

# New Speech Language and Hearing Sciences Building Opens

SLHS is celebrating its 70-year anniversary during "Better Speech and Hearing Month" on May 8.

## Event Details

- Screenings: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., tours: noon - 5 p.m., reception: 4 p.m.
- School of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences, 5245 Campanile Drive
- Free and open to the public

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On Friday, May 8, The San Diego State University School of Speech Language and Hearing Sciences will celebrate the grand opening of its new building, including state-of-the-art academic, clinical and research facilities on the SDSU campus.

In honor of the grand opening and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's "May is Better Speech and Hearing Month," free speech-language and hearing screenings will be offered on a first come/first served basis (by appointment) from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., May 8, in the new Speech-Language and Audiology Clinics.

The clinics provide a variety of speech, language and hearing services to people of all ages, including babies and children with speech, language or hearing disabilities and elderly adults experiencing hearing loss or speech-language problems as a result of stroke.

## Public tours and more

In addition, public tours of the academic, clinical and research facilities will be taking place from noon - 5 p.m., including a grand opening ceremony at 4 p.m.

A number of instructional and research labs will showcase projects and include SDSU's motion capture lab which examines facial movement during speech development, an eye tracking system for studying language processing in childhood language disorders, adult aphasia and bilingualism, and projects on baby language learning, American Sign Language and audiology physiology and psychoacoustics.

## Seventy years of training and service

Celebrating its 70th anniversary this year, SDSU's School of Speech Language and Hearing Sciences in the College of Health and Human Services began offering speech therapy services to the San Diego community in 1938.

Since then, the school has established undergraduate programs in American Sign Language/Deaf studies, speech-language pathology and audiology.

## Graduate programs

Home to the only audiology doctorate program in California, U.S. News and World Report ranked SDSU's program No. 31 in the nation in its issue of "America's Best Graduate Schools 2009." Graduate students in the master's degree program in speech-language pathology, along with audiology graduate students, provide thousands of hours of clinical services on campus and in the community each year.