

STEVE ACKLEY FUND NEWS

Newsletter from Friends of Steve Ackley Memorial Scholarship Fund

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Cassie Turner received the Steve Ackley Memorial Scholarship Award

Cassie Turner, a rising 2nd year AuD student at Gallaudet University, received this year's recipient of the Steve Ackley Memorial Scholarship Award during Gallaudet University's Graduate School Awards and Hooding Ceremony on May 16, 2019. This is the fourth year in which this award was given, and the largest award yet.

Selection was made by the members of the Gallaudet HSLs Department, after careful evaluation and discussion of Steve's legacy and character. Cassie's name remained at the top of the list as the AuD Program faculty and clinical educators considered several students who exemplify Steve's character.

Cassie arrived at Gallaudet last summer, with an enthusiasm to work with the Deaf community. She is a stellar student and her accomplishments in just a year of being at Gallaudet are many, but her kindness, thoughtfulness, and warmth are truly deserving of Steve's recognition. She has gone above and beyond to help and actively engage with the AuD faculty, her peers, and prospective students, as well as students from other programs on campus.

The Steve Ackley Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 2014 by the Faculty of HSLs Department. With outpouring support and donations from numerous family, friends, former students and colleagues, the Fund raised over \$25,000 in just one year to be fully endowed in Fall 2015, and it continues to grow.



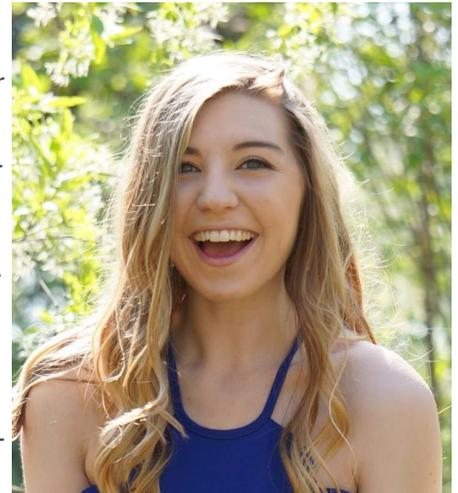
Dr. Steve Ackley was a beloved friend, colleague, and mentor to many. Within HSLs and Gallaudet, Dr. Ackley served in numerous roles, including Audiology Program Director, Department Chair, Faculty Senate representative, and student

organization advisor. His teaching and mentoring was student-centered, focused on life-long learning and humanitarian ideals. With a natural ability to connect with those around him, he often acted as a motivator for other's research and professional development. He is fondly

remembered for his warmth, humor, devotion to his family and to his students, and commitment to audiology and deaf education. *Tax-deductible donation can be made at: www.gallaudet.edu/office-of-development/steven-ackley-memorial-scholarship-fund*

Getting to know Cassie Turner

My name is Cassie Turner and I am a second-year student in Gallaudet University's Doctor of Audiology Program. I am from Richmond Virginia and I received my Bachelor of Science in Education in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology at the University of Virginia. Upon graduation, I



became one of the first University of Virginia students to receive a minor in ASL and Deaf Culture. After becoming involved in the ASL program and Deaf community in Charlottesville, language accessibility for d/Deaf and Hard-of-hearing individuals was something I wanted to advocate for and support. I chose to come to the AuD program at Gallaudet University because it was the only place in the world that could provide me with both clinical and cultural competence in audiology. This summer, in addition to my AuD coursework, I will be starting the Infants, Toddlers, and Families Program which is an interdisciplinary graduate certificate program based upon cultivating leadership, advocacy and collaboration skills in professionals working with d/Deaf and Hard-of-hearing children and their families.

I am incredibly honored to have received the Steve Ackley Memorial Scholarship Fund and am grateful for the generosity of its contributors. While I did not have the pleasure of knowing Dr. Ackley, this is an immense honor. I will do my absolute best to live up to his legacy by furthering his pursuit of life-long learning and advocacy for humanitarian ideals.

Steve Ackley—Memories shared at the 2014 Conference

Dr. Ackley was just and AMAXING person. He had a gift to make everyone feel as if they were his favorite. A quiet individual at times, yet had a profound way of impacting and touch so many!

Krista Roper

Steve gave me the confidence to be the person I am today. I used to think the "important" people in audiology were all of the "BIG" names—what I learned was that you can leave different kinds of legacies. Steve's will last forever.

Anonymous

Some more memories shared at the 2014 Legacy Conference—by the speakers

Steve was quite a purest when it came to his photography, and for a guy that was as technically sophisticated as he was, he was one of the last to get dragged into the whole digital era. I remember he said, finally, I think if Adams had had a digital camera, he probably would have used it. So, he finally did come to the other side.

Jack Roush

One of the favorite connections to him is that I have found that there's a possibility that he and my husband are seventh cousins. Talk about belly laugh, when I told him that, he got such a kick out of that.

Ruth Marin

He had about 12 guinea pig cages in his office. He said can you look in on Johnny while I'm down teaching class, and I said that's fine, no problem. He says he's got his color books in there and he's got some little toys he's playing with and that's okay, so, I didn't think too much about it, kind of looked in on him. I was on my way to supervise a student, and I'm sitting in the sound room, and all of a sudden, something goes across my legs, I was like what? I looked out through the sound room door, and there was a guinea pig hopping in the hallway and Johnny hopping right behind it trying to catch it. It probably took us about three hours to find all the guinea pigs and put them all away.

Bob Traynor

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