

Michele Linares Diversity and Inclusion Student Award (MLDI)

This award, which may be presented to one student each year, recognizes a commitment to diversity and inclusion. The recipient will have their travel (airfare, mileage, hotel) covered, and will be reimbursed for Convergence registration costs. They will also be invited to join their local advisory committee. The recipient should show a dedication to working in the area of professional education, research, and/or clinical service to diverse populations, as evidenced by current contributions, lived experience, or detailed plans for future contribution. An individual receiving this award must be a current CSHA member at the time of nomination. This award may be received only once.

Criteria

This recognizes a passion and commitment to working with diverse populations with an outstanding commitment to making the services of our members and the profession more representative of and accessible to the diverse populations we serve. While this may be challenging to quantify, it may be represented by some of the following:

- Promotion of diversity, equity, inclusion, and social determinants of health
- Acting as a role model to current and future students and leading by example in promoting diversity.
- Supporting diversity-related legislation, activities and issues in our field.

Nominations and deadline

Any CSHA member may nominate a CSHA student for the MLDI. Students are encouraged to nominate themselves as well. The nomination must include:

- Nominee's name, address, email address, telephone number, CSHA membership status, university name and status in school
- A written narrative, submitted.
- Complete nomination packets must be submitted in accordance with the honors timeline. Nominations received after the deadline will not be considered.

Priority is given to historically under-represented backgrounds in the SLP field (e.g. – person of color, immigrant, gender diverse/LGBTQ+, neurodiverse and/or disabled, first-gen, multilingual and/or multicultural, etc.)

Complete nomination packets must be emailed to the CSHA Office at honors@cscha.org, in accordance with the honors timeline. Complete nomination packets must be emailed to honors@cscha.org by **December 15th at 11:59 p.m.** Nominations that don't meet submission requirements, or arrive after the posted deadline, will not be considered out of fairness to others.