

Wise words:

I know that life in the healthcare field is not fun. Patient after patient. Shortened treatment times. Insurance mandates. Grumpy patients. Repetitive work. New software programs to learn. Whatever obstacles you face every day for a brief moment I need you to breathe in. Then breathe all those obstacles out. They mean nothing compared to the good you offer your patients. You don't always see it, you aren't always told it. But I am here today to speak for every one of those patients.

We need you, we love you, and we cannot accomplish anything meaningful in our lives without you.

You basically cradle our fifth sense. Without hearing sounds, the birds are not as beautiful, the rain is not as soothing, and a baby's first words such a mama are not as memorable. You matter. You matter so much in the lives of the patients you treat.

I need you, the world needs you and your expertise.

So go out there this week and learn as much as you can. But remember one thing. Think about your office. Is it homey? Think about your touch? Is it empathetic. Your words, are they compassionate? Your chair, is it comfy? Your ideas, are they practical?

These are the things we remember.

You have so much to offer beyond just fitting a hearing aid. You have the ability to change lives, one patient at a time.

I get to thank my parents every day but it's not everyday that I get to stand in a room full of audiologists and on behalf of all your patients and say....THANK YOU.

Thank you for your continued studies.

Your endless passion.

And your dedication to the profession of audiology.