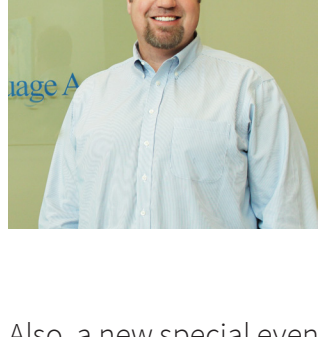




WORDS FROM CEO Brett Bachmann



A famous author, Charles Macklin, once said, "You are as welcome as the flowers in May." I couldn't have said it any better. But here in the city of Louisville, all minds turn toward Derby and its many activities as we celebrate our long-running tradition of the 143rd Oaks and Derby. Likewise, the month of May always keeps us hopping as we are occupied with ending the school year on a positive note. And this year adds even more excitement as we are busy getting ready for our annual fundraiser, The Delta Dental Sound Beginnings Breakfast, which takes place this year on May 19th. If you haven't gotten your table, contact Wende at (502) 636-2084 or welkins@thehearinginstitute.org.

Also, a new special event has been added the week of May 12th that will showcase the talents of our teachers and students through the arts. I'm happy to announce our very own movie event – our own production of "The Little Red Hen" – complete with popcorn and a red carpet. Our teacher profiles spotlight our music instructor, Greta Gillmeister, and our externs, Julia Goddeeris and Beth Feltner, who help put happy faces on the students of HHLA. And can you believe that our HHLA graduation is May 24th? Graduation is always a special day. Our little cocoons will leave us as butterflies, going out into the world better prepared for what lies ahead.

We've got so much going on! I ask that you pay attention to our calendar of events and participate in as many of the activities as you can. I'd also like to acknowledge the continuous support from our donors, Delta Dental, The Greens Foundation, Kindred Health and Kosair Charities. Special thanks as always to our staff, friends and volunteers who help us provide great service and care to the community. Remember, your support is vital for the success of our organization and the students and families of HHLA.

My door is continually open to you – for a tour, a visit or a volunteer opportunity. For more information or to ask a question, please send me note at bbachmann@thehearinginstitute.org.

Happy End of the School Year!!

-Brett



HHLA FEATURES MOVIE PREMIERE OF "THE LITTLE RED HEN"

The students of Heuser Hearing & Language Academy (HHLA) will present their very special version of "The Little Red Hen" on May 12th at 6:00pm at the downtown campus. The one-of-a-kind movie premiere will feature the first ever showing of "The Making of The Little Red Hen" with its original cast of students and teachers in this unique production, red carpet arrivals of stars with paparazzi, an intermission and even popcorn.

"Our students will not only display their language and vocabulary skills, but they will put special emphasis on the arts," says Debbie Woods, Education Director of HHLA. Students will showcase highlights of the arts program and wear costumes created and designed in art, sing songs from music and orchestra and dance in tutus from the ballet. "We will present to our audience just how much the arts can inspire and motivate children to become the best version of themselves," adds Woods. The night's proceeds from the sale of popcorn, drinks and student artwork will go toward the HHLA Children's Field Trip Fund.

Admission to the event is free and open to all families and friends of HHLA.

For more information, contact Debbie Woods at (502) 636-2084 or dwoods@thehearinginstitute.org.



BUTTERFLY SOCIETY UPDATE

We hosted a spring cleanup in our downtown HHLA Children's Garden on April 25th. Our members are dedicated to cleaning the garden and planting flowers to brighten the lives of students. Thanks to all those who helped.

If you're interested in joining The Butterfly Society, contact Pam Thompson at thom9156@aol.com or call HHI at (502) 584-3573.

LISTEN UP! UPDATE

Jennifer Osborne, our ListenUp recipient, with Audiologist Brandi McGraw, was just fitted for new hearing aids.

Jennifer has cerebral palsy which does not allow her to work. She will do her service work at her church and nursing homes where she already volunteers every week.



