

DEC Award Winners



The DEC Award for Mentoring

2015	Patricia Snyder	2020	Ann Bingham
2016	Michaelene Ostrosky		Laurie Dinnebiel
2017	Sanna Harjusola-Webb	2021	Kathy Boisvert
2018	Hedda Meadan	2022	Kristin Evans
2019	Jennifer Ledford		

The DEC Parent/Family Award

2015	Judy Swett	2018	Kimberly Christensen
	Sarah Edwards	2019	Roxane Romanick
2016	Kim Travers	2021	Mark A. Smith
2017	Janice Fialka	2022	Mary Mikus

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J. David Sexton Doctoral Student Award

1991	Patricia Snyder	2008	Karen Cadigan
1992	Tweety Felner	2009	Kathleen Meeker
1993	Dianne Koontz Lowman	2010	Tara McLaughlin
1994	Sarintha Buras Stricklin	2011	Selma Powell
1996	Tamara C. Timko	2012	Laurie Jeans
1997	Christina P. Sheran	2014	Lori Erbrederis Meyer
1998	Diane Strangis	2015	Dana Childress
1999	Gail Joseph	2016	Jenna Weglarz-Ward
2000	Shelley Neilsen	2017	Mindy Ely
2002	Sharon Darling	2018	Kathleen Zimmerman
2003	Caroline Gomez	2019	Elizabeth Pokorski
2004	Brian Boyd	2020	Maria Hugh
2005	Amanda Quesenberry	2021	Amanda Passmore
2006	Greg Cheatham	2022	Pricella Morris
2007	Rashida Banerjee		
	Jade Coston		

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Kathleen W. McCartan Award

(This award is no longer given.)

1991	Diana L. Cavett	2009	Carrie Plant
1992	Cindy Weigel		Heather Groh
1993	Kristin E. Salisbury	2011	Erin Olinger
1994	Jill Rae Reed	2012	Emily Bassi
1995	Karen Holland-Lloyd	2016	Julie Waldvogel
1997	Celia Priebe	2017	Leslie Dooley
1998	Derek B. Jones	2019	Jill Lucas
1999	ShaRhonda Maclin	2020	Sarah Tozer
2000	Denise Robinson		
2001	Kathryn C. Aldridge		
2002	Eliza Kim		
2003	Serena Wheeler		
2004	Theresa Towner		
2007	Sarah McMaine		

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Mary McEvoy Service to the Field Award

1977	Jane Deweerd	2003	Linda Brekken
1978	Alice Hayden	2004	Christine Salisbury
1982	Samuel A. Kirk	2005	Susan Sandall
	Senator Lowell Weicker	2006	Camille Catlett
	Pamela Coughlin	2007	Judy Carta
1983	Rose Engel	2008	Scott McConnell
1984	Lucy Biggs	2009	Mary Beth Bruder
	Irving Lazar	2010	Glen Dunlap
1986	Merle B. Karnes	2011	Patricia Snyder
	Corinne Garland	2014	Mary Louise Hemmeter
	Rep. Pat Williams		Robin McWilliam
1988	Barbara J. Smith	2015	Mary McLean
1989	Pat Trohanis	2016	Carla Peterson
1990	James J. Gallagher		Kathleen Hebbeler
1991	Philip Strain	2017	Jane Squires
1994	Donald Bailey	2018	Ilene Schwartz
1996	Joe Ballard		Ann Turnbull
	Fred Weintraub	2019	Eva Horn
	Lisbeth Vincent	2020	Carol Trivette
1998	Mark Wolery	2021	Deborah A. Ziegler
1999	Betty Hart	2022	Amy Santos
	Beth Schaeffer		
2000	Rebecca Fewell		
2001	Samuel Odom		
2002	Pamela Winton		

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Merle B. Karnes Award for Service to the Division for Early Childhood

1988	Barbara J. Smith	2003	Jenny Lange
1989	Anne R. Sanford	2004	Mary Louise Hemmeter
1990	Jeanette McCollum	2005	Corinne Garland
1991	Deborah A. Ziegler	2006	Beth Rous
1992	George Jesien	2007	Micki Ostrosky
1993	Lisbeth J. Vincent	2009	Barbara Wolfe
1994	Samuel Odom	2010	Juliann Woods
	Mary E. McLean	2011	Rob Corso
1995	Talbot L. Black	2012	Amy Santos
1996	Vicki Stayton	2014	Susan Maude
	Jeannette McCollum	2015	Sharon Walsh
1997	Susan Fowler	2016	Karin Lifter
1998	Sarah Rule	2017	Patti Blasco
	Joe Ballard	2018	Sheresa Blanchard
1999	Ann Hains	2019	Erin Barton
2000	Patricia Snyder		Diana J. LaRocco
	Susan Sandall	2020	Serra Acar
2001	Sharon Walsh		
2002	Barbara Smith		

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Rose C. Engel Award for Excellence in Professional Practice

1994	Patricia B. Pratt	2011	Chelsea Guillen
1995	M. Beth Langley	2012	Mary Miller
1997	Sheila Langston	2014	Kathy Boisvert
1998	Gloria Reilley	2015	Donna Marget
1999	Beth Schaeffer	2016	Jennifer Anne Hawkins
2000	Amy Harris-Solomon	2017	Ryan Taurianen
2001	Laura A. Vagianos	2018	Rebecca Wald
2004	Sheila Behrendt	2019	Claire Tredwell
2006	Donna Nylander	2020	Lori Arndt
2007	Candace Stolt	2021	Jenna Strain Lutz
2008	Mary Jo Manzey	2022	Teresa O'Connor
2009	Arlene Wright		
2010	Jennifer Annable		

President's Award of Merit

2003 Mary McEvoy

Special Board Award

2019 Ruth Ryder
2022 Michael Guralnick