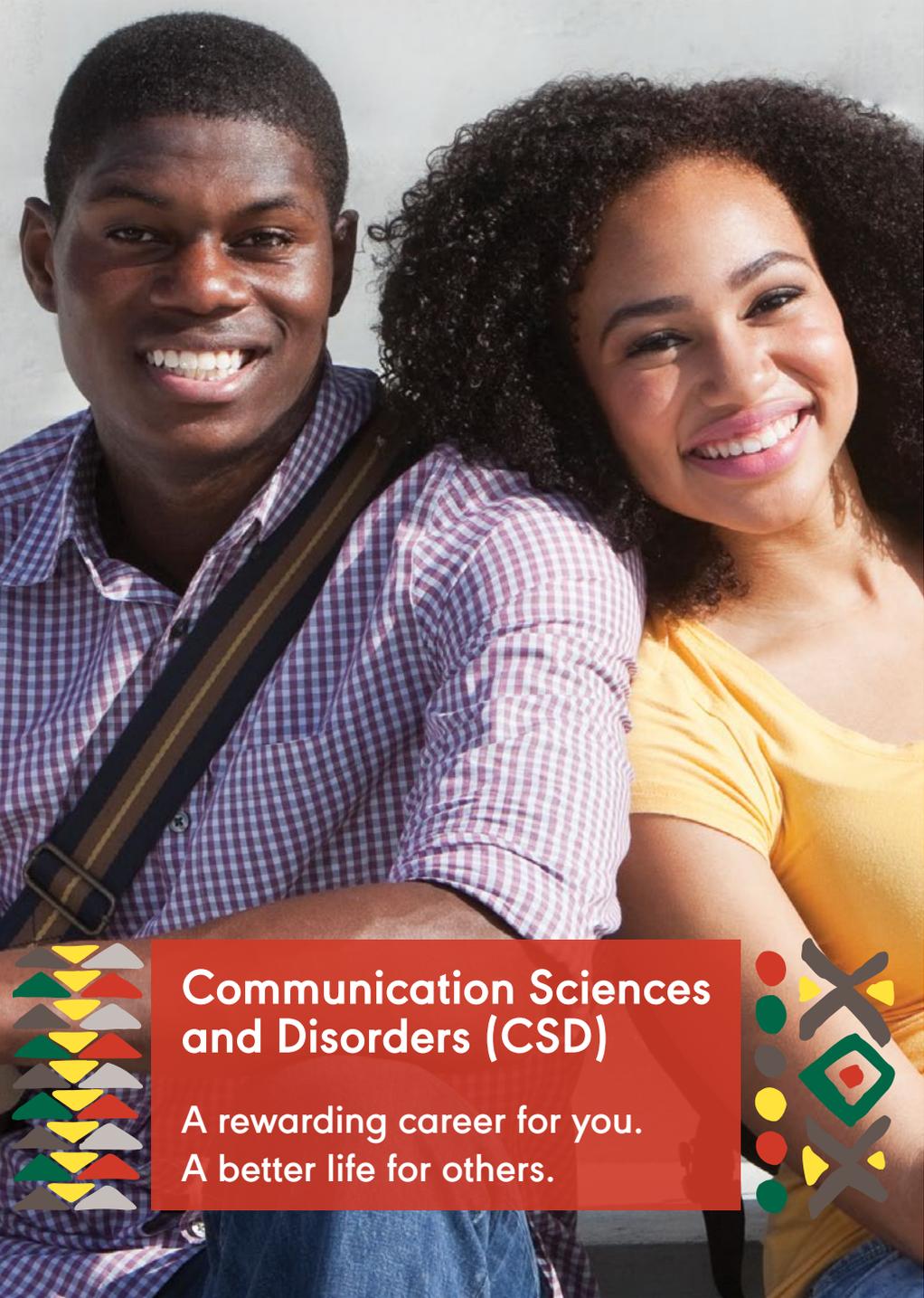
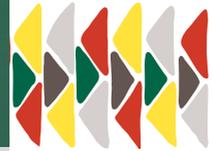


