THANK YOU!

It's been an extraordinary season of challenges, triumphs, and silver linings. We are so proud of the SAY community for sticking together and keeping our connections strong. Our programs may have looked a little different, but they have remained unmistakably SAY. As we have just successfully brought Camp SAY back into the physical space, I'd like to thank you all - we truly could not have achieved such incredible things this year without each and every member of our SAY family!

Much love & gratitude to all!
Noah Cornman, Executive Director
The Stuttering Association for the Young

Confident Voices

SAY’s Confident Voices 2020/2021 season closed with exciting presentations and celebrations for three separate programs - The Mentor Project, The Paperback Project, and our 2021 Graduation Ceremony!

The Mentor Project

Spring 2021

April - June 2021

The Mentor Project connected a record **75 kids** with **25 mentors** who stutter to collaborate on multi-faceted artistic works, including comedy, spoken word poetry, puppetry, music, improv, mixed media, visual arts and more!

Virtual Final Shares

June 18, 19 & 20, 2021

The Mentor Project wrapped with an unprecedented 3 nights of **Virtual Final Shares** to showcase the incredible performance pieces that our participants and mentors created together during the 8-week program.
2021 Graduation Week Celebration!

The SAY community came together to celebrate our eighteen-member **Confident Voices 2021 Graduating Class**, including a **Directors’ Honoring Ceremony** and the debut of this year’s **SAY Scroll**, featuring advice and wisdom from our grads to young people who stutter.

The Paperback Project

**Live Reading Events**

*July 8 & 9, 2021*

For this inaugural program, 13 of our Confident Voices graduates spent 5 months writing original paperback books, professionally bound and printed by SAY! Each unique book was introduced and presented by The Paperback Project authors during 2 **Live Reading Events**.

2021 Graduation Ceremony

*July 16, 2021*

A very special week of events and celebrations honoring **SAY’s Confident Voices 2021 Graduating Class** and all that they have accomplished and contributed to our community, and beyond!

The SAY: Class of 2021

*Not pictured: Julian Lopez*
In April, our resident bi-lingual Speech-Language Pathologist, **Fergie Cantos, MS, CCC-SLP, TSSLD-BE**, welcomed SLP’s and students from the SAY community to Zoom for a lively Q&A session, where topics included the challenges and potential treatment strategies for children who stutter in 2 languages.

Fergie’s expertise will be instrumental as we look forward to making all of SAY’s collateral and communications, including our websites and brochures, available in Spanish and other languages!

**SAY: DC News!**

**SAY: DC**’s virtual programming continued this spring, keeping our community of young people who stutter in the Washington, DC area connected and creating.

The warm weather has allowed for more super fun outdoor hangs and the **SAY: DC** team looks forward to welcoming participants back to our beautiful new DC studio space!

**SAY: Australia News!**

SAY love is going strong across the world as **SAY: Australia**’s programming carried on in Melbourne both virtually and in person. The **Spoken Word Project** closed with amazing showcases in May and family and friends were welcomed for LIVE IN-PERSON performances for the **My Share Project** in June!
SAY’s Virtual 2021 Annual Gala!

May 13, 2021

SAY’s first-ever Virtual Gala was a spectacular Live Stream Broadcast hosted by long-time SAY participants and alums, Keon & Klanell Lee. This unforgettable evening was directed by Taro Alexander and featured performances from Everett Bradley, Kelli O’Hara, Nicki Richards, SAY alums Naudia Jones, Julianna Padilla, Edward Maware, and Alison Williams, members of the SAY staff & board, and our remarkable young people who stutter!

SAY: Hero Award - Dr. Cleavon Gilman

Dr. Cleavon Gilman is a person who stutters, a U.S. Navy Veteran, an Emergency Medicine Physician, and an outspoken public health advocate who continues to spread awareness about the coronavirus pandemic.

SAY was thrilled to welcome Dr. Gilman LIVE to receive the SAY: Hero Award in honor of his enormous contributions to the health and safety of our country, and as a shining example to the stuttering community!

Thank you for watching & supporting SAY’s 2021 Annual Gala!

The SAY Voice Newsletter - April-July 2021
In April 2021, this award-winning, independent documentary from Executive Producers Mariska Hargitay, Peter Hermann, Paul Rudd, and George Springer became available WORLDWIDE on Vimeo On Demand!

My BEAUTIFUL STUTTER follows five kids who stutter, ages 9 to 18, from all over the United States who, after experiencing a lifetime of bullying and stigmatization, meet other children who stutter at SAY and Camp SAY. Over the course of a year, we witness firsthand the incredible transformation that happens when these young people experience for the first time the revolutionary idea at the heart of SAY: that it is really, REALLY okay to stutter.

LET.ME.SPEAK.

SAY is so proud to be a part of this important and moving film and thrilled that it is now reaching a global audience, with more screening platforms coming soon!
Camp SAY was BACK IN-PERSON this summer and we were thrilled to welcome campers to Pocono Springs to make beautiful NEW Camp SAY memories together! Our camp staff worked overtime to ensure a safe, healthy, and FUN experience for all. There were a few changes, but our Camp SAY Leadership Team designed a jam-packed program of activities, games, events, and more so our amazing kids and teens who stutter could let loose and enjoy being together in a space of support, acceptance, and friendship.

Global Campfires
April - June 2021

SAY's Global Campfires continued through the spring, inviting the SAY and Camp SAY communities, past and present, to connect on Zoom. Global Campfires went on hiatus for the summer as we prepared to return to Camp SAY to gather around the campfire at Pocono Springs!

More to come on Camp SAY: 2021 in our next newsletter!
WITH YOUR HELP, WE CAN DO MORE.

The power behind SAY’s programs is not a secret. It is the radical belief that everyone deserves to be heard and each of us has value.

Simply put, at SAY we genuinely care about helping each other. SAY programs are a testament to the transformative power of compassion: to how much more the world needs, and to how much a little bit can do.

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