Here you will find ASHA-PAC’s 2021 Annual Report, which provides an overview of the collaborative effort put forth to ensure the future of our professions and the those we serve. Through your support of ASHA-PAC and ASHA’s grassroots advocacy, we persevered through another year of the pandemic and came out stronger collectively.

It has been an honor to serve as the ASHA-PAC Chair this past year. My time on the ASHA-PAC Board of Directors has been an incredible opportunity to watch a community of professionals partner with ASHA staff to bring our top priorities to the Hill; priorities that are directed by ASHA’s Public Policy Agenda, a document written by the volunteer members of the Government Affairs and Public Policy Board with direct input from ASHA’s members.

I have witnessed unprecedented communication and collaboration between allied organizations to educate and support federal lawmakers on issues such as, ensuring Medicare beneficiaries have timely and robust access to audiology services, preventing steep cuts to Medicare Part B reimbursement, preserving and making permanent telepractice authority under Medicare, fighting for robust special education funding, and supporting a more diverse workforce.

Diversity and Inclusion are important for ASHA-PAC. We track closely the demographic information of contributions made to members of Congress and I am proud to say our disbursements reflect the current diversity of Congress, if not better. And contributions will continue to increase for diverse candidates as they take leadership positions and become key committee members that have an impact on issues that matter most to us. We also continue to evaluate candidate criteria to ensure we are supporting not only members that best represent our issues but who also exemplify the values of ASHA at large.

ASHA-PAC would not be strong or effective without the generous donations from you, the membership of ASHA. Every dollar goes towards Congressional candidates who support issues that matter most. ASHA attended over 60 candidate events and made contributions to 57 members of the House and Senate this past year. With your continued investment in ASHA-PAC, we will be better positioned to promote policies that advance our professions and build meaningful relationships so that members of Congress are turning to ASHA as a trusted resource when guidance is needed on issues important to us.

Warmest regards,

[Signature]

Learn more at www.asha.org/pac

MESSAGE FROM THE 2021 ASHA-PAC CHAIR

ASHA-PAC is the political action committee (PAC) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), which supports members of Congress and congressional candidates who serve as champions on key issues benefiting the professions of audiology and speech-language pathology as well as persons with communication disorders.
THE ASHA-PAC BOARD IS CHARGED WITH:

- Raising funds to influence the nomination or election of individuals who will promote the interests and needs of audiologists, SLPs, and people with disabilities;
- Educating audiologists and SLPs on government procedures and the public issues, that affect the professions and those we serve;
- Facilitating the participation of audiologists and SLPs in the political process; and
- Promoting public policies that result in accessible and appropriate services in education and health care settings, in training qualified personnel to deliver services, and research that benefits those with communication disorders.

Find out more: www.asha.org/about/governance/committees/committees/political-action-committee/
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(September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2021)

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Photos from the 2021 ASHA-PAC Reception at the ASHA Convention
ASHA-PAC CONTRIBUTION
DEMographics in 2021

ASHA-PAC is a bipartisan political action committee that supports federal candidates who support the professions. We recently analyzed ASHA-PAC contributions to Congress by political party, gender, and ethnicity, and found ASHA-PAC donations very closely align with the political and demographic breakdown of Congress. As a reminder, ASHA-PAC follows a set of guidelines when deciding which candidates to support. For full guidelines, please see the Candidate Contribution Criteria on the following page.

117th Senate Members by Party

- PAC Candidates: 20 (57%) Democrat, 15 (43%) Republican, 0 (0%) Independent
- 117th Senate: 48 (48%) Democrat, 50 (50%) Republican, 2 (2%) Independent

117th House Members by Party

- PAC Candidates: 77 (65%) Democrat, 40 (34%) Republican, 0 (0%) Independent
- 117th House: 219 (50.3%) Democrat, 212 (48.7%) Republican, 0 (0%) Independent

117th Senate Members by Sex

- PAC Candidates: 32 (32%) Female, 68 (68%) Male
- 117th Senate: 24 (24%) Female, 76 (76%) Male

117th House Members by Sex

- PAC Candidates: 36 (31%) Female, 81 (69%) Male
- 117th House: 122 (28%) Female, 314 (72%) Male

117th Senate (2021-2022) by Race/Ethnicity

- PAC Candidates: 32 (94%) White, 1 (3%) Black, 0 (0%) Hispanic/Latino, 0 (0%) Asian/Pacific American
- 117th Senate: 89 (89%) White, 3 (3%) Black, 6 (6%) Hispanic/Latino, 2 (2%) Asian/Pacific American

117th House (2021-2022) by Race/Ethnicity

- PAC Candidates: 84 (72%) White, 21 (18%) Black, 6 (5%) Hispanic/Latino, 4 (3%) Asian/Pacific American, 0 (0%) Other
- 117th House: 317 (73%) White, 53 (12%) Black, 37 (8%) Hispanic/Latino, 11 (3%) Asian/Pacific American, 6 (1%) Two or more, 4 (1%) Native American/Alaska Native
ASHA-PAC supports candidates running for the United States Congress that recognize the importance of audiology and speech-language pathology services by providing contributions to their campaign, political or leadership committees. ASHA-PAC evaluates contribution requests based on the following guidelines:

**PRIMARY CONSIDERATIONS:**
- The candidate’s position and/or voting record on issues affecting speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and speech, language, and hearing scientists
- The integrity and character of a candidate
- The candidate’s leadership or policy shaping position in his or her party
- The nature and strength of a candidate’s viability in a given election

**ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:**
- PAC member recommendations of candidates who reflect the ideals of ASHA-PAC
- ASHA member presence in a candidate’s state/district
- Open seat candidates with a history of support for or direct connection to speech-language pathology and/or audiology
- Contributions to leadership PACs can be considered when the member of Congress is part of leadership or a relevant committee
- Contributions to national political party committees may be given

**ASHA-PAC WILL NOT SUPPORT:**
- A candidate until they have formally declared their intent to seek political office
- Presidential campaigns
- Contributions that can be perceived as tied directly to a specific vote or party affiliation
- A government official’s personal defense fund
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