Getting Involved in ASHA’s Minority Student Leadership Program

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Minority Student Leadership Program (MSLP) is a leadership development program established for undergraduate seniors, master’s students, AuD students who are enrolled in communication sciences and disorders programs, and PhD students who are pursuing a research doctoral degree. The purpose of the MSLP is

• To recruit and retain racial/ethnic minorities that have been historically under-represented in the professions of audiology and speech-language pathology
• To provide focused educational programming and activities to build and enhance leadership skills
• To provide an understanding of how the association works
• To provide an opportunity for program participants to interact with leaders in the professions of audiology, speech-language pathology, and speech, language, and hearing sciences

Applications typically open in mid-March each year and are due in early May.

Students who receive the award attend the ASHA Convention in mid-November and participate in leadership and development activities before, during, and after Convention. Participants must pay for their travel to the convention city but additional expenses (ASHA Convention registration, five nights lodging, meal stipend, program materials) are paid by MSLP. See http://www.asha.org/Events/convention/Future-Conventions/ for ASHA Convention dates and locations.

An information session will be held on Friday, April 8, noon-1 in Dole 3048. KU PhD student and former MSLP participant Teresa Girolamo will lead the session and is available to answer questions via email at girolamot@ku.edu. Slides from the event will be posted here.

For more information about ASHA’s MSLP, visit http://www.asha.org/Students/MSLP-Award/