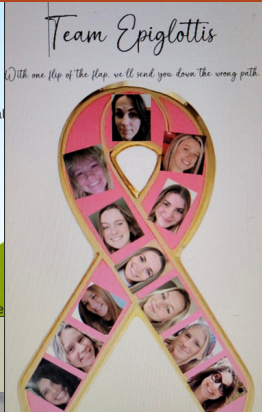
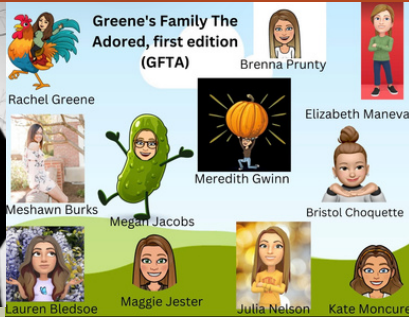
Dr. Flora teaches undergraduate and graduate level courses related to audiological evaluation and rehabilitation, research methods, language science, and speech science. She also supervises first-year graduate student clinicians in an audiology clinic rotation each semester.

Learn more: <https://www.radford.edu/content/wchs/home/cosd/about/faculty.html>



# NSSLHA FAMILY COMPETITIONS

## Family Photo



Winner!!! Team /ə/





# NSSLHA FAMILY COMPETITIONS

## Halloween door



WINNER!!!

The Diadochokinetic Greats