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▶ "What excites me about the professions is the many dynamics of audiology. There is so much to learn and so much we can do for the patients we serve. The smile that patients give after services are rendered is priceless and is the fuel that I use as motivation. It is a constant reminder that the career path I've chosen in audiology is no mistake." ◀

- Nia B. Potier, AuD, CCC-A



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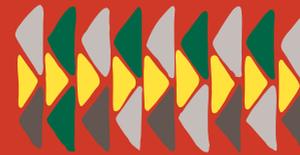


Byron Ross, PhD, CCC-SLP

▶ “One of my first clients was a young college student who not only had to deal with the challenges of having autism spectrum disorder but he also happened to be blind. He had significant challenges with social interaction which had a profound impact on his ability to build relationships. He would not face his communication partner during a conversation because, in his words, ‘I can’t see them anyway.’ He was such a pleasant and brilliant young man, and we worked on a variety of social communication skills. He made significant improvements over time. I went to visit him on campus from time to time after he was discharged from SLP services and was thrilled to observe him in the cafeteria as he sat at a table full of other young men and participated in the conversation; he typically sat alone.” ◀



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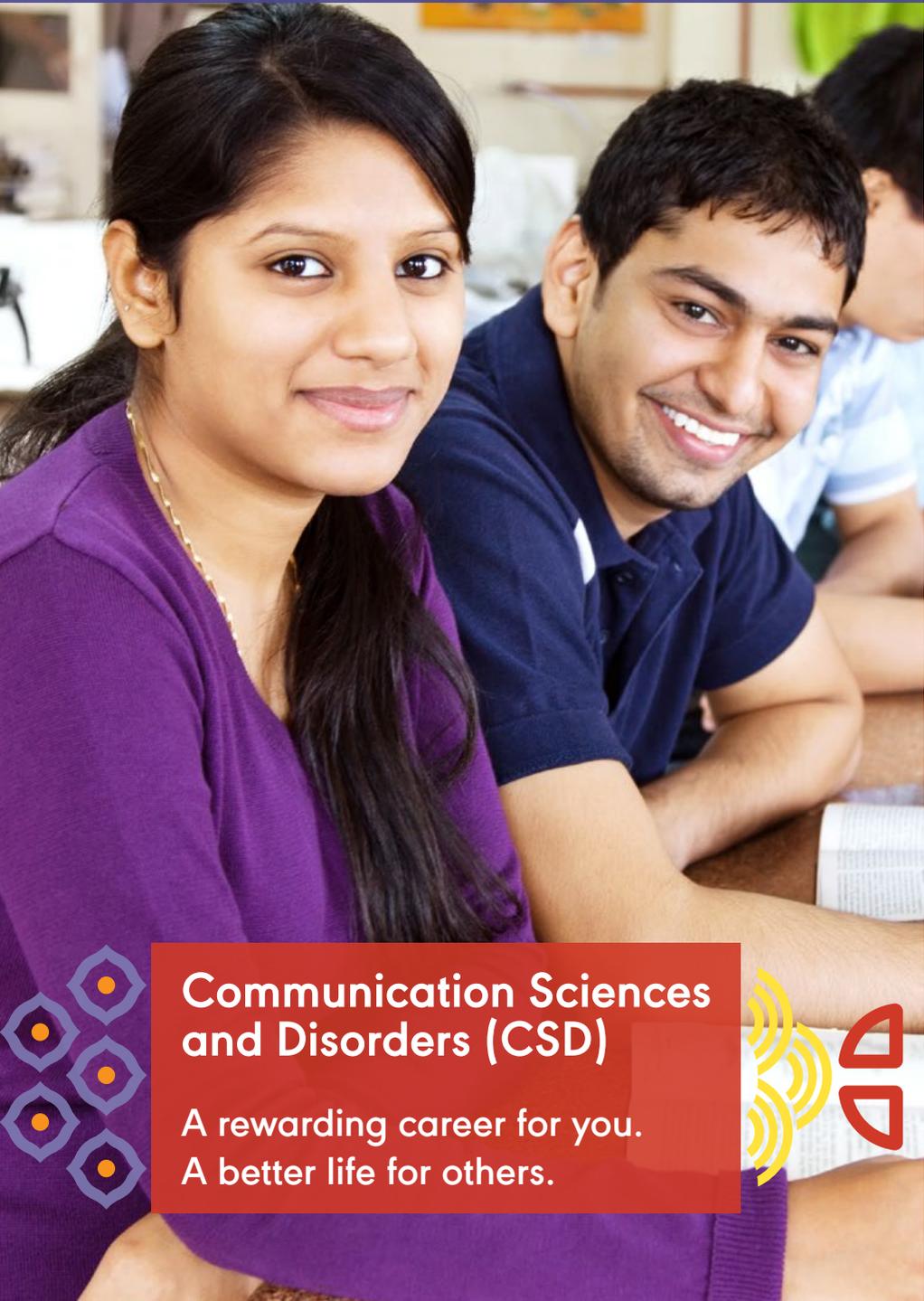
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– Shaum P. Bhagat, PhD, CCC-A



