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***Important: 2020 Renewal Applications***

Due to the unprecedented impact of COVID-19 on large gatherings, including those for continuing education purposes, the ABSSD will offer the following accommodation for individuals applying for initial or renewal of BCS-S affiliate status:

Applicants for BCS-S that include the year 2020 in their application materials will only be required to have 2.0 CEUs from in-person conferences, the remaining 5.5 CEUs to meet the required 7.5 CEUs may be from either on-line or in-person events.

Congratulations and welcome to the newest BCS-S Affiliates!

Laura Cumby Olson
Shirley Ryan AbilityLab

Stephanie Reyes
Augusta University Medical Center

Jennifer Jackson Wilson
University of Tennessee Health Science Center
June is Dysphagia Awareness Month!
The ABSSD recognizes the critical role that our affiliates served in rapidly adapting evidence-based practices to treat all patients suffering from dysphagia, including COVID-19 survivors. Thanks to all who participated in the Facebook Live event on April 24 with Georgia Malandraki, PhD, CCC-SLP, BCS-S addressing telehealth and dysphagia during this challenging time for care delivery. The recording can be found [here](#).

In honor of Dysphagia Awareness Month 2020, the ABSSD is pleased to announce a Facebook Live event on June 18, 8:00 pm EST:

"Caring for Caregivers: Reducing Dysphagia-related Caregiver Burden"

Presented by:
Ashwini Namasivayam-McDonald, PHD, CCC-SLP(C)
Samantha Shune, PhD, CCC-SLP
Theresa Richard, MA, CCC-SLP, BCS-S

Hosted by Yvette McCoy, MS, CCC-SLP, BCS-S and Karen Sheffler, MS, CCC-SLP, BCS-S

Information about the live event can be found [here](#).

2020 Dysphagia Research Society (DRS) Annual Meeting Webinar Series
Please consider registration for the DRS Webinar Series. Registrants who subscribe gain access to invited and scientific sessions featuring experts across the spectrum of dysphagia research and care. ASHA CEU credit is available.

More information on registration can be found [here](#).