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RICARDO C. CARRASCO, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA | Winter Park, Florida

Promotion of the Power of Doing in Surviving Life Transitions

Dr. Ricardo Carrasco has been devoted to living and promoting the tenets of occupational therapy. He has provided service to the community, taught through universities and continuing education, conducted research, and developed a variety of service delivery programs, all with the focus of the “power of doing.” While his audiences are sometimes clients or occupational therapists, they have just as often been business people, public or governmental officials, school teachers, other health care disciplines, and family caregivers.

Dr. Carrasco’s reach has been local, national, and international. He has worked as an educator, researcher, or consultant, but moved beyond those roles, always maintaining the posture and activity of an occupational therapist serving the community. He has served in numerous volunteer leadership roles.

Dr. Carrasco has used purposeful occupation and participation in communities to help individuals and groups achieve goals, improve skills, overcome challenges, and pursue wellness. His occupational therapy pathways have included a Head Start program, Ikebana—the art of Japanese flower arranging, a church wellness ministry, a sheltered workshop, a Very Special Arts Festival in Manila, and a program on gourmet food preparation for business executives.

Dr. Carrasco has knocked on big and small, familiar and unfamiliar doors. He has embraced the spirit of the Centennial Vision to make occupational therapy widely recognized, science-driven, globally connected, and meeting society's occupational needs.
ELEANOR CLARKE SLAGLE LECTURESHIP AWARD

Beatriz C. Abreu, PhD, OTR, FAOTA | Galveston, Texas

Promotion of Clinical Practice and Collaborative Research

Dr. Beatriz Abreu has made a significant and sustained impact in the development of scholarship within occupational therapy by exemplifying a high degree of excellence in clinical practice, education, and research. She successfully developed and transferred research knowledge to practitioners and consumers who can inform, change, and promote progress in cognitive disability policy and practice. *The Quadraphonic Approach*, a theoretically based approach, has received critical acclaim and is widely used as the standard for cognitive rehabilitation. The approach has influenced the rehabilitation, health, and well-being of adults with cognitive disabilities as well as the practice of occupational therapy for cognitive rehabilitation clinicians and managers. Dr. Abreu’s career has unfolded while working alongside clinicians and consumers throughout her 42 years as an occupational therapist.

LINDY BOGGS AWARD

Nancy Richman, OTR/L, FAOTA | Highland Park, Illinois

Increased Occupational Therapy Recognition in Medicare Policy

Nancy Richman has made significant contributions to the visibility and credibility of occupational therapy in the public policy arena on behalf of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) and the profession. Nancy currently represents AOTA in two different outcome studies and has increased occupational therapy recognition in Medicare policy through her work on an expert panel with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Nancy’s participation in these studies has been, and will continue to be, critical to sustaining and enhancing access, coverage, and payment for occupational therapy under Medicare Part B. Nancy Richman’s advocacy efforts are important not only to the stature of AOTA and occupational therapy, but also to individual therapists in practice and research.
HEALTH ADVOCATE AWARD

**Dan Marino Foundation | Weston, Florida**

**Significant Contributions to Autism Research and Treatment**

Dan Marino is an American Hall of Fame quarterback who is being recognized for his off-the-football-field contributions to society. He has worked to support efforts to advance knowledge and skills related to research and services for individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities. The Dan Marino Foundation was established in 1992 to support medical research, treatment, and outreach programs for children with disabilities and chronic illnesses. To date, his foundation has raised over $22 million. He was instrumental in helping to pass a certification program in the state of Florida for swimming instructors working with children with developmental disabilities, to help protect and ensure their safety in the water. He has made significant contributions to help children, youth, and families facing developmental disorders, including autism. His leadership has led to improvements in policy, health, and rehabilitation, including occupational therapy. His leadership and efforts have greatly benefited the lives of others. We thank you for your outstanding contributions. Congratulations to Mr. Dan Marino, NFL Hall of Fame quarterback and recipient of the AOTA Health Advocate Award.

