

SCSD receives grant from Parkinson Voice Project

To offer speech therapy program in the Michiana area

PARKINSON VOICE PROJECT, A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has named the Andrews University School of Communication Sciences & Disorders (SCSD) as a recipient of its 2019 SPEAK OUT![®] & LOUD Crowd[®] Grant Program.

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caused by swallowing issues accounts for 70 percent of the mortality rate in this patient population. Awarding these grants has substantially increased access to quality speech treatment to those living with Parkinson’s,” said Parkinson Voice Project’s founder and chief executive officer, Samantha Elandary, MA, CCC-SLP.

The SCSD clinic is committed to offering Parkinson Voice Project’s speech therapy program in the Michiana area. SPEAK OUT![®] consists of individual speech therapy conducted by a speech-language pathologist. Together, the patient and clinician work their way through a series of speech, voice and cognitive exercises outlined in a workbook.

The LOUD Crowd[®] consists of weekly speech therapy sessions and provides camaraderie, support and encouragement for this patient population battling a progressive, degenerative condition. Participants determined to be appropriate candidates for the SPEAK OUT![®] program will participate in 12 intensive voice therapy sessions on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays for four consecutive weeks. Upon graduation from the program, participants are encouraged to attend the weekly LOUD Crowd[®] voice maintenance program. Graduates who participate in The LOUD Crowd[®] program and are consistently implementing the daily home program will be eligible for participation in the SING OUT[®] Parkinson’s



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chorus which is scheduled to begin this fall.

“The ultimate goal and my hope for this program is that Michiana area people with Parkinson’s will be able to use the intensive speech therapy and resources available to us through the Parkinson Voice Project grant to preserve and maintain their vocal quality and swallowing abilities. I want them to feel confident when speaking and be able to maintain the joy that comes with communicating, socializing and eating,” says Jenica Joseph, MS, CCC-SLP, assistant professor of speech-language pathology.

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THE NINTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE, TITLED “Leadership, Organizational Culture & Innovation,” was planned in partnership with Spectrum Health Lakeland and took place in Newbold Auditorium on July 22, 2019. Following the conference, there was a participant roundtable from July 23–25, as well as a banquet to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the leadership program.

Keynote speakers for the event were Jeff Reuschel, global director of Design & Innovation at Haworth, Inc.; Jeremiah Lee, senior consultant, Leadership, Culture & Innovation with Spencer Stuart; and Haijie Ding, senior associate and director of analytics at Spencer Stuart.

Reuschel opened the morning with a presentation emphasizing the importance of utilizing the strengths of a team, saying,

“Innovation is not about hierarchy, it’s about what you’re good at.”

Lee noted how common it is to have gaps between executives and everyone else in the company—in pay and in power. He said, “I was always skeptical because I grew up believing in the power of teams for problem-solving.” He added that in a team environment, there is value in different perspectives but said, “In order to maximize the value of diverse perspectives, you have to have sufficient trust in the environment.”

Ding found value in looking at each person on his team and how their skillsets fit together. He uses an algorithm that he created, Organizational Network Analysis. He said the process is challenging but added, “Learn with each other and enjoy.”

Following an interactive question and



answer session, participants had the opportunity to attend breakout sessions.

“We’re very excited to have hosted our participants, sponsors, partners, campus and community for our 9th annual Leadership Conference,” says Jay Brand, professor of leadership and higher education. “I’m confident that our speakers offered practical ways for leaders to enhance strategy and improve their teams and organizations—especially in regard to innovation.”

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