

## **ABESPA Board Candidates**

### **District 4 Candidates**

#### **AUD's**

**Kristen DeLauney** is a licensed AUD earning degrees of a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Jacksonville State University, and a Doctorate of Audiology from University of South Alabama. She is employed by Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind with the title of Director of Audiology.

Professional accomplishments: 7+ years experience in pediatric audiology focused in behavioral testing and hearing aid fitting; Organize and direct a summer program providing free speech therapy to children ages 3-18; collaborated to improve access and patient/family experiences for those in Alabama who need or use Cochlear Implants and are covered by AL Medicaid.

Professional Honors: Received Outstanding Doctor of Audiology student award of my graduating class of 2010; Received the ASHA Award for Continuing Education in April 2022. Offices Held and Committee Work: Serve on Board of Directors for the Talladega County Chapter of Easter Seals Alabama; Serve on the Listening & Spoken Language Program committee at the Alabama School for the Deaf; Serve on the Leadership Team for AIDB Health & Clinical Services.

#### **SLP's**

**Lexy Pharr** is a licensed SLP earning degrees of Mississippi University for Women, B.S. , The University of Mississippi, M.S. She is employed by Enhabit Home Health and Hospice with the title of Speech Language Pathologist.

Professional accomplishments: LSVT certified; AmpCare NMES certified; providing treatment for dysphagia and helping patients discontinue PEG tube feedings while increasing PO intake back to a regular diet through NMES

Offices Held and Committee Work: Vice President and secretary of National Student Speech-Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA) as well as Committee member of NSSLHA in undergraduate and graduate school, 150+ community service hours and volunteer at Red Bay Hospital, PRN Speech Language Pathologist at Helen Keller Hospital; PRN SLP at Diversicare Skilled Nursing Facility; PRN SLP at Champion Skilled Nursing Facility; PRN Private Practice SLP; FT SLP at Enhabit Home Health and Hospice

**Stacy DeSilvey** is a licensed SLP earning degrees of Bachelor of Science and Master of Science from the University of Southern Mississippi. She is employed by Cullman City School System with the title of a full time SLP.

Professional accomplishments: Hold a valid AL Teaching Certificate for Special Ed P-12 as well as Speech language impaired; Trained in LANGUAGE! as well as SPEAK OUT!; valid ABESPA state license and ASHA CCCs

Professional Honors: Have training in The Association Method for literacy ed and Childhood Apraxia of Speech; Passionate about integrating literacy into ST services and facilitating functional communication skills in our 'self contained' students' classrooms

**Tracy Bond** is a licensed SLP Earning degrees of EDS in Instructional Technology - University of West Georgia, MA in Speech-Language Pathology - University of Tennessee (Knoxville), BS - Speech and Hearing Science - University of South Alabama. She is employed by All Talk, LLC DBA The SpOT Clinic with the title of CCC-SLP/CEO.

Professional Accomplishments: began a contracting company for schools and other practices needing SLP coverage throughout North AL (12/2018); helped a private practice begin their speech program in conjunction with OT (4/2019); opened first pediatric private practice in Owens Cross Roads, AL for ST and OT (12/2019); added PT services (6/2020); opened second pediatric private practice in Gulf Shores, AL (6/2021); added ABA services to the Gulf Shores clinic (12/21); moved to a new space for ABA in Gulf Shores due to growth (4/2022); opened fourth pediatric private practice in Madison, AL (6/2022)

Professional Honors: Graduated from University of West Georgia summa cum laude (4.0 GPA); graduated from University of Tennessee - Knoxville magna cum laude (3.76 GPA)

Offices Held and Committee Work: Alabama Partnership for Children – Appointed to the Board of Directors by Governor Bob Riley, Speaker of the House Seth Hammett and President Pro Tempore of the Senate Hinton Mitchem

## **District 5 Candidates**

AUD's

**Jan Liles** is a licensed AUD Earning degrees of BS, University of Montevallo; MS, University of Alabama; Au.D University of Florida. She is employed by Alabama Hearing Associates with the title of Audiologist, Co-Owner.

Professional Accomplishments: Employed in ENT practices from 1991-2001; founder and co-owner of Alabama Hearing Associates, a private audiology practice from 2001-present.

