



WORDS FROM CEO Brett Bachmann



As this message goes out, school is already in summer recess! I am always amazed just how quickly the school year rolls by and just how fast we transition into the next year.

Amazingly, we managed to put on several back-to-back events and even our annual graduation ceremonies. We just wrapped up our first ever movie event, *The Little Red Hen*. Thanks to our teachers, Debbie Woods, Education Director, art therapist, Jill Hedges, our students and families for putting on this fantastic show. It was a spectacular event! Thanks also to our arts partners – Fund For The Arts, Kosair Charities, The Norton Foundation, Louisville Ballet, JCPS, Louisville Orchestra, The Commonwealth Theatre Center and all of you who attended. Finally our Sound Beginnings Breakfast on May 19th featured Broadway star and former HHLA student Sandra Mae Frank.

Congratulations to our 10 graduates who graduated on May 24th. Unfortunately rain prevented us from our honored tradition of watching as each student releases a live butterfly symbolizing their transition from our school into the real world. Nonetheless the symbolism remained as we released our ten graduates into a new world of the exciting schools they will each attend in the fall. There aren't enough words to express the emotion I have felt as I watched them grow up and become increasingly independent during their short time at our school. We will miss them so!

We will spend all summer busily preparing for the Fall – teachers clean out their classrooms, only to restock them again. We will sweep and mop the hallways, spruce up the surroundings to make ready for our new, eager little ones, anxious to begin their studies.

But as we slow down a bit, we are still very busy. Our hearing clinic continues in summer to provide excellent health expertise to our patients throughout the year. Please be on the lookout as we get the word out in the community by hosting hearing health fairs and our services to new audiences.

During the summer we host our annual HHLA camp July 24-28 for our students and their siblings at our downtown location. I hope you sign up your students for what's sure to be a fun time for children. For more information, contact Katie Fromholt at 502.584-3573.

Finally, as the summer heats up, stay tuned for our annual Alumni Day in August – date to be determined. In the meantime, enjoy your summer, have lots of fun, and stay cool!

-Brett



“LITTLE RED HEN” PREMIERE IS A HUGE SUCCESS

Heuser Hearing & Language Academy presented its movie premiere, *The Little Red Hen*, on Friday, May 12 complete with a red carpet, paparazzi and popcorn. This festive event brought out the best in our teachers, who wrote, directed and designed the sets. Thanks to the students in Ms. Mindy's class, Ms. Elyse's class, Ms. Sydney's class, Ms. Tracey's class, Ms. Katie's class, Ms. Nikki's class and Ms. Dorie's class – for being the stars of the movie and putting on a great show! Special thanks also to Debbie Woods, Education Director, guest musician, Jim Smoak, and Jill Hedges, Art Therapist for all their hard work creating this one-of-a-kind event!



SOUND BEGINNINGS BREAKFAST

The HHI annual Sound Beginnings Breakfast on May 19th was a success! The event was hosted by former HHLA mother, current board member, and WAVE 3 anchor, Shannon Cogan and featured Broadway star of “Spring Awakenings,” and past HHLA student, Sandra Mae Frank. Frank, who is deaf, returned home to host the breakfast, delivering her speech in sign language with an interpreter. She spoke of how her journey has inspired her to speak out about hearing loss, noting how she gets positive feedback from parents of deaf children across the country. Thanks to everyone who attended the breakfast – your support is key to our success!

STAFF PROFILE Angie Beach, Clinical Audiologist

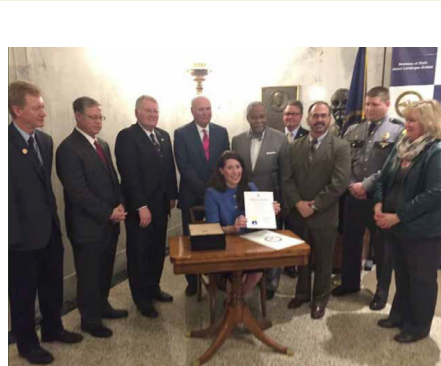


Angie Beach has been a clinical audiologist at Heuser Hearing Institute (HHI) for 11 years. A native of Paoli, Indiana, Angie earned a BS in Speech & Hearing Services from Purdue University, her MS in Audiology from the University of Louisville and her Doctorate in Audiology from AT Still University (Missouri). She says she knew she wanted to be an audiologist as a freshman at Purdue.