**Lawrence M. Nelson, MD, CAPT, U.S. Public Health Service | Bethesda, Maryland**

**Leadership in Comprehensive Interdisciplinary Intervention for Women’s Health**

Dr. Nelson has had a very productive career as it pertains to advocacy for women’s health and occupational therapy research and clinical intervention. His foresight and commitment to healthy adjustment for women with primary ovarian insufficiency led to the development and investigation of occupational therapy’s role in fostering adaptation to and compensation for the physical, social, and emotional losses associated with reproductive health. Dr. Nelson’s lifelong efforts to promote the health of women who experience challenges to reproductive health have been an inspiration to occupational therapy. More importantly, his efforts have validated the need for a comprehensive, interdisciplinary perspective on compensating for the devastating loss of motherhood. The American Occupational Therapy Association is honored to recognize Dr. Nelson for his leadership in comprehensive, interdisciplinary intervention for women’s health.
William W. Owens, CGR, CAPS | Powell, Ohio

Leadership in Aging-In-Place Remodeling and Education

William “Bill” Owens is a leader in designing, building, and remodeling homes for those who choose to age in place. He was instrumental in working with AARP to develop standards to train remodelers, general contractors, designers, architects, and health care consultants, including occupational therapists. With collaboration from the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and AARP, he was able to establish a training curriculum with the designation of Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist (CAPS). This curriculum emphasizes the valuable contributions of occupational therapists. Owens has presented with AARP, NAHB, and AOTA at numerous conferences and shows. He advocates for collaboration and communication among these professionals in order to help create homes that allow people to live in their homes more safely and independently. He is visionary in his recognition and contribution to the movement of health care into the home and community, and the creation of safe and attractive spaces for ease of use by all.

Rebuilding Together, Inc. | Washington, DC

Improvement of the Homes and Lives of Homeowners in Need

Rebuilding Together is the nation’s leading nonprofit organization comprised of a network of more than 200 affiliates working to preserve affordable homeownership and revitalize communities through free home modification and repairs for low-income homeowners. Rebuilding Together has increasingly recognized the valuable contributions that occupational therapy practitioners and students bring to their local affiliates because of their knowledge and expertise in aging, disability, accessibility, and environmental fit. Affiliates have completed thousands of home modifications by making changes such as installing wheelchair ramps, grab bars, and railings; widening doors; and refitting bathrooms for easier access and greater safety. The American Occupational Therapy Association commends Rebuilding Together for its mission and actions on behalf of low-income homeowners—allowing them to live safely and independently in their homes and actively participate in their communities.
AOTA ROSTER OF FELLOWS

Culturally-Sensitive Practice, Scholarship, Leadership and Service
Asha Asher, MA, MEd, OTR/L

Outstanding Contributions to Research and Public Health
Sherrilene Classen, PhD, MPH, OTR/L

Excellence in Service and Scholarship
Elizabeth W. DeGrace, PhD, OTR/L

Excellence in Community Partnerships and Low Vision Practice
Jean Denning Festa, MPH, OTR/L

Exceptional Research, Mentoring, and Groundbreaking Scholarship
Elizabeth Francis-Connolly, PhD, OTR

Excellence in Leadership and Professional Education
Janet S. Jedlicka, PhD, OTR/L

Excellence in Low Vision Practice and Leadership
Jennifer Kaldenberg, MSA, OTR/L, SCLV, CLVT

Professional Advancement Through Leadership and Service
Sarah King, MSOT, OTR/L

Advancement of Occupational Therapy Education
Lorry Liotta Kleinfeld, EdD, OTR/L, BCP

Contributions to Evidence as Author, Collaborator, and Educator
Heather Miller Kuhaneck, MS, OTR/L

Advocacy for Vulnerable Populations and the Profession
Carol Ponciroli, MS, OTR/L
Excellence in Pediatrics Through Education, Practice, and Service
Jan A. Rowe, DrOT, OTR

Exemplary Professionalism in Research and Education
Leonard Gerard Trujillo, PhD, OTR/L

Advancement of Psychosocial Occupational Therapy Practice
Constance Vilt Daby, MHS, OTR

Excellence in Research, Education, and Practice
Laura K. Vogtle, PhD, OTR/L

ROSTER OF HONOR

Exemplary Compassion for the Practice of Occupational Therapy
Cindy Kief, ND, COTA/L

