Welcome to our newest Board Certified Specialists in Swallowing & Swallowing Disorders!

**Julie Giffin**  
Tennova Healthcare Harton  
Mentor: Leslie McKee

**Melissa Farrow**  
Brenham State Supported Living Center  
Mentor: Linda O'Brien

**Joey Laus**  
UCSF Voice and Swallowing Center

**Raquel Garcia**  
Memorial Regional Hospital  
Mentor: Heather Starmer

**Deantha Gutierrez Valencia**  
MD Anderson Cancer Center

**Sheri Henry**  
VA Medical Center - San Diego  
Mentor: Jan Pryor

**Kathleen Mettel**  
St. Joseph Hospital  
Mentor: Melissa Redfearn

**Kenneth Kozlowski**  
Ohio State University - Wexner Medical Center

**Tiffany Turner**  
Swallowing and Neurological Rehabilitation  
Mentor: Donna Edwards

**Kayla Hernandez**  
Boston Children's Hospital
Mentor: Amy Litwack

Kara Ayala
Heart Hospital of Austin

*Many thanks to all the mentors that helped our newest affiliates successfully complete this competitive process!*

### 2017 ASHA Convention, November 9-11
**Focus on the Big Picture**

See below for opportunities to meet and greet other BCS-S colleagues face to face during the ASHA Annual Convention in Los Angeles, CA November 9-11.

#### Celebrations of BCS-S Affiliates’ Achievements

Some of our esteemed colleagues with Board Certification in Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders will be honored at this year’s ASHA Convention. Please plan to attend the [ASHA Awards Ceremony](#) on Friday 11/10/17 from 6:15 - 8:00 p.m. in the LA Convention Center, South Hall G to cheer on our colleagues!

#### Fellowship of the Association

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

#### Help spread the word about Specialty Board Certification at the ASHA Convention

ASHA is providing a booth in the Exhibit Hall at the 2017 ASHA Convention, so that we can provide information to SLPs and AuDs who are interested in becoming certified specialists. The booth number is 1449. The booth needs at least one person to staff the booth while the Exhibit Hall is open. We hope that all specialists attending ASHA will be able to volunteer by signing up for one or two hours. If you haven't already done so, please consider teaming with your colleague(s) and registering for a time slot or two! Thanks in advance for helping to spread the word about board certification! See you at [Booth 1449](#) (one aisle over from the ASHA Store and close to the Certification Lounge)!!

Please [click here](#) to indicate your availability!

#### Wednesday 11/08:

ABSSD Sponsored Pre-Convention Short Course:
*IDDSI- The Next Steps: Tools & Tips for a Smooth Implementation*

Presenters: Peter Lam, Julie Cichero, Catriona Steele, Luis Riquelme, Joseph Murray, and Ben Hanson

Location: LA Convention Center, Room 403:B (Lvl 2), A ticket is required for this workshop

Time 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Session Code: PC01

#### Thursday 11/09:

Joint Business Meeting: AB-SSD w/ SIG 13
Location: JW Marriott, Room: Plaza 1-2
Time: 7:00 - 8:30 a.m.

AB-SSD Sponsored 1-Hour Session: Soy Lattes, Haggis & Mofongo: Exploring Culture in Dysphagia Management
Presenters: Luis Riquelme and Paula Leslie
Location: LA Convention Center, Room: 304ABC (Lvl 2)
Time: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Session Code: 1390

Friday 11/10:
SIG 13 Sponsored Short Course: Mechanical Ventilation & its Aftermath: Assessing Oral Feeding Safety in Patients Receiving Respiratory Support
Presenters: James Coyle, Dana Novotny, Martin Brodsky, and Emily Mayfield
Location: Marriott, Georgia 1/2, A ticket is required for this workshop
Time: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Session Code: SC13

SIG-13 Sponsored 1-Hour Session: A Clinical Primer of High Resolution Pharyngeal Manometry Applications for the Diagnosis and Management of Dysphagia
Presenters: Kate Humphries and Ashli O'Rourke
Location: LA Convention Center 515A (Lvl 2)
Time: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Session Code: 1512

Names in bold indicate BCS-S affiliates.

Got CEUs?
Can't make it to the ASHA annual convention this year? Still need CEUs? Don't forget there are many quality continuing education programs available at a reasonable cost via the American Board of Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders website. Visit the website for a complete listing of continuing education offerings.

Mentoring Message
ASHA convention activities typically result in a significant increase in the requests for mentorship through the BCS-S process. Please email info@swallowingdisorders.org if you would like to volunteer as a mentor.
Thank you to all of our mentors for your continued dedication to the success of all the applicants!

Looking forward to seeing you in Los Angeles at the ASHA Convention!

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