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**[College/University] Student Organization Receives National Recognition**

**[CITY, State – Month Day, 2023] –** The National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA) Chapter at [college/university] has been awarded Gold Chapter Honors for attaining a distinguished level of achievement in the areas of member recruitment and engagement, community outreach and service, legislative advocacy and fundraising during the 2022-23 academic year. The announcement was made today by the parent organization, National NSSLHA, whose members are studying communication sciences and disorders (CSD), speech-language pathology and audiology at the undergraduate, graduate and doctoral levels at college and universities nationwide.

“We are so proud of the 2022-23 Gold Chapter Honors awardees, and we congratulate them on all they’ve achieved this year,” said NSSLHA Executive Council President Gabrielle Howard. “Each chapter demonstrated a deep commitment to its members, its community, and the professions, and embodied NSSLHA’s values in the areas of collaboration, diversity, education, integrity, leadership and service,” she said.

Through its annual honors program, NSSLHA recognizes outstanding affiliated chapters that have made significant contributions to CSD programs, the national organization and their local chapters. Chapter Honors are awarded at the bronze, silver and gold levels.

During the 2022-23 academic year, [highlight chapter achievements, milestones and community contributions].

[Quote from chapter advisor, chapter president, or CSD program director about your chapter’s efforts this year and/or reactions to attaining Gold Chapter Honors.

The [college/university] NSSLHA Chapter is one of only 93 in the U.S. and Puerto Rico to receive Gold Chapter Honors in 2023. [Include other distinctions as appropriate. For example, is yours the only Gold Chapter in your state? Is yours the only liberal-arts college to earn Gold Chapter Honors?, etc.]

Efforts made by the NSSLHA Chapter at [University Name] helped National NSSLHA:

* Increase awareness of communication sciences and disorders (CSD) on more than 140 local college campuses and communities across the country as well as through virtual platforms;
* Increase advocacy efforts by sending more than 5,400 letters to state and federal legislators;
* Provide scholarships to students in CSD programs by contributing more than $22,500 to the [ASHFoundation’s NSSLHA Scholarship](https://www.ashfoundation.org/apply/#Scholarships);
* Support CSD-related organizations by donating $60,000 and more than 25,000 hours of chapter members’ time.

**About the NSSLHA Chapter at [University Name]**

Add your university and/or program’s boiler plate info. See NSSLHA’s below as an example.

**About NSSLHA**

The [National Student Speech Language Hearing Association](http://www.nsslha.org/) (NSSLHA) is the only national student organization for pre-professionals studying communication sciences and disorders (CSD) recognized by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). Established in 1972, National NSSLHA is headquartered in Rockville, Maryland, and supports nearly 11,000 members and more than 350 chapters at colleges and universities nationwide.

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**PHOTO/S: [Link to downloadable chapter photos and/or honors badge]***It is generally recommended that you not attach photos when emailing members of the press as attachments may be flagged as spam.*