Words From a Pro



Akila Rajappa, PhD, CCC-SLP, BCS-S

“I grew up watching my paternal uncle suffer from bilateral severe acquired hearing loss and witnessed his difficulty in verbalizing his wants and needs. The fact that he wasn’t rehabilitated during his childhood due to limited access to speech and hearing services in rural India had a deep impact on me.

I strongly felt that, had he been provided with early intervention to address his speech, language, and hearing impairments, his quality of life would have been much better. This inspired me to enter the field of speech and hearing as an undergraduate student.

If you are thinking about a career in a STEM field through which you can make a difference in the lives of others, you should consider the professions of speech-language pathology or audiology. Either is a great career choice from an educational as well as an allied health professional perspective. Your service would enable others to receive the gift of communication, cognition, and swallowing.”



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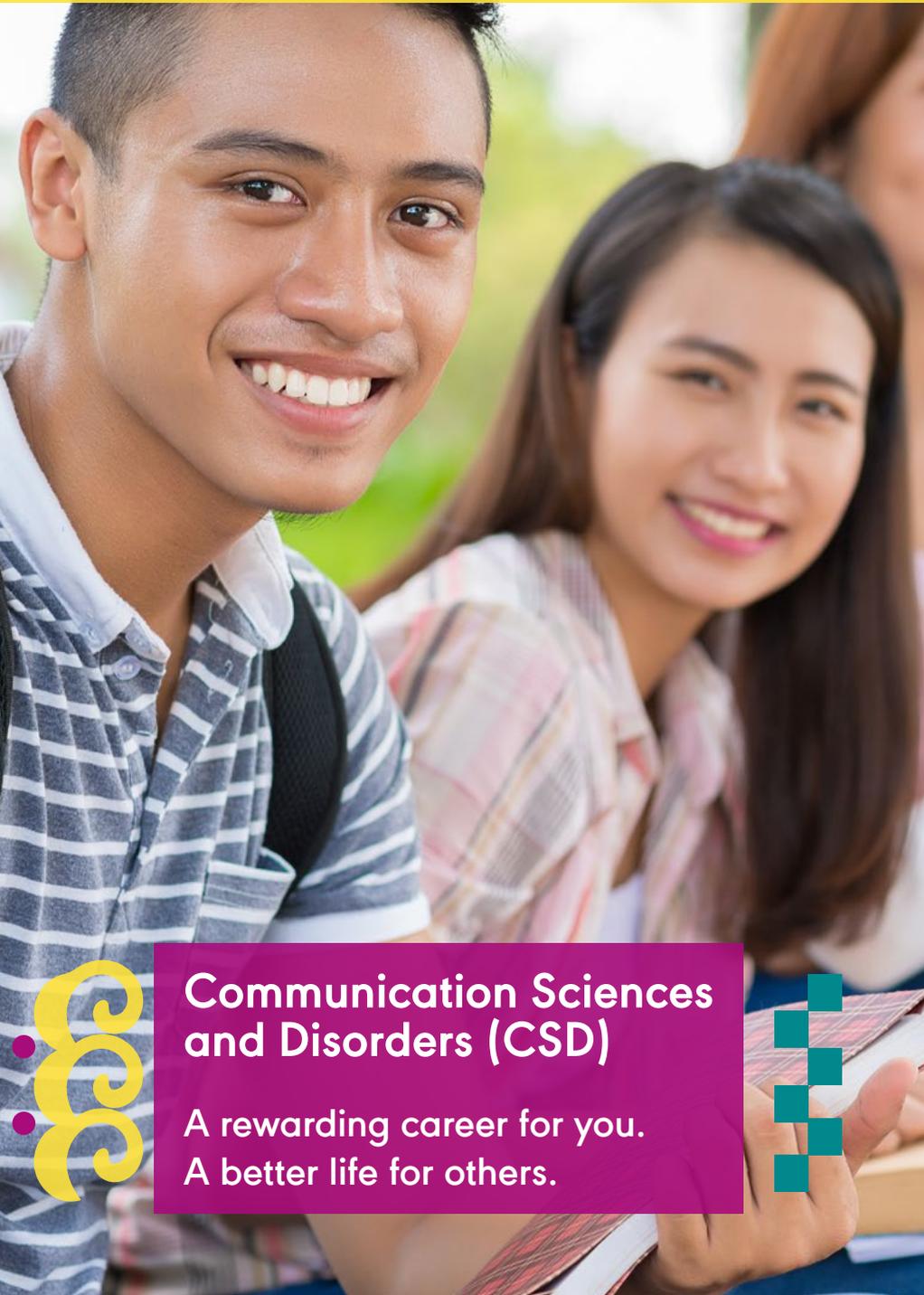
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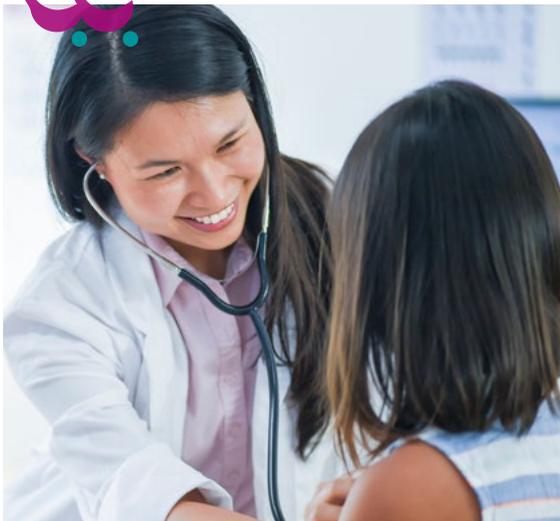
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- Shu-No Chen, AuD, CCC-A



Words From a Pro



Nadhiya Ito, MA, CCC-SLP

“I have had the pleasure of working with hundreds of clients, mostly children, being an SLP, but there is one client that always stands out for me. He was 2 years old when I started working with him, and he was one of my very first clients as a Clinical Fellow. He was nonverbal, autistic, and apraxic. He had these eyes that were very expressive even when he didn’t have his words. Because he was nonverbal, I taught him signs, and he picked them up quickly; then gradually came the spoken words, a sound at a time. When he started talking after the age of 4, his mother wrote to me. The card said, ‘You brought music to our lives.’ This October, he celebrated his 16th birthday, and we still keep in touch. He is a successful and bright young man.”