Exemplary OTA Leadership and Service
Michele Luther-Krug, COTA/L, SCACDM, CDRS

Leadership, Advocacy, and Mentoring for Occupational Therapy Assistants
Patricia J. Martin, BS, COTA/L

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Promotion of Scholarship in Mental Health Practice
Laurie Kniw-Matthews, PhD, OT

Advocacy of Occupational Therapy in Driving and Community Mobility
Elin Schold Davis, OTR/L, CDRS
Holguin has highlighted the importance of journal impact factors and their influence on a profession's ability to receive government funding for research to develop and test practice. Without research demonstrating this demanded evidence, professions become excluded by reimbursers, legislators, and administrators. Holguin's message is clear, critical, and timely. His call for action and suggested resolutions are well thought out and feasible, and hold the potential to truly aid the profession. The insight and sagacity that Holguin demonstrates in this research paper are rare for a first-time and single contributor to AJOT.

By drawing on her deep knowledge of early intervention services, Jackson establishes a foundation for the unique role of occupational therapy in helping young children with disabilities to participate in everyday activities and routines. She uses her expertise in federal policy to demonstrate practitioners' roles in supporting programs to provide quality, inclusive services that will produce positive outcomes in all aspects of development and learning. Her approach shows readers how to use their management and leadership skills to create better access to occupational therapy services by families and caregivers of young children with disabilities, while demonstrating the value of the profession to other professionals.
Dr. Joan Rogers received a BS in Biology from Canisius College in Buffalo, New York, and earned her MA in Occupational Therapy from the University of Southern California. She earned her PhD in Educational Psychology—Life-Span Human Development—from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Dr. Rogers is Professor and Chair of the Department of Occupational Therapy within the University of Pittsburgh School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences (SHRS). She also holds professorships in the Department of Psychiatry and in the School of Nursing, and serves as a faculty member in the Institute for Regenerative Medicine.

Dr. Rogers has held numerous positions in AOTA and AOTF, including service on the AOTA Board of Directors and the Editorial Review Boards of AJOT and OTJR: Occupation, Participation and Health. Dr. Rogers became a Fellow of the American Occupational Therapy Association in 1981. She was honored with the prestigious Award of Merit by AOTA in 1990. In 1983, she delivered the Eleanor Clarke Slagle Lectureship, entitled “Clinical Reasoning: The Ethics, Science, and Art.” The lectureship was awarded in recognition of her ability to synthesize skills in practice, education, and research, and her career has continued to reflect that synthesis.

Dr. Rogers is a highly regarded and productive scientist who has been actively involved in numerous grant-funded projects relevant to rehabilitation and occupational therapy. Her work has been featured in various publications for her efforts in studying physical, cognitive, and affective impairments in older adults and developing valid assessment methodologies to measure outcomes of interventions for conditions such as arthritis and dementia. Dr. Rogers plays a key role in a rehabilitation science consortium that received one of the first NIH grants to support the career development of scientists in physical and occupational therapy.

In recognition of her leadership and widely respected role in advancing occupational therapy research, Dr. Rogers was invited to serve as the Inaugural Chair of the Research Advisory Panel (RAP) in 2007. The RAP is a group of leading occupational therapy scientists who are appointed to advise the American Occupational Therapy Association and the American Occupational Therapy Foundation on matters related to research development in the profession. Dr. Rogers’ leadership in this role resulted in the development of the Occupational Therapy Research Agenda, a document that identifies research priorities and will serve as an important roadmap to guide the profession’s research efforts as it approaches its centennial celebration in 2017.
PATRICIA L. DAVIES, PhD, OTR, FAOTA  
Colorado State University | Fort Collins, Colorado

Dr. Davies has provided occupational therapy services in pediatric settings for more than 20 years, including public schools, preschools, residential schools, and hospitals. She earned her PhD in neuroscience and developmental psychology from the University of Wyoming and is currently an Associate Professor in the Departments of Occupational Therapy and Psychology and is the Executive Director of the Brainwaves Research Laboratory at Colorado State University. Her research focuses on three goals: (1) to examine brain development in children with and without disabilities; (2) to determine the effectiveness of rehabilitation for children with disabilities; and (3) to determine if rehabilitation produces changes in brain structure/function.

