

SIUC Communication Disorders and Sciences Program: Promoting Auditory Health and Hearing Loss Prevention

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- **The Big Issue: About 40 million U.S. adults ages 20-69 years old have noise-induced hearing loss.**
- Goal: Positively impact public awareness on the importance of hearing protection and hearing loss prevention
- Goal: Provide hands-on audiology experience to students in the Communication Disorders and Sciences Program

Audiology Awareness/Protect Your Hearing Month Project

- NSSLHA sponsored
- Provided 190 hearing protection/noise reduction plugs on the SIU campus
- Conducted free hearing screenings for 40 individuals at Morris library and the SIU Clinical Center

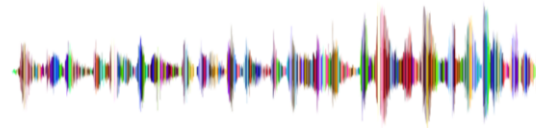


Spreading the word on WSIU...

WSIU InFocus

WSIU InFocus: Hearing Protection Events at SIUC

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WSIU's Jennifer Fuller talks with Chandra Gilliam of SIUC's National Student Speech Language Hearing Association and Audiology Instructor Atheana Meadows about hearing protection, and events going on to screen and protect students' hearing.

...and through Saluki Spirit Newsletter



Recognized in National NSSLHA newsletter

On the Community

Check out what we spied on the [NSSLHA Members Community](#) . . .



Protecting Those Ears

The members at the **Southern Illinois University** chapter held a Protect Your Hearing/Audiology Awareness event in October. During the 2-day event, they handed out 190 noise-reduction earplugs and completed 40 hearing screenings. To help raise awareness, they even participated in an on-air interview at the university's radio station. Way to be heard, team!

The Impact

- Identified 11 individuals in the community who need further testing
- Provided additional hearing screenings by request from the SIU Child Developmental Lab Pre-K students
- Created hands-on opportunity for undergraduate CDS students

Looking Forward...

- New special topics course CDS485 will provide undergraduate students with community outreach experience doing hearing screenings and auditory processing assessments.