STAFF PROFILE Greta Gillmeister, Music Therapy Instructor



Since 2004 Miss Greta's room has been the place to go for music. Greta provides music therapy twice a week to all HHLA classes. Working in collaboration with the Louisville Orchestra, Greta provides adaptive music education groups and brings in guest musicians to visit and share various musical instruments with students.

"It's amazing to see each student's progress at Heuser," says Greta. "I love watching their confidence and abilities grow through singing and the playing of instruments," adds Greta. Originally from West Virginia, she attended The University of Kentucky and graduated with an undergraduate degree in flute performance and a graduate degree in music therapy from The University of Kansas. Her interest in the deaf and hard of hearing peaked while she had a clinical placement at the Kansas School of the Deaf. After graduate school she took various positions in the public schools, Kosair Children's Hospital and the University of Louisville.

When working with children, Greta focuses on creating a balance between process and product. Through music and musical activities, students are engaged in incidental learning. She works on a specific goal of creating a musical arrangement that is pleasant no matter the skill level. Students are given opportunities this way to practice what they have learned in the classroom or in speech, but it is disguised in a different setting within music participation.

According to Greta, the role and place of music varies widely with deaf and hard of hearing people. "I think the possibilities are endless and the improving hearing technology opens vast opportunities for our students and their musical futures," she says. Singing and music participation can help support speech, enunciation, breath support, volume, vocal inflection and rhythm. "I think their futures are unlimited," adds Greta.

STAFF PROFILE Julia Goddeeris & Beth Feltner



Julia Goddeeris earned her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Michigan in 2013 and is in the process of completing her Doctor of Audiology at Vanderbilt University. She is finishing up her final year of training as an extern at Heuser Hearing Institute in order to gain experience providing comprehensive services and quality care to patients of all ages.

Beth Feltner is a fourth-year Doctor of Audiology extern from Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. She is originally from Hazard, KY and completed her undergraduate degree in communication disorders at Eastern Kentucky University. She is excited to be at the Heuser Hearing Institute for its variety of clinical experiences across the lifespan, as well as the educational setting.

Soon, Julia and Beth will graduate with their Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) degrees from Vanderbilt University and Gallaudet University, respectively. Both have enjoyed being able to help such a diverse patient population at Heuser. They have also had a great time working with the staff, both at the hearing services center and at the language academy. After graduating, Julia will move to Nashville and begin her career as an audiologist. Beth plans to travel to Japan in the fall before deciding her next steps.

MAY IS BETTER HEARING & SPEECH MONTH

May is a great time to get your hearing checked by a hearing health professional.

Contact HHI at (502) 584-3573 to schedule an appointment.



NEW EARRINGS HELP PATIENTS



Audiologist Joelle Beisel creates special earrings to help the hearing impaired, not only hear better, but look stylish too.

FACTS ABOUT HEARING LOSS

1. Approximately 50 million Americans have hearing loss.
2. Hearing loss, may be caused by noise, heredity, disease, aging, medications, or a combination of these.
3. People with hearing loss are more likely to report symptoms of depression, functional difficulties, dissatisfaction with life, and withdrawal from social activities.
4. Although hearing aids can help most people with hearing loss, four out of five Americans with hearing loss don't wear them.



HEUSER NEWS

UPS KIOSK

HHLA and UPS have partnered to bring better hearing health to UPS employees at the Hurstbourne and AGB locations. The kiosks will be on site for the next few months to ensure better hearing screenings and improved health.



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HEUSER 2017 EVENTS

- May 4th:** Derby in the Park Field Trip
- May 12th:** Special Ladies' Day
- May 12th:** HHLA "Little Red Hen" Movie Premiere
6:00pm | Downtown Campus
- May 19th:** Sunny Acres Farm Field Trip
- May 19th:** The Delta Dental Sound Beginnings Breakfast
8:30am | Downtown Campus
- May 24th:** HHLA Graduation at Downtown Campus
- July 24-28th:** Summer Camp (*Ocean Theme*)