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### Welcome to our newest BCS-S Affiliates

**Jennifer Raminick**  
CHOC Children's Hospital  
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Frazier Rehab Institute  
Mentor: Colleen Vincent

## **AB-SSD Mentor Committee**

The Mentor Committee currently has 138 mentors, who have helped to mentor 938 applicants through the BCS-S process. We thank all of these mentors for their time and support. The standards for achieving Board Certification in Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders remain high and require significant dedication by all applicants. Remember though mentors are hopeful and supportive of the success of their mentees, the role of the mentor is meant to guide the mentees through the paperwork and submission process. If you are a mentor who received your BCS-S several years ago and you are unsure that you have the most current information regarding applications, feel free to contact us at [info@swallowingdisorders.org](mailto:info@swallowingdisorders.org).

## **ASHA 2017 Recap**

ASHA 2017 was a great success, with many of our BCS-S members putting specialty certification in the spotlight. Numerous sessions were offered by our membership, inspiring a new generation of specialists with knowledge and evidence-based practice. Many members are also involved in planning ASHA's 2019 annual conference, "Revolutionary Learning, Evolutionary Practice", to be held November 15-17 in Boston, MA.

The ABSSD would also like to extend congratulations to the following award winners who also hold specialty certification in swallowing:

Fellowship of the Association:

**Lisa N. Kelchner, PhD, CCC-SLP, BCS-S**  
**Debra M. Suiter, PhD, CCC-SLP, BCS-S**

## **Bracco Award 2017**

The Dianna Bracco BCS-S Outstanding Applicant Award is presented annually at the ASHA Convention. The outstanding applicant for the year is selected by committee, and the Award is funded by Bracco Diagnostics. The applicant is refunded her/his application fees and is covered for the examination and up to five renewal fees. Our congratulations to the 2017 Bracco Outstanding Applicant Award recipient, Stevie Marvin from the University of Wisconsin Voice & Swallow Clinics, who was presented the award at ASHA 2017.



## **Dysphagia Research Society (DRS) 2018**

The 26th annual meeting of the DRS was held March 15-17, 2018 at the Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel in Baltimore, MD. Congratulations to the BCS-S members who planned, moderated, and presented at this year's DRS meeting. Innovative presentations in both oral and poster format were featured.

Special congratulations to Bonnie Martin-Harris who earned the ABSSD Distinguished Research Award in Swallowing for her oral presentation entitled "VFSS Measurement Tool for Swallowing Impairment in Bottle-Fed Babies (BaByVFSSImp): Establishing a Standard."



*Pictured: Bonnie Martin-Harris and Cesar Ruiz*

Next year's conference will be held March 7-9 at the Wyndham San Diego in San Diego, CA. Check the website (<http://www.dysphagiaresearch.org/>) for the call for papers to submit your new research for presentation at the next DRS meeting.