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# Savannah Speech and Hearing Center Names Georgia Southern Student Volunteer of the Year

April 2, 2019



Caroline Steed has been selected as this year's recipient of the Annie F. Oliver Award for Volunteer of the Year. This award, given annually by the Savannah Speech and Hearing Center, recognizes an individual who has demonstrated excellence and a strong commitment to volunteering for the betterment of the Savannah Speech and Hearing Center community.

Steed, from Savannah, Georgia, graduated in 2017 with a Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Sciences from Armstrong State University, now known as Georgia Southern University. Upon graduation, Steed returned to Georgia Southern to obtain a post-baccalaureate certificate in communication sciences and disorders on Georgia Southern University Armstrong Campus.

"I was extremely honored to receive this award," stated Steed. "Volunteering for this organization has truly been a once in a lifetime opportunity, and I feel very fortunate to have been able to work with the diverse population that Savannah Speech and Hearing Center serves."

Steed has been volunteering with the Savannah Speech and Hearing Center since January 2018 and has clocked over 188 hours of volunteer experience working in a variety of areas including hearing screenings at local schools, the Stroke Group, Sound Start and fundraising events.

"I have had the chance to learn from some of the most skilled, caring and compassionate people I have ever had the pleasure of coming into contact with. Volunteering and giving back to the community I was born and raised in has given me an incomparable sense of worth."

Steed was honored at a volunteer reception held in February. After graduation in May, Steed plans to continue her education and obtain a master's degree in communication sciences and pursue a career in speech-language pathology.