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Winston Knolls Education Group Announces the Marea Rosedale 2019 Recipient of the Bancroft Award for Teaching Excellence

HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL (October 5, 2018) The Winston Knolls Education Group, a leading nonprofit committed to specialized education programming and professional related services for children with autism, announced Marea Rosedale, as the recipient of the prestigious 2019 Bancroft Award for Teaching Excellence. The award recognizes all aspects of excellence in special education teaching and in special education teaching-related activities that foster students' desire for lifetime of individual achievement, independence and learning.

Following her graduation from Duquesne University with her master's degree in 2012, Ms. Rosedale has used her passion for speech language pathology to help a variety of diverse communities. Her specialties include: development and training of augmentative alternative communication (AAC) systems, expressive and receptive language therapy for children on the autism spectrum, pragmatic language therapy, and cognitive therapy for patients with dementia.

In her two years working with Winston Knolls, Ms. Rosedale has spearheaded several initiatives that focus on the use of multimodal communication within classrooms. Her dedication to these programs has ensured that all students, regardless of their language skills are able to participate in the learning experience. It is through Ms. Rosedale's efforts that a core word-focused curriculum has been implemented in her assigned classrooms. Currently, she is creating a language-through-literacy program for the school's non-verbal students. Ms. Rosedale is phenomenal at blending the needs of the classroom, the goals of the family and the student's personal interests into whimsical and engaging therapy sessions. Given this skill, she builds strong rapport with even the most challenging students.

Ms. Rosedale's professional accomplishments:

Two-time ACE Award Winner; ASHA Leadership Development Program Alumni

Ms. Rosedale is eager to collaborate with staff members or families to provide the best possible outcomes for her students, making her an asset to any team she is on. She is often sought out by staff to provide guidance, training, or help to problem-solve challenging issues. As a team member, she has always used her organization, professionalism, and experience to aid the team in reaching their goals. Due to her many wonderful qualities, it is with great pride that we offer her the Bancroft Award for Teaching Excellence.

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