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A Newsletter for the SER-AMTA Student Organization

A Note from our President...

Hello everybody!

SER-AMTAS accomplished so much last year, and I am looking forward to seeing this year be just as productive. The projects for 2009-2010 were completed in March, 2010. The projects included the distribution of student-friendly flyers describing the benefits of AMTA membership and a t-shirt fundraiser to aid Haiti. The fundraiser raised \$195, which was matched by SER-AMTA to make a total of \$390 donated to the organization Music for Relief. Yay! The SER-AMTAS officers have already been working hard to make this year even better. We are in the process of compiling a complete and updated school contact list that can be posted on our website, and creating a blog where we can share our stories and ideas. Please, don't hesitate to let me know if you have any ideas for projects or ways to improve our organization. I can't wait to read about what each school has been up to!

Last spring's conference was an amazing success, with the students outnumbering the professionals in attendance! We had some amazing student presenters including the music therapy students from University of Georgia, and Emily Gill from Converse College. I hope to see even more students applying to present at the next regional conference in Spartanburg, SC. We also offered a panel discussion on what students should expect from their internship. It received awesome feedback, and we intend to offer the internship panel again at the next conference. I can't wait to see everyone in Spartanburg, SC in the spring!

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to email me at amtas.ser@gmail.com. This should be a great year!

Respectfully,

Stefanie Maldonado

SER-AMTAS President

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A Note from our President-Elect...

Hello everyone! It is my pleasure to share with all of you how excited I am to representing this wonderful region as President-elect this year. I have been incredibly encouraged by the hard work the 2009-2010 officers have put into this organization and the hard work that Stefanie continues to do. In the past several months the officers have brainstormed on different ways in which we can better communicate with each of you and we have decided to start a blog. The blog will be a quick way to shoot you guys information as well as a forum for open discussion about music therapy.

In December the blog will be hosting and activity swap in which anyone will be able to post activity ideas, videos, or even questions. This should be a great opportunity for each us to share a bit about our own experiences and really build a great community of future colleagues. Stefanie and I will also be keeping you guys updated on what exactly is going on at National Conference in regard to the SER-AMTAS via the blog so check it out!

I look forward to hearing from, meeting, and working with all of you over the next year.

Matt Whitaker

President-Elect, SER-AMTAS

Our New Blog

www.seramtas.wordpress.com

Check it out!

Southeastern Region of the American Music Therapy Association Students

*Your quick link to news, events, and
educational materials from students
just like you!*



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School Updates...

Appalachian State University

We're really excited that the weather has been cooperating enough to let us have regular meetings this year! Last week we had a rousing success at our bi-annual bake sale fundraiser - we met many new students that hadn't ever heard of music therapy. We're planning a morning to lend a hand at the local Habitat for Humanity operation, and will also be holding our traditional "Open Mic" nights

at a couple of local coffee shops. Our biggest project this year is going to be one or two "Respite Nights." We hope to give community parents and caregivers of people with disabilities a night to themselves, time for a date, etc., while we as a club watch and have a great time with their kids.



Charleston Southern University



Charleston Southern Music Therapy Club is having a great year. We have sold funnel cakes at football games and our homecoming

representative won second runner-up. We have helped out at the Buddy Walk and are planning several other activities including a

Christmas party for children with cochlear implants.

Cristin O'Brien

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Converse College

The music therapy program at Converse is excited to welcome nine new music therapy majors this year, including eight freshmen and one transfer student. Music therapy practica are currently being competed with a wide variety of populations -- Women with high risk pregnancies, patients in hospice care, and groups in an assisted living facility. Laurie Peebles, who graduated from Converse in May 2010, is also currently working hard in her internship in the Fulton County School System in Atlanta, Georgia!

Musicians Helping Others has also been involved with a variety of

campus and community events. Several music therapy majors led songwriting and drumming sessions at Girl's Day in October, which welcomed over 400 girls from the Spartanburg community to the Converse campus to experience a wide variety of exciting activities.

Inspired by a local music therapist who has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, MHO held a fundraiser to benefit the Davis Phinney Foundation. The Davis Phinney Foundation is a nonprofit organization that works to improve the lives of people diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. MHO sold cookies to raise donations and handed out silver ribbons to raise awareness of

PD throughout the Converse community. Because two professors generously offered to match the amount raised, MHO will be able to donate \$168 to the Davis Phinney Foundation.

The music therapy majors at Converse are very excited that the Southeastern Regional Conference in March 2011 will be held in Spartanburg, SC! We are looking forward to sharing our wonderful city with all of you and having a great student conference! We'll see you there!

Emily Gill

Musicians Helping Others President



The University of Georgia

The Music Therapy club here at UGA has started up the semester with the election of new officers! We are grateful to our previous President Matt Whitaker for all his hard work in building up the club at the university level and look forward to seeing what he does in his newly appointed position as President-Elect for SER-

AMTAS! We plan to continue building the connection he made with Autism at UGA and there are a couple of fundraisers in the works to raise money for new instruments that can be used in clinicals. We are also looking to host a karaoke night for club members and prospective club members in order to

get the word out about music therapy! In addition, all of our music therapy students recently had our semester meeting in which we were able to host a guest speaker--Shannon Sausser who is starting her very own Music Therapy Practice right here in Athens, GA!

Kate Ritchie

President UGA MTSA



Thanks for reading the Fall 2010 edition of the SATMARES!
Please visit us on the web at

www.ser-amta.org/ser_students/index.php

and

www.seramtas.wordpress.com

Thanks,
Matt Whitaker
SER-AMTAS, President-Elect