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Kristopher Cleary Appointed to Regional Councilor Position for the National Student Speech-Language Hearing Association

Mays Landing Resident, Stockton Student to Assume Leadership Role

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Galloway Township, NJ- Just after receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology last month from The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, Kristopher Cleary was appointed to the position of Region V Regional Councilor for the National Student Speech-Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA).

Founded in 1972, NSSLHA is the only official national student association recognized by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) for graduate and undergraduate students studying human communication. Dr. Amy Hadley, associate professor of speech pathology and audiology, is the faculty advisor for the Stockton chapter of NSSLHA, which is one of more than 300 college and university chapters. With all of its chapters, NSSLHA has approximately 13,000 members.

Dr. Hadley, Cleary's professor and preceptor, said, "Last year Kristopher was the president of the Stockton chapter of the National Student Speech-Language Hearing Association. As my research assistant, he participated in a program in which Stockton students helped to strengthen the vocabulary skills of students at the Charles L. Spragg School in Egg Harbor City. Kris's leadership initiatives make him a very deserving recipient for this position."

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Cleary, a resident of Mays Landing, will be a member of the second cohort of Stockton's Master of Science in Communication Disorders (MSCD) program in the fall.

In the spring of 2012, Cleary organized a bus trip for Stockton students to visit the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) headquarters in Washington, D.C. These Stockton students were the first students ever to visit ASHA, where they had the opportunity to meet and learn from professionals in the field.

Cleary also facilitated a walkathon on campus for the Thyroid, Head & Neck Cancer (THANC) Foundation.

As regional councilor, Cleary will travel to attend NSSLHA meetings, and in November he will attend the American Speech-Language Hearing Association Annual Convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

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