Dr. Davies has published articles related to treatment effectiveness, evidence-based reviews, and measurement issues in occupational therapy journals. Additionally, she has studied sensory, motor, and cognitive processes in children using electroencephalography (EEG) and behavioral measures. The results of these studies have been published in journals such as Psychophysiology, Brain and Cognition, Developmental Neuropsychology, and the Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences. She has presented her research at conferences and universities throughout the United States and internationally, and continues her work with funding from various sources, including the National Institutes of Health.

JOHANNE DESROSIIERS, PhD, OT(C), FCAOT  
Université de Sherbrooke | Sherbrooke, Quebec

Dr. Desrosiers is Professor and Director of the School of Rehabilitation at the Faculty of Medicine of the Université de Sherbrooke in Quebec, and a scientist at the Research Centre on Aging of the University Institute of Geriatrics.

Dr. Desrosiers completed a master’s degree in gerontology (1991) following 10 years of clinical experience, and a PhD in clinical sciences (1994). She is a national researcher at FRSQ, the Province of Quebec’s health funding agency.

Dr. Desrosiers has authored or coauthored many peer-reviewed scientific articles in international journals, and has presented widely in the fields of aging, occupational therapy, and rehabilitation. In 2005, she received the highest award in occupational therapy in Canada, the Muriel Driver Memorial Lectureship. Dr. Desrosiers main research interests are related to the rehabilitation of older adults whose participation is restricted as the result of disabilities following stroke.
ROGER O. SMITH, PhD, OT, FAOTA, RESNA FELLOWS
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee  |  Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dr. Smith is Interim Associate Dean of Graduate Studies for the College of Health Sciences, and Professor of Occupational Therapy and Director of the Rehabilitation Research Design & Disability (R2D2) Center of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Dr. Smith has combined his academic background in engineering, health sciences, and the social sciences to establish a research track and trajectory that combines and integrates technology and its interaction with people of all levels of ability and disability. Dr. Smith’s research focuses on the application of assistive technology and universal design, with an emphasis on improving methods to measure therapeutic outcomes for these interventions. Dr. Smith has generated more than 100 publications and national and international presentations in venues within and outside of occupational therapy. In the past decade, Dr. Smith has secured and directed more than $7 million in grants supporting research and demonstration projects from industry, community, foundation, regional government and federal agencies. Dr. Smith’s contributions include the development and support of important, informative Web sites that link researchers worldwide to assistive technology outcomes and universal design resources.

A. JEAN AYRES AWARD

ERNA IMPERATORE BLANCHE, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA
University of Southern California  |  Los Angeles, California

Dr. Blanche has made substantial contributions nationally and internationally through the application, development, and testing of theory in occupational therapy. She is a renowned expert in sensory integration, neuro-developmental treatment, early intervention, play, assessment, clinical reasoning, and occupational science. Modeling scholarship and best practice, she has mentored literally thousands of people around the world to improve their therapy skills, and to build therapeutic practices, national associations for special interests, and occupational therapy and occupational science departments in universities. Dr. Blanche is also coinvestigator of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) R01 funded study on Lifestyle Redesign for Pressure Ulcer Prevention in Spinal Cord Injury.
MARY L. SCHNEIDER, PhD, OTR/L
Harlow Center for Biological Psychology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison | Madison, Wisconsin

Dr. Schneider is Professor of Occupational Therapy and Psychology and investigator at the Harlow Primate Laboratory at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. For the past two decades, Dr. Schneider has studied the developmental and health-related effects of prenatal stress, fetal alcohol exposure, and sensory processing disorder in a nonhuman primate model. She uses state-of-the-art neuroimaging to elucidate possible abnormalities in neural processing related to sensory processing disorder. Her rich clinical background significantly enhances her research, which has been continuously funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for many years. Dr. Schneider is a member of the American Occupational Therapy Foundation’s Academy of Research.