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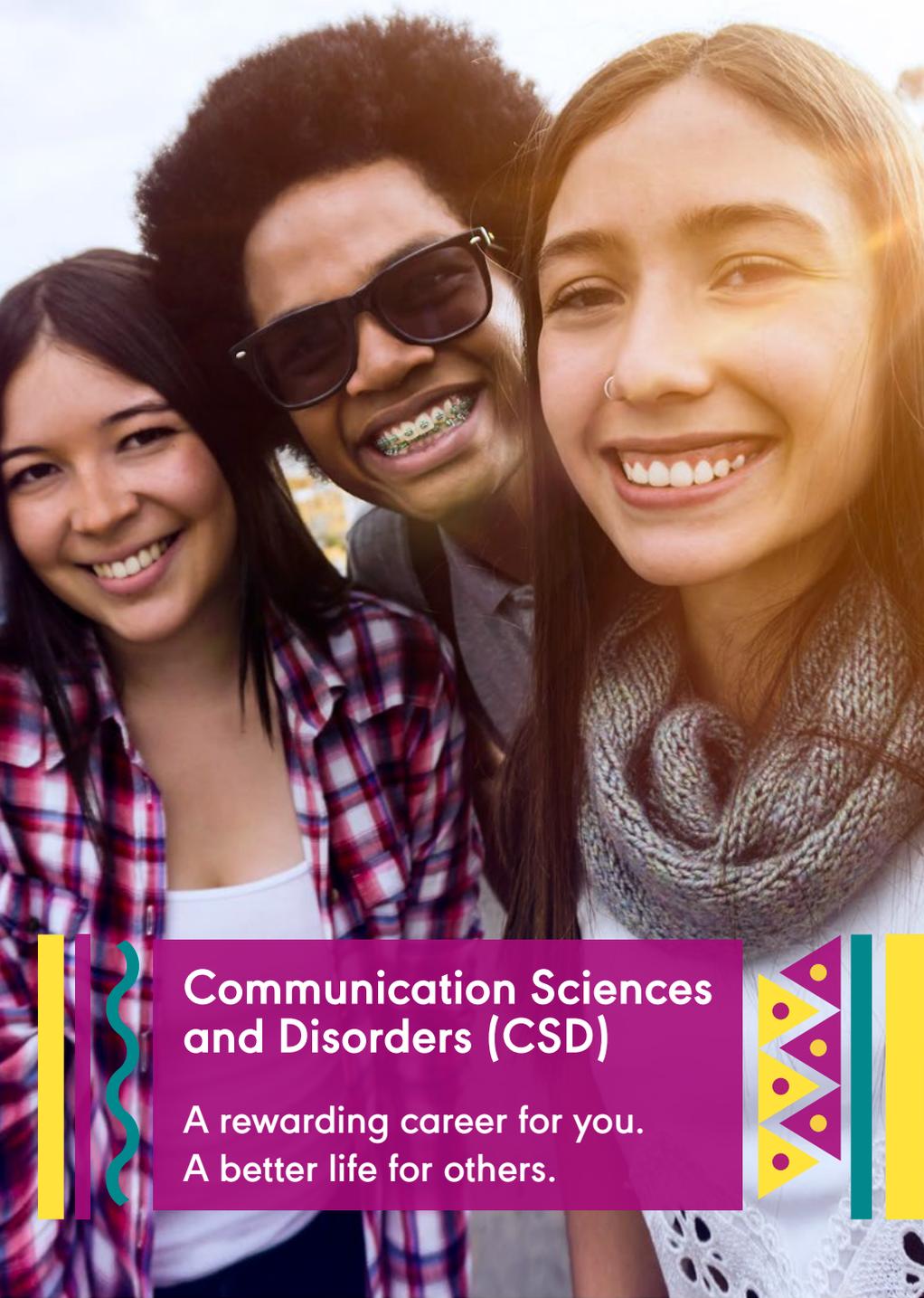
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- Linda I. Rosa-Lugo, EdD, CCC-SLP



Words From a Pro



Ana B. Caballero, MD, AuD/PhD Candidate

▶ “Having the opportunity to coordinate a humanitarian mission to help underprivileged families in El Salvador with audiological services has given me the option to give back to my country. In 2014, I coordinated a humanitarian mission to El Salvador, where we had a full week of hearing evaluations, and fitting hearing aids. Being an international student from El Salvador and being able to help my own people was a wonderful experience. It helped me realize how important our roles are as audiologists in the lives of our patients. It was very emotional for me to see the reactions of these kids and their mothers after hearing for the first time. An amazing experience!” ◀



