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Women of Radford Luncheon

On Saturday, October 20, 2023, Radford University alumni joined COSD faculty members, Corey Cassidy and Terri Shelor (BS '93; MS '95), to celebrate Homecoming Weekend and the 50th Anniversary of the inaugural SLP graduating class.

We hope to gather with alumni again next year at this lovely event—and encourage anyone who may be interested in joining us to reach out.



Welcome First Years!



Upcoming open houses:

- Saturday, January 20, 2024 @10:00 am
- Friday, March 22, 2024 @ 1:00 pm

RSVP for Information Sessions
Spring 2024



COSD Service Project

NSSLHA participated in the Radford Gives Back campus-wide food drive supporting The Bobcat Backpacks Program. COSD and NSSLHA provided 1,050 items!



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Scottish Rite Fellows

Each of these second year graduate students were awarded a Scottish Rite Fellowship. They will be completing various clinical service projects targeted improving literacy in children in the New River Valley.



Top row (left to right): Emily Lane, Reilly Burns, Bristol Choquette, Bettina Comparitive, Grace Currey

Bottom row (left to right): Lauren Buenviaje, Emily Moore

Graduate Scholars

Bristol Choquette, 2nd year graduate student, was awarded the Rita Purcell-Robertson scholarship through The Communication Disorders Association of Virginia.

Elizabeth Maneval, 2nd year graduate student, was awarded the David H. Narburgh scholarship through The Communication Disorders Association of Virginia.



Bristol Choquette



Elizabeth Maneval

Undergraduates Scholars

Grace Burke was selected for the PROGENy program. This program recognizes promising undergraduate researchers. She has been matched with a faculty member, Dr. Emily Ciesielski of the University of Central Missouri.



Student Leaders

Emily Moore and Phoebe Walker are Radford University's student representatives for the Speech-Language-Hearing Association of Virginia.

Madi Davis and Daphne Thompson are the Communication Sciences and Disorders department's Waldron College ambassadors.

Sara Inayat was selected as an American Speech-Language-Hearing Association fellow.

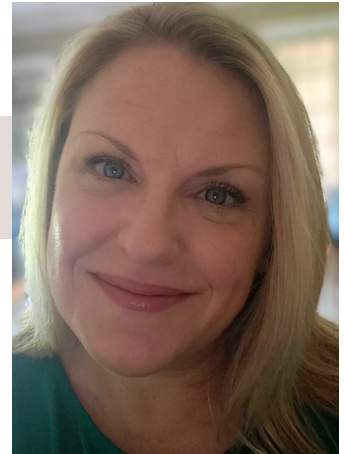


ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Lauren Lawson

Emily Guill



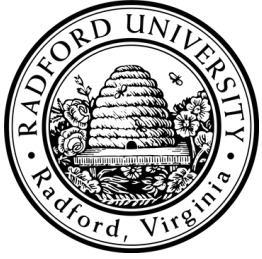
Lauren Lawson is a Radford University alumna who graduated with her Master's degree in COSD in 2015. Before coming to Radford, she completed her undergraduate degree in Vocal Performance at Elon University in 2009. During the summer of 2023, Lauren completed an intensive voice habilitation and rehabilitation program at the University of Utah, where she became a Summer Vocology Institute-Trained Vocologist. A vocologist is a person with extra training in the speaking and singing voice (i.e., someone who knows what the physics of the voice are, and how to help you make science do the work so you can have a healthy voice).

Lauren has worked with adults and teenagers with diagnoses such as stroke, traumatic brain injury, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, dementia, general debility, and vocal fold paresis and paralysis. Additionally, she has worked in a variety of settings including skilled nursing, inpatient rehab, and in her own private practice, Valley Voice! In her private practice, Lauren works in the areas of vocal habilitation and rehabilitation with children and adults. This includes basic singing lessons, implementing voice conservation strategies, and setting up maintenance programs for the speaking and singing voice. She also works with transgender individuals to find a voice that aligns with their identity and to be able to use that voice consistently.

Emily Guill received her Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Arts from Virginia Tech in 1996 and received her Master of Science in COSD from Radford University in 2009. Emily worked with adults in skilled nursing facilities and in the outpatient/hospital setting, but she changed over to pediatrics in 2011 and has never left!

When asked what she loves most about being an SLP, Emily says that she loves the diversity and variety of patients, diagnosis, families, settings, learning new information each day and making solid connections with other health care professionals. She states, "We are so fortunate here at Carilion to have incredible support to develop new service lines and explore new options of treatment for the children and families that we serve, and to provide greater access to care. It also helps that my teammates are incredible humans!"

Emily recently took the helm of the Carilion Children's Pediatric Therapy Department as Rehab Manager covering the three hospital locations: (Carilion Community Hospital (OP), Carilion Children's Tanglewood Center (OP), and Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital (Inpatient--NICU, PICU, PEDS). The department has over 30 highly skilled occupational therapists, physical therapists and speech-language pathologists working in the inpatient, outpatient, and specialty clinic settings, including, but not limited to Tone Management Clinic, Aquatics, Therapy Utilizing Equine Movement (Hippotherapy), Feeding Clinic, Cleft & Craniofacial Clinic, Car Seat Clinic, and Developmental Clinic.



CLINICAL SPOTLIGHT

Radford Early Learning Center



Dr. Corey Cassidy has forged a new clinical and community collaboration between the Radford University (RU) Speech-Language and Hearing Clinic and the Radford Early Learning Center (RELC). Under Dr. Cassidy's supervision, first-year speech-language pathology (SLP) graduate students in the Department of COSD are providing direct services to young children by working alongside and collaborating with the providers and educators in the toddler classrooms at the RELC, which is located just a few miles from RU.



From left to right: Kylie James, Anna Heflin, Rachel Millirons

Welcome back Dr. Cassidy!



Dr. Corey Cassidy received her undergraduate and graduate degrees in Communication Sciences and Disorders from James Madison University and Appalachian State University. She earned her PhD in Health Sciences and Healthcare Administration from Touro University.

As an SLP with more than 26 years of experience, Dr. Cassidy has always worked in pediatrics. She first served in public-school systems across multiple states, including North Carolina, Texas, and Virginia. Over the past 20+ years, Dr. Cassidy has worked as an SLP in early intervention (EI) and early childhood arenas with infants, toddlers, and families in Idaho, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Virginia, where she joined the Radford University faculty in 2007. As a professor in the COSD Department, her clinical focus continues to be in EI and early childhood.

COSD goes to ASHA

Alumni meet up!



COSD alumni met up with current faculty and students at the expo center in Boston during the ASHA convention. It was wonderful to see everyone!!

Undergraduate Honors poster

Grace Burke, a senior COSD Major and Dr. Diane Millar presented a poster titled, *An Investigation of the Impact of Implicit Bias on Service Delivery*. Grace completed this study as part of her honors curriculum and presented her findings at the 2023 Annual ASHA convention.



Faculty Collaboration



From left to right, faculty members Terri Shelor, Rebecca Epperly, and Dr. Corey Cassidy presented a session titled *Developing Stronger Teams: Using Productivity and Personality Tools*.

Self care for the SLP and AuD



Dr. Corey Cassidy collaborated with a colleague from northern Virginia to present a session titled, *We Matter Too: Self Care Strategies for speech-language pathologist and audiologists*.