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2000 - 2001 DCDT AWARD RECIPIENTS

(Awarded at the DCDT business meeting, CEC Conference, Kansas City, MO)



Richard Lombard and Linda Daves

TEACHER OF THE YEAR: LINDA DAVES

Linda Daves, a secondary special education teacher from Springdale, Arkansas is the 2000-2001 recipient of DCDT's Teacher of the Year Award. Ms. Daves was recognized by DCDT for her outstanding work in preparing students with disabilities for post secondary employment and post secondary education. Ms. Daves also received the National Christa McAuliffe Fellowship this year for her development of a bilingual study skills program that focuses on students with disabilities who have English as a second language.



Richard Lombard, Suzy Rutkowski, and Erin Riehle

EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR: CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER OF CINCINNATI, OHIO

The recipient of the 2000-2001 Employer of the Year Award is Children's Hospital Medical Center of Cincinnati, Ohio. Children's Hospital, in collaboration with Great Oaks Institute of Technology and Career Development, Hamilton County Board of MR/DD and numerous other agencies, has provided education and employment opportunities for persons with disabilities since 1996. To date, over 80 individuals with disabilities have been employed at Children's Hospital in conjunction with this project. On hand to receive this award in Kansas City were Erin Riehle, Director of the Emergency Department of Children's Hospital Medical Center, and Suzy Rutkowski, Director of Special Education for Great Oaks Institute of Technology and Career Development.

DON BROLIN AWARD FOR STATE LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE: JANET ADAMS and MICHELE POLLAND

The recipients of the Donn Brolin Award for State Leadership and Service are Janet Adams and Michele Polland. Janet and Michele both are employed at the Florida Department of Education in Tallahassee. Through their collaborative efforts Florida has become a national leader in transition programming and policy development. Janet and Michele are noted for their dedication to providing transition services to students with disabilities throughout the state of Florida. They are also active in sharing their expertise on effective practices at the state and national level.