



National Hearing Conservation Association  
**SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION**

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**2020–2021**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

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# MISSION

The NHCA Scholarship Foundation is organized to manage endowments and donations, specific to awarding scholarships to graduate students focusing on applied/practical studies in hearing loss prevention/hearing conservation at internationally accredited institutions.

I am pleased to report the Foundation's diligent work has intently continued to serve the student community in spite of the 2020 pandemic obstacles, with increased focus on candidates for student awards.

Further, the administrative leaders responsibly acted to extend their current roles an additional year to assure and maintain the continuity necessary in this unprecedented time. The net result of this action is the need to only fill the Secretary and Director positions as we express our sincere appreciation for the dedicated work of Robert Ghent, Treasurer, and Timothy Swisher, Director, and best wishes as they begin their new roles in retirement (please note that Susan Cooper has accepted moving from Secretary to Treasurer).

Prospective officeholders, please contact the Foundation office and your inquiry will be directed to me where we can readily discuss your considerations in more detail.



**James Jerome**  
President

## THE FOUNDATION BOARD



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# 2021 STUDENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Foundation Board recently revisited the criteria for both the Student Conference Award and the Student Research Award. Final review and implementation will be effective on/before the “2022 Call for Papers.”



**Kathryn Crawford**  
2020 Student  
Research Award

Kathryn Crawford was the Student Research Award recipient for 2020, but due to travel difficulties, she was not able to present at our conference in Destin, Florida. Thankfully, Kathryn is presenting her paper: *Evaluation of Hearing Protection Device Effectiveness for Musicians*, at this year’s conference. Kathryn has since graduated and earned her PhD from the University of Iowa. She is currently a research associate in a post-doctoral program at the university, working with the Great Plains Center for Agriculture Health and Safety.

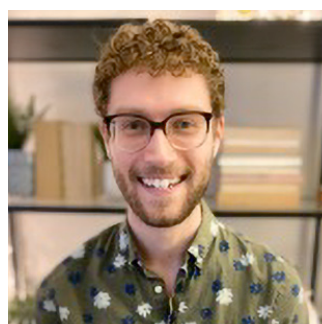


**For the 2021  
calendar year, we  
have two student  
award recipients.**



**Danielle Benesch**  
2021 Student  
Conference Award

Ms. Danielle Benesch is the recipient of the Student Conference Award and is a first-year master’s student at the NSERC-EERS Industrial Research Chair in In-Ear Technologies (CRITIAS) in Quebec. She’ll be presenting her paper, *Managing Auditory Sensitivities in Autism: Potential of Smart Hearing Protection*.



**David Audet, Jr., AuD**  
2021 Student  
Research Award

David Audet, Jr., AuD, is the recipient of the Student Research Award and is a first-year PhD student at the University of Washington. He’ll be presenting his paper, *Audiovisual Training Rapidly Reduces Hazardous Perceptual Errors Caused by Earplugs*.

You can read more about the 2020 and 2021 student award recipient biographies and abstracts in the Spectrum Supplement. Congratulations to all three for their hard work!

The Board recently revisited the criteria for both the Student Conference Award and the Student Research Award. The Board is gratified to observe both the generosity of donations and steady increase of reserves that is now enabling the Foundation to effectively increase a more tangible dollar amount to such deserving recipients. Final review and implementation will be effective on or before the 2022 call for papers.

# SUMMARY OF NHCASF FINANCIAL STATUS

Checking Account	
Beginning Balance 12/31/2019	\$20,235.06
Ending Balance 12/31/2020	\$15,941.60
Investment Income	
Beginning Balance 12/31/2019	\$134,218.82
Ending Balance 12/31/2020	\$156,227.02
Total Assets	
Beginning Balance 12/31/2019	\$154,453.88
Ending Balance 12/31/2020	\$172,168.62

## FUNDRAISING

The traditional fund-raising endeavors are not practical relative to the 2021 virtual conference. However, it is always timely for the Foundation to receive tax deductible 501(c)(3) contributions. For convenience, contributions are made possible at the <[hearingconservation.org](http://hearingconservation.org)> website by clicking on “Scholarship Foundation” and then select “Donate.” Members are also reminded that another way to contribute is to use AmazonSmile when making online orders. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the Foundation. Simply go to [Smile.Amazon.com](http://Smile.Amazon.com).

Next year, we plan on resuming our fun-filled activities...the Silent Auction and 50/50 Split.

We hope that you enjoy the 2021 virtual conference. The Foundation looks forward to seeing you at the 2022 Albuquerque conference. Until then...stay safe!





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