

**Graduate Students Honors and Awards Ceremony
Department of Speech**

The Department of Speech hosted a reception in Adams Parlor on May 11, 2007 to recognize and honor its outstanding graduate students in speech-language pathology and audiology for the academic year, 2006-2007. Five Doctor of Audiology students who will receive the Au.D. on May 19, 2007 were recognized in a *White Coat Ceremony*.

Departmental Recognition

During a calendar year, the speech-language pathology and audiology faculty may choose to recognize outstanding students by naming recipients of the *Graduate Academician, Graduate Clinician of the Year, and Graduate Student Research* awards. The Student Honors and Awards Committee of the Department obtains nominations from the faculty, reviews the nominations, and selects recipients.

To be selected to receive the *Graduate Academician* award, the recipient

- must have an overall graduate GPA of at least 3.7;
- must have been enrolled as a full-time student in speech-language pathology or audiology during the academic year for which the award is given;
- should have evidence of exemplary performance on academic assignments and projects;
- should have evidence of service learning activities;
- must have evidence of recognizable qualities of professionalism and collegiality with faculty, staff, and fellow students; and
- will have demonstrated outstanding academic performance as judged by the Student Honors and Awards Committee.

The *Graduate Academician* awards for 2006-2007 were presented to

- Sarah Nix, First-Year Graduate Student in Speech-Language Pathology and
- Jong Kim, First-Year Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) student.

Ms. Nix and Mr. Kim were presented engraved plaques of recognition for their outstanding academic performance.

To be selected as the *Graduate Clinician of the Year*, the recipient

- must have been a full-time student during the academic year for which the award is given;
- must have an overall graduate GPA of at least 3.3;
- must have been enrolled in clinical practicum during each quarter for which the award is given; and
- will have demonstrated outstanding clinical performance as judged by the Student Honors and Awards Committee.

The *Graduate Clinician* for 2006-2007 was Ms. Virginia Lurry, a first-year graduate student in Speech-Language Pathology. Ms. Lurry was presented an engraved plaque in recognition of her outstanding clinical performance.

Ms. Alice Foreman, a first-year graduate student in Speech-Language Pathology, received *Honorable Mention* for her clinical performance and was presented a certificate of recognition.

Recognition by the College of Liberal Arts Outstanding Departmental Students

Each year, as part of the focus on academic excellence, the College of Liberal Arts recognizes outstanding students from each of the units/departments within the College. The outstanding students from the Department of Speech for the academic year 2006-2007 were Ahmad Alexander, a first-year Au.D. student and Kiley Stevenson, a third-year Au.D. student. Mr. Alexander and Mr. Stevenson were recognized at a College of Liberal Arts luncheon on May 3, 2007 and were presented certificates of achievement by Dr. Edward C. Jacobs, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

White Coat Ceremony

With the introduction of the Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) degree within the last ten years, the *White Coat Ceremony* is quickly becoming a symbol of accomplishment and entry into the hearing healthcare profession. The symbol of the white coat has been present in the medical community for well over a hundred years and brings with it the responsibility of holding the welfare of the client first and foremost. It is hoped that with the adornment of the white coat, each individual will make a successful transition from student to professional.

The following five individuals, who will be Louisiana Tech University's first Au.D. graduates, were presented their white coats by their major advisor.

Mary Arrington DeLoach, Magnolia Arkansas
Bachelor of Arts, Louisiana Tech University, 2003
Dissertation: Sound Localization Accuracy in the Blind Population
Major Advisor: Dr. Steven G. Madix

Heather Amelia Hendrix, Oakland, California
Bachelor of Arts, Columbia College, Columbia, South Carolina, 2002
Dissertation: A Communication Process Training Model for Use by Audiologists in Counseling
Major Advisor: Dr. Sheryl S. Shoemaker
Alison Viator Huff, Lafayette, Louisiana
Bachelor of Arts, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2002
Dissertation: A Protocol for Sound Localization Testing with Young and Again Normal Hearing Subjects
Major Advisor: Dr. J. Clarice Dans

Courtney Leigh Ross, El Dorado, Arkansas
Bachelor of Arts, Louisiana Tech University, 2003
Dissertation: Parental Views of Otitis Media and Antibiotic Treatment
Major Advisor: Dr. Sheryl S. Shoemaker

Christal Jeanne' Savage, Port Barre, Louisiana
Bachelor of Arts, Louisiana State University, 2003
Dissertation: Classroom Acoustics and Intervention Strategies to Enhance the Learning Environment
Major Advisor: Dr. Steven G. Madix

**Dr. J. Clarice Dans
To Retire from Louisiana Tech University**

Named *Professor Emerita*

The Department of Speech hosted a retirement reception in the Ropp Center on May 8, 2007 in recognition of the retirement of Dr. J. Clarice Dans, Head of the Department of Speech and Director of the Louisiana Tech University Speech and Hearing Center. President Reneau named Dr. Dans *Professor Emerita* and the presentation was made by Dr. Kenneth W. Rea, Academic Vice President. The certificate read as follows:

By authority of the administration and faculty, let it be known that

Dr. J. Clarice Dans

in recognition of twenty-five years of distinguished service on the Louisiana Tech University faculty;

in appreciation of her administrative leadership as Head of the Department of Speech and Director of the Louisiana Tech Speech and Hearing Center;
in acknowledgment of the excellence of her teaching and her inspirational influence on generations of speech-language pathologists and audiologists;
and in recognition of her service to the University on numerous committees and to her profession on state, regional and national levels;

is from this time forward

Professor Emerita

and is entitled to all rights and privileges appertaining thereto.

Presented this eight day of May, two thousand and seven.

Signed: Daniel D. Reneau, President

Dr. Dans will officially retire from the University on August 31, 2007.