VIRGINIA SCARDINA AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

JULIA L. WILBARGER, PhD, OTR
University of Wisconsin-Madison | Madison, Wisconsin

Dr. Wilbarger is an Assistant Professor in the Occupational Therapy Program, Department of Kinesiology, at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dr. Wilbarger is a widely recognized clinician, educator, and scholar in the area of sensory processing/sensory integration disorders. She has more than 20 years of clinical experience as an occupational therapist applying sensory-based strategies for treating a wide range of populations in novel settings. Dr. Wilbarger has a strong commitment to teaching and mentoring for entry-level and advanced graduate occupational therapy students as well as practicing occupational therapists. Her research investigates the behavioral and neurophysiological underpinnings of sensory processing disruptions in a range of clinical conditions including autism, developmental disabilities, and women with fibromyalgia.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

CATHERINE S. NIELSON, MPH, OTR/L, FAOTA
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill | Asheville, North Carolina

Professor Nielson is nationally recognized for her leadership in the profession and widely respected as an academic administrator. She is a professor emerita, in the Division of Occupational Science in the Department of Allied Health Sciences at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Professor Nielson served with extraordinary skill as the catalyst mentor of the 2007–08 and 2008–09 AOTA-AOTF
Leadership Fellowship Program for academic program directors in occupational therapy. Her many years of administrative leadership provided the experience from which Professor Nielson guided and cultivated the leadership skills of the next generation of occupational therapy educational program directors. Her generous commitment of volunteer time as a catalyst mentor is a testimonial to her extraordinary dedication and suitability as a role model for emerging academic leaders.

AOTF MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

WILLIAM H. FARLAND, PhD
Colorado State University | Fort Collins, Colorado

Dr. Farland served with distinction on the AOTF Board of Directors as a public member from 1997 to 2009. During his tenure on the board, Dr. Farland gave generously of his time and personal resources, and executed his responsibilities with distinction in many capacities. He served on the Nominating Committee, chaired the Investment Committee, and served two terms as treasurer.

Since 2006, Dr. Farland has served as vice president for Research at Colorado State University. Prior to his current role, he served in scientific leadership roles at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, including the directorship of the National Center for Environmental Assessments. His vast expertise in research, on both national and international levels, as well as his keen knowledge of governmental agencies, has provided a unique perspective that has greatly benefited the American Occupational Therapy Foundation as well as the occupational therapy profession. His commitment to the role of occupational therapy in adding value to the health care system has been unwavering.

NANCY TALBOT, MED, OTR, FAOTA
North Reading, Massachusetts

Nancy Talbot served with distinction as a professional member of the AOTF Board of Directors from 2000 to 2009. During her tenure, she served on the Executive and Investment Committees, as chair of the Nominating Committee, and as secretary of the Board. As an occupational therapist with a distinguished background as an academic administrator and voluntary leader in professional and community organizations, Talbot brought a wealth of experience and insightful perspectives to the AOTF Board. Her support of the AOTF vision and mission to advance the profession of occupational therapy for the greater good of society was extraordinary. Talbot provided skillful guidance for strategic planning, board recruitment, and financial management. She has given generously of her time and personal resources as an ardent advocate for the profession and an unwavering supporter of the American Occupational Therapy Foundation.
AOTA RETIRED EDUCATOR’S AWARD

The following individuals are being acknowledged for their exceptional leadership and commitment to the advancement of occupational therapy education.

2010 RETIRED EDUCATOR’S AWARD

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DESCRIPTION OF AWARDS

Each year, AOTA and AOTF recognize and honor colleagues who have made significant contributions to the profession of occupational therapy through an annual nominations process that members are encouraged to be part of. Each organization’s respective Recognitions Committee is responsible for reviewing nominations and making final selections from each of the outstanding candidates that are put forward. This tradition is a source of pride within the profession. Additionally, it provides an opportunity to increase public awareness and focus public attention on the contributions not only of individuals but of the profession as a whole. The following is a list of the awards and recognition bestowed by the AOTA and the AOTF for which individuals may be nominated.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS OFFERED BY THE AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION

- **AOTA Award of Merit** is the highest Association honor for an occupational therapist. The purpose is to honor members of AOTA who have made an outstanding global contribution to the profession of occupational therapy.

