



## HAVE YOU HEARD OF ASHA NSSLHA?

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) and the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA) are your resources to the professions of audiology & speech-language pathology.

ASHA is the professional, scientific, and credentialing association for 135,000 members and affiliates who are speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and speech, language, and hearing scientists in the United States and internationally.

NSSLHA is the pre-professional association for 12,000 graduate and undergraduate students interested in the study of communication sciences and disorders.

With the popularity of Ipods and other personal listening devices the topic of hearing conservation brings about a good debate among the professionals that treat hearing disorders. ASHA and NSSLHA are interested to hear from students on the issue and giving a few HOSA members the opportunity to share their message with the world.

ASHA and NSSLHA will reward the selected speakers of the "Prevent Hearing Loss" Researched Persuasive Speaking event with the opportunity to serve as national spokespersons for the prevention of hearing loss among their peers. As spokespersons the students will participate in selected events and be interviewed by local and national media for their opinions on hearing conservation. Podcasts of the speaking event will be available on the association's Web sites and You Tube page. The winning student speakers will also receive complimentary registration, accommodations, and transportation to attend the ASHA Convention in New Orleans, LA, November 19 – 21, 2009 to be acknowledged for their research on the subject

HOSA members participating in the Researched Persuasive Speaking event who selected the topic "Prevent Hearing Loss: The Government Should Regulate Volume on Personal Audio Devices" can visit the Web sites of ASHA [<http://www.asha.org>] and NSSLHA [<http://www.nsslha.org>] to access Podcasts [<http://www.asha.org/podcast/>] and other helpful links on the topic:

A Noisy Planet [<http://www.noisyplanet.nidcd.nih.gov/>]  
Turn Down the Volume [<http://www.asha.org/about/news/atitbtot/>]  
Listen to your Buds [<http://www.listentoyourbuds.org/>]

We believe that the future of communication sciences begins with HOSA. Students interested in receiving more information about careers in audiology and speech-language pathology should visit the STUDENT page of the ASHA Web site. [<http://asha.org/students/>]

