

The SLHS



Student Voice

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Mark your calendars



- ❑ September 13: NSSLHA call out meeting at Morrison Hall Rm 007, 7pm
- ❑ September 16: Student Advisory Board call out meeting at Morrison Hall Rm 112, 5pm
- ❑ September 23: Undergraduate Open House at the Regional Academic Health Center, 4-5:30pm
- ❑ October 1: Undergraduate Honors Q&A at Morrison Hall 112, time TBD

Welcome Letter from the SLHS Director of Undergraduate Studies

A warm welcome back to all our returning students for the 2021-22 academic year! For those of you who are new to the Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences, we are delighted to have you join us. We are especially excited to return to in-person learning as we focus on providing you with a rich and engaging educational experience. All of us are buoyed by campus-wide efforts to keep everyone healthy and safe during these challenging times. Thank you for protecting yourself as well as your classmates, our campus, and the Bloomington community at-large.

I want to take this opportunity to share with you some updates from our department and to highlight several exciting new opportunities. First, you may be aware that the department has recently introduced a new 4-credit hour gateway course, SLHS-S104, *Human Communication and Disorders*, which combines the best of S106 and S108 into one general introduction to the field. You also may have heard that the department now offers a 15-credit minor in American Sign Language, with priority given to SLHS majors. More about this wonderful opportunity will be featured in the next edition of the Student Voice newsletter.

But probably the biggest news of the year is that the SLHS Department is now located at the new Regional Academic Health Center (RAHC) near Ind. 45/46 Bypass and East Ind. 45 (10th Street). Faculty offices, research laboratories, the speech and hearing clinics, as well as the preschool are located there, along with classrooms for students in our graduate programs. To introduce you to this exciting new facility, we cordially invite you to an **Undergraduate Open House** on September 23rd from 4:00 to 5:30 pm. In the pages below, read more about the open house event, call-out meetings, informational sessions, and where SLHS majors can hang out on campus and meet with their instructors during office hours.

I want to close this letter by encouraging you to take advantage of the numerous opportunities outside the classroom that the department has to offer, such as hands-on clinical practice, teaching assistantships, laboratory-based research, education abroad experiences, and student leadership roles. Joining professional organizations such as NSSHLA and the Student Academy of Audiology, or becoming a member of the ASL Club, Student Advisory Board, or Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion are valuable ways to become involved in smaller, more engaged communities within the department. Finally, this Student Voice newsletter is written by and for students like yourself. I invite you to explore how *your* voice can truly make a difference.

Wishing you all the best for a successful and rewarding year ahead!

Dr. Lisa Gershkoff



Welcome Home!

Kristen Simons & Hannah Brownd

The Regional Academic Health Center, or RAHC, is the new home of the Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences Department located near the 45/46 bypass.

The department moved to the new building in January 2021. It features spacious classrooms, state-of-the-art facilities, and cutting-edge technology.

The RAHC houses IU's MA, AuD, and PhD programs. Additionally, the SLHS Department works alongside people in other health-related fields, including nursing, medicine, and social work.

Undergraduate students may also have reason to visit the RAHC, working alongside faculty in one of the department's collaborative research labs (see page 5), observing children in the preschool, or studying in one of the cozy study areas. Students are encouraged to seek out opportunities at the RAHC to learn and advance their knowledge in their chosen field.

Address:
IU Health Sciences Building
2631 East Discovery Parkway
Bloomington, IN 47408

Undergraduate Open House Come see the RAHC for Yourself!

Join the Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences Department on Thursday September 23rd from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the RAHC for the Undergraduate Open House.

Stop by and enjoy a tasty Rasta pop before touring the new SLHS home. Students can visit the clinic, classrooms, research labs, and preschool sensory garden. There will be tables set up for students to get information about professional organizations like NSSLHA and the MA Speech-Language Program at IU.

