



### WORDS FROM CEO Brett Bachmann



School is now in session! With a new school year upon us, we are quite busy with the hustle and noise of students running in the hallways and music coming from the classrooms. Heuser Hearing & Language Academy (HHLA) has many highlights to celebrate.

We recently partnered with Resound, one of the largest manufacturers of hearing devices in the world, to make new strides in hearing health. All HHLA deaf and hard of hearing students were offered high end hearing aids and FM systems free of charge, allowing our students to have equal access to all curriculums. Our end of the year testing showed amazing progress, which has been shared internationally in countries such as India and Australia. This gift was a result of our ongoing relationship with ReSound, who witnessed first-hand the endearing work that changes lives daily.

There's much news to share from the classrooms. HHLA adopted a new curriculum for 2017. Our HHLA teachers traveled to Atlanta, Georgia to be trained in a specialized Foundation Curriculum for children with hearing loss. The curriculum is now implemented in all classrooms.

Additionally, we now have a two-year waiting list for our hearing peers preschool. This classroom provides hearing 3 and 4 year olds with school readiness and our arts program. It provides our deaf populations with language models while providing the children in the classroom with excellent education. Finally, Heuser Hearing & Language Academy was awarded a prestigious 5 Stars in the state All Star program. This is the highest classroom level that can be awarded in the state of Kentucky.



Let me also welcome our five new teachers to our classrooms. I'm happy that we can provide the best resources to our students and that we continue to grow as a school. Thanks to them and all of our teachers for their hard work and the special talents they bring to the classroom each and every day. And speaking of classrooms, we've just given our lobby, classrooms and hallways a much-needed color coordinated facelift.

Up next, our busy Fall calendar. Along with our many upcoming field trips and school outings, we're busy with events that both promote the school and help grow our fundraising base. We spent our first week of school at the Kentucky State Fair where our audiologists conducted hearing screens on hundreds of attendees. Our third annual "Butterflies in Motion" event will take place this year on Tuesday, October third at the historic Brown Hotel. Special thanks to our supporters who help to make this event so successful that The Voice Tribune called it "The Best Daytime Event in Louisville." I'm always amazed at the talent and imagination of the participants who turn this luncheon into a fun and special event highlighting the school and honoring one of our finest philanthropists, Sug Schusterman, and her efforts to make our school great. And a very special thanks to our committee chairs, Libby Parkinson and Brad Broecker, and our Butterfly Society members who make this event a huge success. This year's event is sure to amaze and features even more auction items and great table decorations. This year's event even rewards the best costumes to go along with the movie themes. Can't wait!

As always, you are invited to join us for a tour, to volunteer, or to attend any of our special events. For more information, please visit [www.thehearinginstitute.org](http://www.thehearinginstitute.org), or call us at 502.584.3573.

My door is always open to you!

*-Brett*



### HAPPY 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL HHLA!

Welcome back to a new school year! As to be expected, the first day of school brought lots of fun, anticipation for some, and a few nervous parents and excited children. All in all, the day was a great start to a new year!



### WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES!

HHLA has grown a bit since last year. Meet our new teachers and staff! Please join me in welcoming them to our team at Heuser Hearing & Language Academy.

- Stacey Chevalier** – HHLA teacher
- Lauren Coleman** – Speech Language Pathologist
- Mike Goetz** – School Coordinator
- Shannon Kisselbaugh** – Director of Philanthropy
- Sharon Krazmien** – Speech Language Pathologist
- Linda Lotspeich** – HHLA teacher
- Katie Telek** – HHLA teacher



### HEUSER HEARING INSTITUTE AT THE STATE FAIR

Our audiologists enjoyed 10 days at this year's state fair where they did thousands of hearing screens to eager fair attendees. Dr. Ingrid Edwards, HHI Clinic Director, says this year was even more fun since "there were many more displays that kept us busier than ever." A special thanks to the Commission for Deaf and Hard of Hearing for partnering with Heuser Hearing Institute. Our collaboration draws a crowd, year after year; so we can highlight hearing health and hearing health services.



### RESEARCH CORNER: ARE YOU CONSERVING YOUR HEARING?

Noise from both work and leisure activities can be damaging to your ears! Sources of damaging noise include, but are not limited to:

- Sporting Events
- Music Concerts
- IPODS & MP3 players
- Lawn Equipment
- Guns
- Home Repair Equipment
- All-Terrain Vehicles & Motorcycles

### 2017 EVENTS

- October 3 | 11:00am**  
Butterflies in Motion Event, Brown Hotel  
Contact Libby Parkinson for more information at [libbyparkinson@aol.com](mailto:libbyparkinson@aol.com).
- October 20** | Field Trip to Gallrein's
- October 27 | 2:30pm**  
Halloween Party, Hosted by Delta Zeta

### SAVE THE DATE!

- November 4 | 10:00am**  
WalkforHearing, Beckley Creek Park
- November 18 | 10:00am-5:00pm**  
Quattrra Jewelry Show, Louisville Boat Club
- November 28 | 10:00am-5:00pm**  
Support HHLA with a gift online on Giving Tuesday

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Dupont Location  
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Louisville, KY 40207

Downtown Campus  
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