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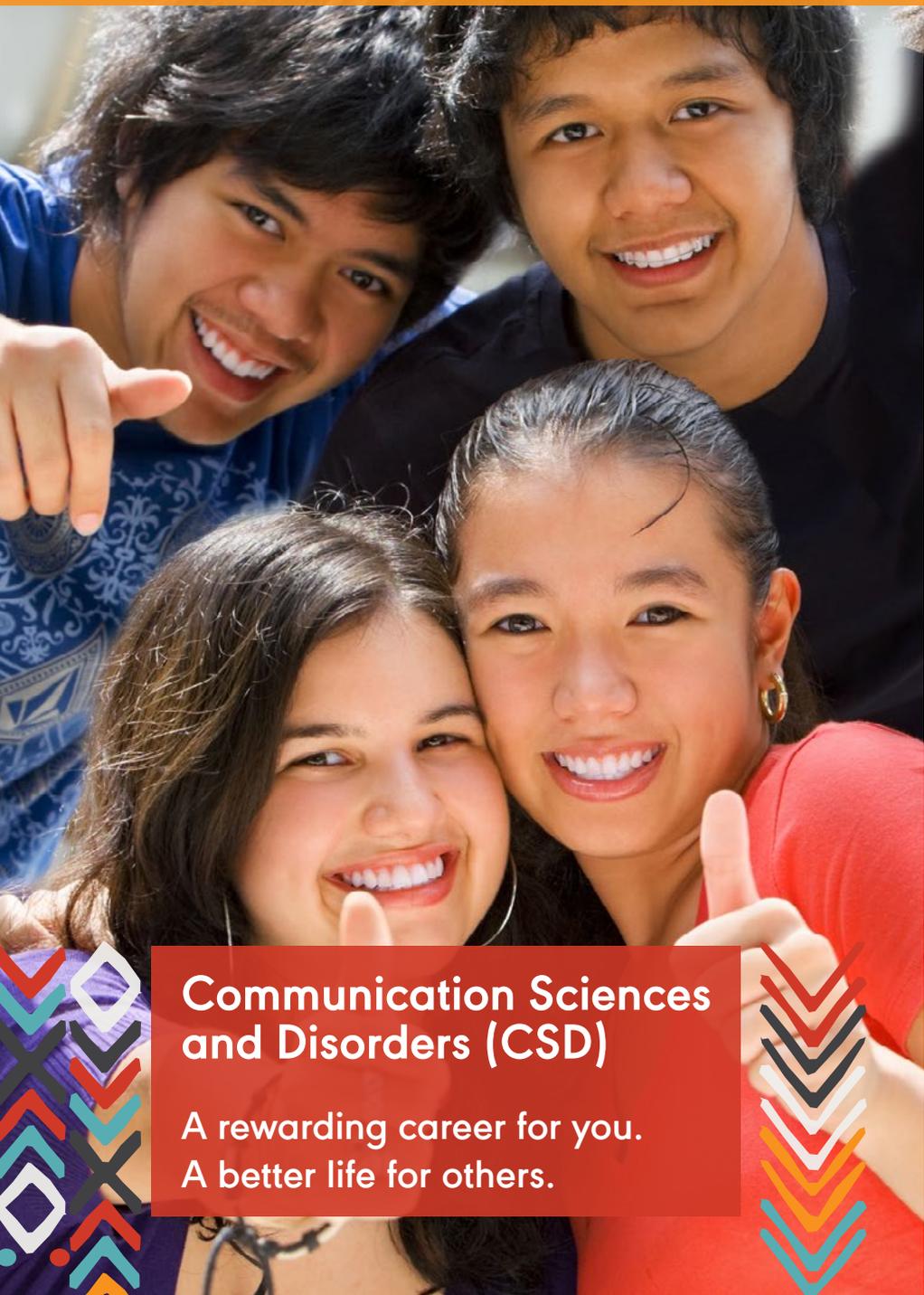
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- Kristen Bruner-Kober, CCC-A



Words From a Pro



Christine Begay Vining, PhD, CCC-SLP

◀ “Having a Native American/Navajo bilingual perspective on communication development and disorders has been invaluable in my career. It gives me insight into the needs and strengths in native communities. This has allowed me to provide and advocate for clinical services that are appropriate. It also has helped me to work to bridge cultural and linguistic differences, meet the unmet needs and build capacity and resource across the state and tribal communities.” ▶



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