Heuser makes Angie feel a part of a family. She likes being part of a team working side by side with colleagues in different specialties. “There are very few clinics that cover as many specialties as we do and being able to work on comprehensive patient care of the whole auditory system is rewarding,” says Angie.

In her spare time Angie is the mother of a 3-year old daughter, Skylar who keeps her busy with “mom stuff” like puppies, butterflies, planting flowers and naturally Mickey Mouse. “My hobbies are whatever Skylar is into at the moment,” she adds.

HEARING PATIENT GOES TO FRANKFORT

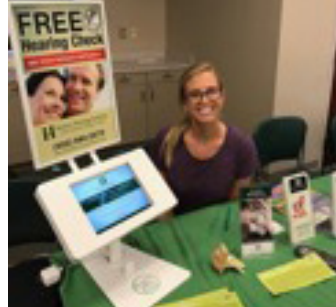


HHI patient, Robert D'Angelo, went before the state legislature and got a bill approved allowing Kentucky deaf and hard of hearing drivers the option of putting a notation in their driving record to state their deaf and hard of hearing condition. It is completely voluntary and alerts police officers and state troopers this information when interacting with drivers. Robert (standing on the right) is pictured here with KY Secretary of State Allison Grimes and members of Kentucky State Senate and Congress.

HHLA RECEIVES 5-STAR CERTIFICATION



HHLA AUDIOLOGISTS ATTEND HEARING FAIR



On May 22, audiologists Brandi McGraw and Nick Leahy represented Heuser Hearing Institute at the Hearing Loss of America's hearing fair at the Nelson County Public Library in Bardstown, Kentucky. Over 100 people attended this free event and received valuable hearing screens, help with financing hearing aids and tips for better hearing health.

HHLA SUMMER CAMP

Calling all Campers! Join us for our annual Heuser Hearing & Language Academy Summer Camp July 24-28 – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at HHLA's downtown location (117 E. Kentucky Street). Camp is for current HHLA students and their siblings ages 3-7 years and features arts and crafts, music and more.

For more information, contact HHLA instructor Katie Fromholt at kathryn.fromholt@jefferson.kyschools.us, or at 502.636.2084 ext. 378.



CONGRATULATIONS HHLA GRADUATES

We are so proud of our Class of 2017! Congratulations to our butterflies as they go on their way to new adventures! We will miss their delightful faces and joyous laughter in our classrooms and throughout the hallways.

Grace Brauch
Kameyn Furaha
Kameryn Hayden
Jackson Kitts
Sam Paige

Kya Charles
Javier Gonzalez-Zavala
Michael Horton
Robert Krambuhl
Mia Ransdell

Also, congratulations to retiree Cheryl Esters, a social worker for 32 years with JCPS. She received special recognition from Heuser Hearing during graduation.



HEUSER NEWS

Welcome new HHI Summer Interns!

During the summer we will host two summer interns – Megan Nash, Au.D. Student from the University of Indiana University - Bloomington and Alan Kunz, who is returning home to Louisville to complete his Au.D. from The University of Nebraska-Lincoln. We hope they enjoy learning from our highly skilled audiologists and staff! Welcome!!

HEUSER 2017 EVENTS

July 24-28th:

Summer Camp (*Ocean Theme*)

Lyndon Location
417 Benjamin Lane
Louisville, KY 40222

Dupont Location | 502-584-3573
3900 Dupont Square South, Suite D
Louisville, KY 40207

Downtown Campus
111-117 East Kentucky St.
Louisville, KY 40203