2027 TAASLP Executive Committee Nominations

President-Elect

Beth Humphrey, AuD, CCC-A
Beth earned her AuD from UT, Knoxville. After completing her residency at East Tennessee Children's Hospital, she joined the clinical faculty at the UT Health Sciences Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology in 2005, where she now serves as a Clinical Professor. In addition to diagnostic audiology and amplification, her clinical specialties and research interests include cochlear implants, adult auditory rehabilitation, and the social/emotional impacts of hearing loss related to overall mental health.

Vice President for Convention/Continuing Education

Ashley Irick, Speech-Language Pathologist, Clinical Associate Professor, ASHA Certified 2010-present, TN State Licensure 2010-present
Ashley Irick is a Clinical Associate Professor in Speech-Language Pathology at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in the Department of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology. She specializes in Aural Habilitation for children and adults who use hearing aids and cochlear implants, aural/oral communication assessments, cochlear implant evaluations, and family guidance/education. Other areas of expertise include auditory training and auditory processing disorder evaluation and treatment.

Amanda Cox, TAASLP member, Current State of Tennessee SLP License, Current ASHA CCC, Hanen certified, Infant Mental Health Endorsement through AIMHiTN.
Amanda Cox has a background of working in pediatric private practice and school-based services, with a focus on serving autistic individuals and children with genetic and neurogenic diagnoses. She has been an SLP for 16 years. Within that time, she has held supervisory positions in which she supervised multiple Clinical Fellows, liaised with school districts, and led training and development for a private practice consisting of over 100 employees. She joined the Pediatric Language Clinic at UTHSC in 2023 and as a clinical faculty member in 2025. Ms. Cox provides clinical supervision to graduate students through a center-based program for families of children in Tennessee Early Intervention System (TEIS) with early indicators for autism or an autism diagnosis. Her interests include Augmentative & Alternative Communication (AAC), Autism, and Early Intervention.

Vice President of Legislative Affairs

Jennifer Henderson, CCC-SLP licensed by the Board of Health in the state of TN.

Jennifer is a CCC-SLP licensed by the board of health in the state of TN. Jennifer is the current VP of LA and has served as the VP of LA for about 2 years. Jennifer has done an amazing job-sharing legislative information with TAASLP leaders and members. She organizes Day on the Hill and encourages us all to use our voice to advocate for change. Jennifer also collaborates with members of ASHA to gain information and knowledge as well. She collaborates with universities to provide advocacy presentations bringing awareness to students across the state.

Secretary/Treasurer

Andrea Moore, SLP.D, CCC-SLP Licensed in Tennessee, Missouri, Mississippi, California, and Texas

Dr. Andrea Moore received her Bachelor of Science from Delta State University (Cleveland, MS), her Master of Art from The University of Memphis (Memphis, TN), and her Doctorate of Speech-Language Pathology from Nova Southeastern University (Fort Lauderdale, FL). She has worked in a variety of settings, including schools, acute care, and adjunct professorship. She has mentored graduate clinicians and clinical fellows for more than 15 years. She is affectionately called “the child whisperer” for her ability to work with students classified as preverbal or nonverbal.

She is currently an Exceptional Children Specialist for Bartlett City Schools, where she oversees the management and implementation of over 800 IEPs across five of the district’s eleven schools. She is the 2018-2019 Bartlett City Schools Elementary Teacher of the Year. This is the first time this distinction has been given to a speech-language pathologist. Dr. Moore is also an adjunct professor for Our Lady of the Lake University. Dr. Moore is the chair of the Inaugural Board of the Memphis Area Affiliate of the National Black Association of Speech-Language-Hearing (NBASLH) and has been awarded Professional Advocate of the Year for the National Black Association of Speech-Language-Hearing. She also serves as the chair of the locally recognized non-profit Kifani Kids.

Student Delegate

Alexi Draper, USU NSSLHA 2021-2023, USU College of Education and Human Services Council Member 2022-2023, Student Academy of Audiology member 2026, UofM NSSLHA 2026, UofM Doctoral student of Audiology Class of 2030

Lexi Draper is currently a first year doctoral student of audiology at the University of Memphis. She is a dynamic individual who finds passion and purpose in serving others. As a native Utahn she loves being in the sun, riding her road bike, practicing or teaching yoga, and spending time with friends and family. Throughout the past decade Lexi has had the privilege of traveling to various regions of the world and hopes to incorporate international relations and nonprofit work into her clinical practice following completion of her degree. Lexi is bilingual and plans to enter the field of audiology providing services in both English and Spanish. She is committed to providing quality, professional, and caring service to all she encounters from the clinic and classroom to the greater community of Memphis, Tennessee. She is honored be a part of such a dedicated community of professionals.

Kailey Adkisson, CNA & CpHT, BLS, CPR, ETSU Sigma Kappa Standards Council & Fundraising Chair- $20k for Alz Association, study abroad 180 English Morocco, ETSU Rural Education Program Assistant, 20 SLP shadowing hours

I am a student at East Tennessee State University pursuing a degree in Healthcare Administration with a minor in Communication Disorders and Healthcare Foundations on the Speech Language Pathology track. I am passionate about healthcare, service, leadership, and building connections with others. I am a Certified Nursing Assistant, which I work as, and Certified Pharmacy Technician. I am very active in my campus and community serving as a Volunteer Navigator with Access ETSU, supporting students with disabilities, and a member of Sigma Kappa serving as Fundraising Chair for the Alzheimer's Association and member of Standards Council. Service has taken me to volunteer work in New York City with ETSU and a summer study abroad in Morocco, where I taught 180 hours of English to women at Al Amal Association. I have a passion for empowering others and being a friendly smiling face.

Kaitlyn Pfister, Phi Theta Kappa Society, Honors College

Kaitlyn Pfister is an undergraduate Communication Sciences and Disorders student with a 3.8 GPA. She has experience working with children and individuals with communication and developmental needs through both ABA and speech-language pathology settings. Her experiences have strengthened her passion for becoming an SLP and advocating for individuals and families. Kaitlyn is especially interested in child development and language and enjoys gaining hands-on experience in the field. She hopes to become more involved with TAASLP, connect with students and professionals across Tennessee, and represent the student perspective. As Student Delegate, she hopes to encourage student involvement and help students feel more connected to the SLP community.

Ciarah Simmons, Current Tennessee Academy of Audiology (TAA) Student Representative, Bachelor of Arts, The University of Chicago '25

Ciarah Simmons is a rising second-year Doctor of Audiology student at Vanderbilt University and a 2025 graduate from the University of Chicago. She is a passionate and enthusiastic professional with special interests in interdisciplinary collaboration, supporting and advocating for the Deaf community in the U.S., and creating inclusive healthcare experiences rooted in increasing cultural competence and diversity. Ciarah currently serves as the Student Representative for the Tennessee Academy of Audiology (TAA) where she has assisted in reaching out and increasing student involvement across graduate schools in Tennessee. At Vanderbilt, she is involved in a graduate research lab and serves as the secretary for the Organization of Black Graduate and Professional Students (OBGAPS).