

Barone receives national scholarship

Nicholas A. Barone, of Dallas, a speech-language pathology (SLP) graduate student at Misericordia University, was awarded one of 12 prestigious national scholarships by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation at the annual Founders Breakfast in San Diego, Calif.

The ASH Foundation scholarship is the second significant award Barone has received in 2011. He was awarded the 2011 Von Drach Memorial Scholarship by the Pennsylvania Speech-Language-Hearing Association (PSHA) at the 52nd annual convention in Pittsburgh in April.

As part of the ASH Foundation competition, students had to complete an application, write an essay and also obtain reference letters. At Misericordia University, Barone is known as an exceptional student who performs in the top 1 percent of his class in academics and clinical coursework.

Barone has maintained a 4.0 grade point average at Misericordia University and has conducted research on fluency disorders, autism, stuttering, cluttering and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder with Kathleen Scaler Scott, Ph.D., C.C.C.-SLP, an assistant professor of SLP at Misericordia University.

Together, Dr. Scaler Scott and Barone have presented their research findings in poster presentations at the 2010 and 2011 PSHA conferences, and they co-delivered a lecture on linking disinhibition to disfluency at the 2010 American Speech-Language-Hearing Association National Convention (ASHA).

Barone also explored the benefits and limitations of YouTube in the context of telerehabilitation with Hunter Manasco, Ph.D., C.C.C.-SLP, an assistant professor of SLP at Misericordia University. Their research was later published in the fall 2010 issue of the International Journal of Telerehabilitation. Barone was listed as the second author.

His second graduate assistantship in the MU program required him to work extensively with Glen Tellis, Ph.D., C.C.C.-SLP, professor and chair of the SLP Program at Misericordia University. They worked on a survey to



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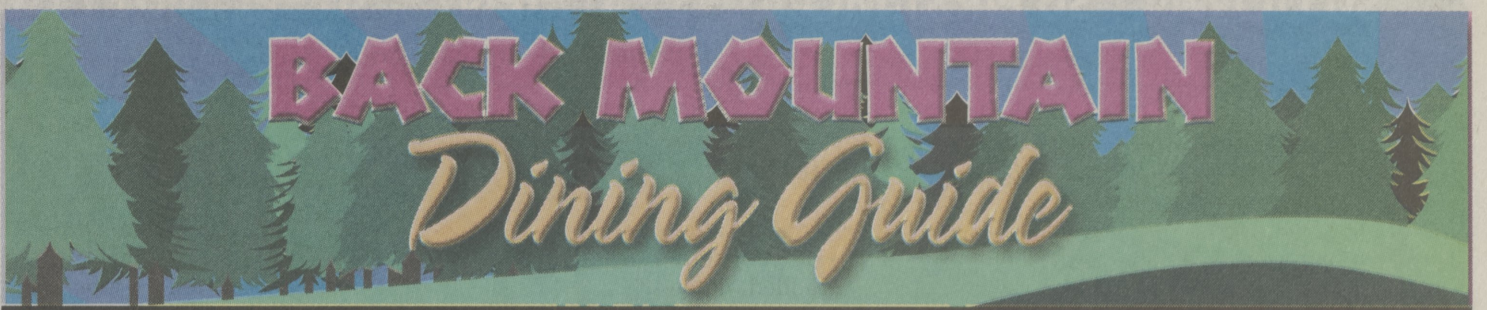
help in the development of strategies on how to deal with bullying for teens who stutter. Barone also compiled and analyzed results of a nationwide study on how prepared clinicians are to treat stuttering and participated in a joint study with the University of Pennsylvania using diffuse correlation spectroscopy to measure cortical blood flow in people who stutter. He assisted in a recent peer-reviewed publication for this study.

Barone recently completed his graduate thesis under the mentorship of Cari Tellis, Ph.D., C.C.C.-SLP, an assistant professor in the SLP Department at Misericordia. The focus of his thesis is determining normative values for the true vocal-folds body cover conditions to aid in defining perceptual voice quality measures in typical speakers and people with voice disorders. He recently presented his research as well as other studies he has conducted with Dr. Cari Tellis at the World Voice Symposium in Rome, Italy.

Barone will receive his Master of Science degree in SLP from Misericordia University at the inaugural mid-year commencement ceremony in December. He recently completed two fieldwork placements in the Otolaryngology Department at Johns Hopkins Rehabilitation Hospital in Baltimore, Md., and at the Dallas School District.

Barone plans to pursue his Ph.D. in voice disorders upon graduation from Misericordia University.

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