

Beyond Hearing Aids Newsletter

Helping Professionals Provide Successful Solutions with ALDs

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Upcoming Schedule

7/9 PET-D Program
San Diego State University
(The PET-D Program is a Post-Employment Training Administration of Programs serving consumers who are Deaf and HOH)

7/18-7/19 KRA Conference
Lexington, KY
(Kentucky Rehabilitation Associations Conference)

President's Message

Becky Morris, President

Back to School (with a hearing loss)

Starting college can be tough. But what's tougher is starting college with a hearing loss. This time around, your only advocate is yourself – unless you're lucky enough to have a knowledgeable college disability service provider.

In this newsletter, we're listing some essential college accommodations. These products level the playing field so that you can live in a dorm, succeed in the classroom, and stay connected outside the classroom.

Living in a dorm means you need to hear the alarm clock, doorbell, phone ring, phone conversations, and fire alarm. Also, hearing TV news and weather is more of a security factor than a pastime. Inside the classroom, it goes without saying that you need to hear the professor. Outside the classroom, your life is less complicated if you can hear on a cell phone.

Hearing in the Dorm: Alertmaster AM6000K

The Alertmaster AM6000K is a good alarm clock, wireless doorbell, and phone signaler all in one. We like it because it is portable. Use it at school, home, or when traveling.

Place the base system in your bedroom near a phone outlet. Mount the battery operated wireless doorbell button. Then, plug in a lamp and the bedshaker. If you are awake, your lamp flashes. If you are asleep, the bedshaker vibrates and alerts you to the phone, doorbell or alarm clock. The lighted icons and distinct vibrating patterns help identify which signaler is activated.

If your dorm bed has a plywood bed frame, place the bedshaker on a folded towel. Or, keep the bedshaker on top of the mattress under the fitted sheet.



AM 6000K
\$179.95



SB1000V \$76.95

Sonic Boom Alarm Clock

The Sonic Boom alarm clock wakes you to the alarm clock and to other sounds (like the doorbell) when you use Sonic Alert components. The clock has one outlet to plug your lamp into and another to plug in the optional bed vibrator. This clock includes battery back-up and snooze alarm. You choose how you want to wake up: loud alarm (you adjust volume and tone); lamp flashing; and/or bed shaker.

Sweetheart Clock

This is a heart shaped hot pink alarm clock with multi-colored display. It has a bedshaker and a flashing alarm light. One-year warranty.

SA-SBH400AA \$42.95



CL-4105 \$149.95

Clarity Amplified Phone C4105

This phone includes a 2.5 mm headset jack and 3.5 mm neckloop jack. It has a vibrating handset ringer and visual ring signaler in both the handset and the base. Battery backup. One-year warranty.

Silent Call Fire Alarm Transmitter

The fire alarm company can connect this transmitter to an existing fire alarm system inside the dorm building. The Silent Call fire alarm transmitter transmits a signal up to 100 feet to a Silent Call remote receiver inside the dorm room (receiver separate).



SC-SDT1004-3 \$68.95



Clarity C120
\$189.95

New! Clarity TV Listening System C120

This new infra-red TV listening system operates with Clarity Power Technology (Clarity Power technology helps make speech clearer, not just louder). Other nice benefits: It notifies you when the phone is ringing. The C120 is also compatible with most public infrared systems used in movie theaters. You can bring your headset along and hear the movie. (Transmits stereo sound up to 50 dB).

Hearing the Professor: Personal FM Systems

The first FM system is designed for those with moderate hearing loss and the second is designed for those with severe hearing loss. Both systems can be used with or without hearing aids:

1. Williams Sound PFM 350 (moderate hearing loss).

This system is equipped with an environmental microphone on the receiver. This microphone allows you to hear those close around you as well as the professor's voice coming from the transmitter. The complete system includes transmitter with omni-directional lapel microphone, receiver with earbud and built-in environmental microphone, disposable batteries and nylon carrying case. 5-year warranty. Other listening options are available.



PFM350E \$725.00

2. Comtek 216 MHz (severe hearing loss).

The Comtek is an excellent FM system. You'll notice its clarity and power. It's clear because it operates on the less saturated 216 MHz band. It's powerful and gives a sound boost to your neckloop. The complete system includes:

- Transmitter with lapel microphone
- Receiver with a plug-in Smart-Mic environmental microphone
- Neckloop/Single earphone/Auxiliary input cord
- Disposable and Rechargeable batteries/battery charger kit
- Conference microphone adapter for lapel microphone/transmitter



AT-216SMP \$1,312.00

Hearing on the Cell Phone

Noizfree Beetle H1 Bluetooth Headset



This lightweight bluetooth headset virtually eliminates the buzzing or interference that can happen when wearing hearing aids and using a cell phone. Simply switch the hearing aid to T or MT (to activate the telecoil), place the ear-hook behind your ear and clip the receiver on your collar. Now you can enjoy wireless, interference-free conversations on your Bluetooth cell phone. The volume control makes it easy to adjust for soft talkers or loud areas. There is an Answer/End Call/ Power button and a powerful in-line microphone.

HC-NZF-BTL
\$109.00



New! Phone Amplifier for VoIP Users:

Plantronics Vista M22 (replaces the M12)

The Vista M22 improves call quality in any environment, especially wideband VoIP. The amplifier includes near-universal compatibility with single and multi-line phones, making it ideal for professionals. The quick disconnect feature between the amplifier and headset lets you move away from your phone without removing your headset or disconnecting the call. Here are additional benefits:

- Lightweight 10-foot coil cord for freedom of movement at your desk
- Superior voice clarity with Clearline audio technology
- Echo management for clearer calls
- Protection from loud noises
- Volume, headset/handset and mute controls
- Reduces background noise for clearer calls
- Adjustable incoming and outgoing volume
- Superior call clarity for all communications



Plantronics Vista M22
\$140.00

You'll need a headset to use with the Plantronics M22 Vista. Select from the Plantronics Call Center Headsets (H-Series).

Discontinued Products: DoorKnock 400, Plantronics HC-M100 headset

On extended backorder: Pocket Speak and Read (until 9/15)

Price Increase: Silent Call smoke detector (or any of the smoke detector systems) \$7.00
(Price increase is due to the new smoke detector models).



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