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## Honors of the Association

**Where:** Western PA School for Blind Children  
201 North Bellefield Ave.  
Conference Room A  
Oakland/Pittsburgh, PA

**When:** Thursday, April 19, 2012

**Time:** 6:30PM – 9:00PM

JOIN US IN HONORING PROFESSIONAL –  
**Linda Edwards, MA, CCC-SLP**  
of UPMC Passavant

AND STUDENTS –  
IUP--Hanna Gratzmiller  
Pitt--Rachel Harkawik  
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CalU--Jenna Dunmire

**Guest Speaker:**  
**Samantha Procaccini, CScD, CCC-SLP**  
(see p.2 for bio & topic outline)

### Workshop Fees

Free for Members

\$10 Student Non-Members

\$20 Professional Non-Members

\*\*Additional \$10 fee for those seeking Act 48\*\*

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Please pass this along to any SLPs that may be interested!

**Speaker:**

Samantha Procaccini, CScD, CCC-SLP

**Title:**

What does diabetes mellitus have to do with dysphagia?

**Description:**

Dysphagia commonly presents itself amidst a mound of disease processes in multiple physiologic systems that are often undervalued in the work up of dysphagia. Understanding the potential for how these disease processes may indirectly and directly impact swallowing function is critical to an evidence-based assessment. The purpose of this presentation is to change the way speech language pathologists approach dysphagia. Using diabetes mellitus as an illustration, this presentation will approach dysphagia management using a medically based paradigm which encourages the clinician to consider the entire body, not just a piece of it.

**Learning Objectives:**

1. Understand the relationship between diabetes mellitus and dysphagia.
2. Learn the significance of a systems based approach when managing dysphagia.