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"I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're doing something." – Neil Gaiman

SAVE THE DATE



SPRING 2026 CONVENTION

Saturday,
April 11

Topic:
Neurogenic
Communication
Disorders

Online only

More info to come

NMSHA Day at the Legislature Friday, February 6 at 8:30 am

All are welcome to advocate for our profession! There is power in numbers!



Details TBD. Meet at the large patio in front of the capitol building in Santa Fe.

NMSHA ADVOCACY UPDATES

GO TO [ASHA.ORG](https://www.asha.org) FOR MOST RECENT INFORMATION

SLPA UPDATE: UPDATED BILL SUBMITTED TO THE LOBBYISTS AND THE BILL DRAFTER. AFTER THIS IS COMPLETED, IT WILL BE PREFILLED AND WE HOPE TO HEAR IT DURING THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

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FALL 2025 CONVENTION RECAP: "TECHNOLOGY IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE"

The first hybrid NMSHA Convention was held on October 3-4, 2025, at Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU), Portales. NMSHA expresses heartfelt gratitude to ENMU and local businesses such as Comfort Inn and Enchantment Vineyards for their support in hosting the convention. The convention had eighteen oral sessions including the Lobbyists' report, two poster presentations, the Knowledge Bowl, and the NMSHA Board meeting. There were a total of 98 in-person and online attendees which included students, members, non-members, and vendors. At the NMSHA Board Meeting, Andrea Martinez Fisher and Celestina Martinez were awarded the Fellowship of the Association. The Knowledge Bowl was won by 501 Squad (Amber Gonen, Amy Summerlin & Eli Terry), a team from ENMU. The vendor scavenger hunt was won by Sherri Hall and Dwayne Wilkerson.

At the convention, some attendees inquired about the decision to host the convention in Portales rather than in a larger city such as Albuquerque or Las Cruces. The primary consideration was cost-effectiveness. In the past, hosting the convention in locations such as Sheraton, Albuquerque, led to large expenses which NMSHA was no longer able to bear. Holding the convention at ENMU enabled NMSHA to significantly reduce expenses, which in turn allowed the organization to improve its financial position. This prudent use of resources will support our ability to keep the registration fees low and offer modest honoraria to select speakers in the future years. Please take this [New Mexico Speech Language Hearing Association Fall 2026 Convention - Location Survey](#) to provide your input.



SCHOOL SLP

First Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm

SOCIAL HOURS via Zoom

Register here:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/GntOnQHESpGQgyhwNjR6Gw#/registration>

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**CALLING ALL MEMBERS:
WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!
IF THERES ANY QUESTIONS/CONCERNS/IDEAS YOU
HAVE FOR OUR ORGANIZATION, PLEASE REACH OUT!**

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