Professional Honors: I have not received any professional honors. However, over the past 30 years, I have gained respect and friendship from audiology colleagues across Alabama and the US. My business partner, Dr. Susan Sheehy, and I have built a successful practice with offices in Huntsville and Madison. We are also owners in the Entheos Audiology Cooperative. In 2021, we started a non-profit project called Hearing the Call - Rocket City, to bridge the gap in hearing healthcare for income eligible adults in north Alabama.

Offices Held and Committee Work: Most of my volunteer work has been outside of the audiology field. I have served on various committees at church, including Stewardship, Finance, and

Women's ministry. I was very active in our band parent association when my sons were in high school, serving as Vice President and webmaster. I served on the board of Blount Hospitality House, a home away from home for family members of patients receiving medical care in local hospitals. I currently serve on the board of Steady for Life, a dedicated to providing qualified, caring instructors to teach balance techniques to seniors.

**Amanda Davis** is a licensed AUD earning degrees of Doctorate of Audiology, Au.D., Gallaudet University; Bachelor of Science, B.S., Auburn University. She is employed by Childrens Rehabilitation Service with the title of Vendor Pediatric Audiologist.

Professional Accomplishments: Community presentations; Sertoma Club Huntsville president; Community preschool hearing screenings; Beginner American Sign Language class instructor; Youth Villages mentor; Special Olympics Healthy Hearing volunteer, trained as coordinator.

Professional Honors: ABA certified

Offices Held and Committee Work: President- Huntsville Sertoma Club (Service to Mankind-focus on hearing); Audiology Student Preceptor; CRS Quality Assurance Committee; Staff audiologist for two clinics serving 11 counties, coordinating care with physicians, specialists, schools, cochlear implant teams, Alabama Institute of Deaf and Blind, and participating on multidisciplinary teams such as Cleft Palate Clinic and ENT clinic.

SLP's

**Christie Wilson** is a licensed SLP earning degrees of BS EH from University of Alabama: MS CSD Alabama A&M. She is employed by Encore Rehabilitation affiliated with Dekalb Regional Hospital with the title of Speech Language Pathologist and Assistant Rehab Director.

Professional Accomplishments: ASD-CS (Autism Spectrum Disorder-Clinical Specialist); Head SLP at hospital; Aided in Stroke Accreditation for Dekalb Regional Hospital; Certified Stroke Clinician; Established a triple check system with arm bands to make sure each patient at the hospital receives the correct diet;

Professional Honors: Guest Speaker for Alabama A&M Graduate Dept; Clinical Supervisor at Alabama A&M; Special recognition from joint commission for establishing the bracelet check and balance system at our hospital;

Offices Held and Committee Work: Head SLP; Assistant Rehab Director; Stroke Team;

**Shermetra Payton** is a licensed SLP earning degrees of Bachelor Degree in Psychology (Honors Program)- University of Alabama at Birmingham; Master Degree in Communication Disorders- Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center. She is employed by Alliance for Speech and Swallowing Rehabilitation with the title of Speech Language Pathologist, Chief Executive Director.

Professional Accomplishments: Advocated for and help establish the fiberoptic endoscopic evaluation of swallowing (FEES) program at Huntsville Hospital; Received training to develop a laryngectomy management program at Huntsville Hospital; Member of the Parkinson's Care Clinic interdisciplinary team at Huntsville Hospital; Participated in Allied Interdisciplinary Team and Advanced Team Training through the

Parkinson's Foundation; Wrote and received four grants (2018, 2019, 2020, 2022) from the Parkinson Voice Project; Subject Matter Expert & Super User for new EHR at Huntsville Hospital; Instrumental in growing the outpatient speech therapy department at Huntsville Hospital from 2004-2020. Started a private practice in 2020, Alliance for Speech and Swallowing Rehabilitation.

Professional Honors: American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) Award for Continuing Education (ACE)- multiple awards

**Lauren Watwood** is a licensed SLP earning degrees of Masters of Communicative Sciences and Disorders- Alabama A&M University; B.A. Communicative Sciences and Disorders- Alabama A&M University. She is employed by spOT Clinic with the title of Speech Therapist.

Professional Accomplishments: ASHA certified

Professional Honors: Magna Cum Laude

Offices Held and Committee Work: NSSLHA Chapter Secretary 2017-2019; Student State Officer for Alabama- National NSSLHA 2018-2019