

# CURRY COLLEGE

## 2019-2020 EXCELLENCE IN PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATION AWARD

### **Dr. Ann Marie Leonard-Zabel, Psychology**

#### **PRESENTATIONS:**

- The 15th Annual International School Neuropsychology Conference- Keynote: "Predicting the Future of School Neuropsychology" (March 2020).
- The 2nd Annual International World Mental Health Summit Conference- Keynote: "The Opioid Craving Brain: Possible Psycho-Behavioral Interventions" (June 2019).
- 27th World Congress on Learning Disabilities: Global and Emerging Trends in Learning Disabilities conference at the University of Houston. Presented two papers: "Children in Need- The Epidemic Within: Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome" and "Why am I so Obsessive? Understanding Neuroeducational Implications of PANDAS in Children" (September 2019).
- Online Presentation - Worldwide Live for the School Neuropsychology Institute-Solving the Riddle of Autism Spectrum Disorder (November 2019).

#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:**

- Voted by Professional Peers for consideration as a Global Goodwill Ambassador (GGA) and was awarded this award under the designation of "Humanitarian" for years of volunteerism for children, families, and public schools/clinics over the past 20 years. Platform as a Global Goodwill Ambassador is to work on Addiction/Mental Health/Disabilities/ Autism/ and Child & Youth Advocacy (January 2020).

#### **PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS:**

- Invited Summer 2019 to assist with a group of professional from around USA to take part in a think tank helping to advise colleagues at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) to problem-solve Opioid Use Disorders in the city of Philadelphia (Summer 2019).
- Volunteered services to Board of Directors for Learning Disabilities Worldwide Congress, to help with leadership and programming with other countries in globally for children, youth and families with disabilities. Based in Massachusetts (2019-2020).
- Asked and appointed to serve as the acting CEO for the Learning Disabilities Worldwide Congress Annual Conference in Houston, Texas. The CEO was unable to attend due to illness (September/October 2019).
- Lifetime Achievement Award (March 2020) from the American Board of School Neuropsychology and the School Neuropsychology. Originally the international conference was to be held on the ground in Savannah, Georgia, but due to COVID-19 the entire international conference was held live virtually for three days. The award is given to honor mentorship, leadership, and national and international impact in the field.
- Acknowledged by the School Neuropsychology Institute contributing a written piece focusing on a review of research on a study of Child Neurology involving A-D/HD and Autism Spectrum Disorders involving children with 22q11.2deletion syndrome. The piece was placed in the School Neuropsychology Newsletter which is distributed nationally and internationally (Fall 2019).

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- Received the Global Goodwill Ambassador (GGA) symbolic badge to acknowledge volunteer via humanitarianism for contributing to helping others globally (January 2020).
- With three students, earned national certification through the Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard University Medical School Certification Program. The students are the only students in the Northeast to receive the training and have access to the 10-week training program for parents to use in their internships or the world of work. (Summer 2019).
- Along with three psychology students, recently completed the two-day professional program, "Working with Parents in Recovery from Substance Use Disorder," in Boston. During the curriculum training, developed by The Fatherhood Project at MGH, students learned how to facilitate ten sessions of high impact evidenced-based programming for mothers and fathers who are in recovery from Substance Use Disorder (June 2019). The students are now able to add the training to their resume and can implement the program during teaching, within an internship experience, and/or when "seeking employment in the field of addictions counseling."
- World Summit on Psychiatry Disorders, Mental Health and Wellness held on June 24 and 25, 2019 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, keynote presentation of "The opioid craving brain: Utilizing adolescent neuropsychological assessment and psychological-behavioral intervention approaches for improved treatment outcomes." Received three awards including Recognition of the Keynote presentation; Recognition for chairing sessions involving wellness, psychiatry, forensic and emergency Mental Health; and Certification of Appreciation as one of the honorary members of the organizing Committee.
- Along with three students, received a certificate for completion of the course, "Neuropsychiatry: A Comprehensive Update," led by Harvard Medical School on October 24 and 25, 2019. The course was part of a post-graduate conference which allowed students to see how theory applies to real-world practice. The course focused on brain-behavior relationships and skills for diagnostic work-up and treatment of patients/clients with neuropsychiatric disorders. Students were able to review cutting-edge clinical research, evidence-based interventions and practical guidelines for medical and mental health clinicians.
- Took five students to Treating the Addictions Conference by Harvard Medical School. Students earned a certificate of completion to place on their resume of the extensive training they received.
- Took five students to a conference by Harvard Medical School in early March 2020. The title of the conference is "Treating the Addictions." Students received extensive training and earned a certificate of completion to place on their resumes.
- Awarded an International Certification as a Clinical Anxiety Treatment Professional by the Institute of Certified as a Clinical Anxiety Treatment Professional. (CCATP). Completed all training and passed the exam.
- Received international certification as a Clinical Anxiety Treatment Professional (CCATP) (November 2019).