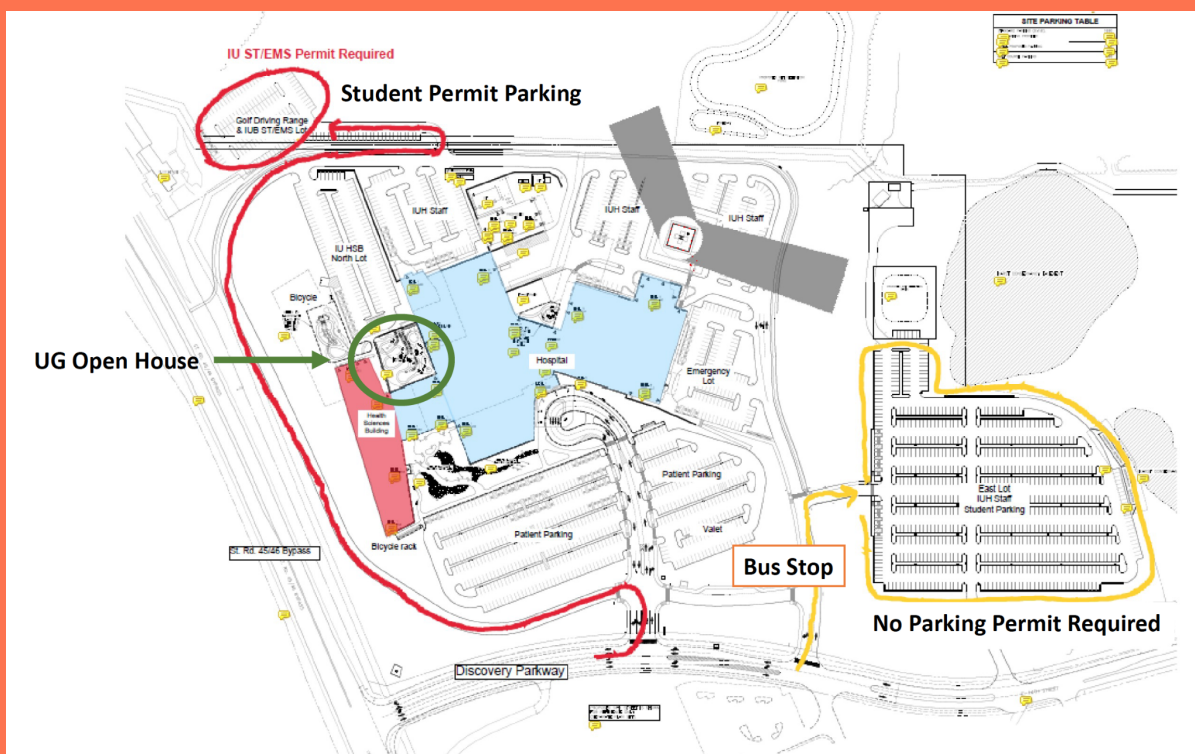
How to get to the RAHC

There are two ways to get to the RAHC: Students can take the E bus route using IU's campus bus service or they can drive. Check out the E bus schedule here:

<https://iubus.indiana.edu/schedules/eroute/index.html>

For students taking the bus to the RAHC, you will need to walk through the parking lot in the front of the hospital or along the street in the back of the building to reach the location of the Open House (circled in green). There are also signs if students enter through the lower level front doors, with arrows showing where the clinic is located.

For students who drive, there are two different lots to park in: the North lot and the East lot. The North lot requires a valid IU permit, which you can purchase through IU Parking Operations. The East lot does not require a permit, however, there is about a 10 minute walk to the outside entrance to the SLHS Department, where the Open House will be held (circled in green).



Red - North Lot: IU ST/EMS permit required

Yellow - East Lot: IU Health staff and student parking – no permit required

Get Involved in Research at the RAHC

Hadley Hagerty

Our professors are always looking for excited students to volunteer in one of the many speech, language, and hearing labs located at the RAHC. This is a great way to get more involved at IU, gain a greater understanding of our field, and get hands-on experience working as a research assistant.

Want to gain experience in audiology? The Hearing Science Laboratory has Dr. Lentz's Auditory Perception Lab, and Dr. Shofner and Dr. Withnell's Auditory and Physiology Lab.

If your field of interest is speech or language, there are several collaborative research labs to get involved in. The Voice and Speech Production Laboratory houses Dr. Lulich's Speech Production Laboratory and Dr. Patel's Voice Physiology and Imaging Lab. The Developmental Speech and Language Laboratory also has many opportunities to get involved in. This collaborative lab houses Dr. J. Anderson's Speech Disfluency Lab, Dr. Gangopadhyay's Language Experience and Multilingualism Research Lab, and Dr. Gershkoff's Baby Language lab.

Finally, the Speech Language and Lifespan Laboratory includes Dr. Bent's Speech Perception Lab, Dr. R. Anderson's Bilingual Language Lab, and Dr. Stark's Neural Research lab. No matter where your interests lie, there is sure to be a lab that suits you.

For more information about each lab, and for contact information to reach out and join, visit:

<https://sphs.indiana.edu/research/department-labs/>

New SLHS Campus Location at Morrison Hall

Carlee Anderson & Lauren Ross



After our recent move to the RAHC, Morrison Hall has become our new undergraduate home on campus. The building offers a convenient location for professors to hold office hours, and a space where students can engage with one another. Below are frequently asked questions and answers about our new location.

FAQs

Where will professors hold their office hours?

Your professor may decide to hold face-to-face office hours in room 209 in Morrison Hall. This room is shared by multiple instructors, whose schedules are posted outside the door. Be sure to check with your professor to confirm this arrangement.

Where in Morrison hall can I meet with my peers?

While still a work-in-progress, room 211 has been set aside for SLHS undergraduates to serve as a work and lounge area where they can work collaboratively with their peers. Presently there are multiple desks and chairs to sit in; however, the department is working on moving in a large conference table, and some comfortable chairs to serve as a meeting place for student organizations. Pictures, a whiteboard, and coat rack are also coming!

Is there anything else I should know about Morrison Hall?

Yes! The SLHS Department also has a small classroom located on the first floor of the building in room 112. This space can be reserved for student meetings -- contact Dr. Gershkoff to make arrangements, as the door is locked when not in use. Professors may also reserve this space to proctor exams, hold meetings with groups of students, or teach a small seminar.