- **OTA Award of Excellence** is the highest Association honor for an occupational therapy assistant. The purpose is to honor occupational therapy assistants who have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of occupational therapy.

- **Eleanor Clarke Slagle Lectureship Award** is an academic honor established as a memorial to Eleanor Clarke Slagle, one of the outstanding pioneers in the profession of occupational therapy. The purpose is to honor a member of AOTA who has creatively contributed to the development of the body of knowledge of the profession through research, education, and clinical practice.

- **Lindy Boggs Award** recognizes the significant contributions by an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant in promoting occupational therapy in the political arena by increasing recognition of occupational therapy in federal or state legislation, regulations, and policies or by increasing appreciation and understanding of occupational therapy by elected or appointed officials.
- **Health Advocate Award** expresses the appreciation of AOTA for extraordinary contributions of national significance that led to the advancement of health promotion, health care, or both.

- **Terry Brittell OTA/OT Partnership Award** recognizes an occupational therapy assistant and an occupational therapist who, through their collaborative efforts to promote the profession of occupational therapy, exemplify the professional partnership.

- **AOTA Certificate of Appreciation** expresses the appreciation of AOTA for extraordinary contributions to the advancement of occupational therapy.

- **AOTA Roster of Fellows** recognizes occupational therapist members of AOTA who, with their knowledge and expertise, have made a significant contribution to the continuing education and professional development of members of the Association.

- **AOTA Roster of Honor** recognizes occupational therapy assistant members of AOTA who, with their knowledge and expertise, have made a significant contribution to the continuing education and professional development of members of the Association.

- **Recognition of Achievement Award** recognizes occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants who have made notable contributions to the profession and its consumers in a focused area of occupational therapy practice.

- **AOTA Service Commendation** recognizes individual members of AOTA who have provided service to the Association and profession through time- or task-limited activities.

- **Cordelia Myers Writer’s Award** is presented every year to recognize a first-time author (sole author or first author) of a feature article in the *American Journal of Occupational Therapy* published in the previous year.

- **Jeannette Bair Writer’s Award** is presented every year to recognize the author(s) of a feature article in *OT Practice* that inspires occupational therapy practitioners to use their management and leadership skills to create better access to occupational therapy services and to promote the profession.
AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS OFFERED BY THE AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY FOUNDATION

- **AOTF Leadership Service Commendation** recognizes the outstanding service of those contributing their time, energies, and support to the fulfillment of the Foundation’s mission, goals, and objectives.

- **AOTF Certificate of Appreciation** recognizes the outstanding service of individuals external to the Foundation who have contributed significantly to the fulfillment of the Foundation’s mission, goals, and objectives.

- **AOTF Meritorious Service Award** recognizes individuals who have made sustained and exemplary contributions in support of the Foundation’s mission.

- **Virginia Scardina Award of Excellence**, inaugurated in 2004, recognizes an occupational therapy clinician who has demonstrated sustained commitment, excellence, and/or innovation in sensory integration and brain–behavior relationships in the practice of occupational therapy.

- **A. Jean Ayres Award** recognizes up to two occupational therapy practitioners, educators, and researchers each year who have demonstrated sustained commitment to the application, dissemination, development, or testing of theory in occupational therapy.

- **Academy of Research** recognizes occupational therapists whose exemplary contributions through research have served to advance the knowledge base of the profession.

- **Honorary Life Membership** on the Board of Directors of AOTF recognizes individuals who have made sustained and exemplary contributions in support of the Foundation’s mission.

- **PTE Mary J. Bridle First Research Award** recognizes and fosters scholarship in the occupational therapy community. The $250 annual award, established in 1993 by Pi Theta Epsilon, honors the best manuscript for a completed research study that is initiated while the principal investigator is an occupational therapy student.
AWARD AND RECOGNITION OFFERED BY BOTH THE AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION AND THE AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY FOUNDATION

■ AOTA/AOTF Presidents’ Commendation honors a respected leader of the profession who has made sustained contributions to occupational therapy over a lifetime of service.