

Honors to John Ferraro

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The final award to be presented this evening is that of the Honors of the Council of Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders.

The Honors of the Council award represents the highest honor that this council can bestow on its membership. Since the Council's founding in 1978, 13 individuals have been so honored, with the list of honorees representing the finest that the profession has to offer. Rather than being awarded on an annual basis, this award is made only when an individual emerges who demonstrates the attributes that exemplify the highest qualities, ideals and standards of the profession. This year's award is made to just such a person.

The 2001 award winner has been described as erudite, intellectual and scholarly. He has been described as urbane, cultured and refined. He has been described as athletic, vigorous and vibrant. He has been described as compassionate, considerate and benevolent. These descriptions come verbatim from his resume. But his resume also lists his service to the council:

Professional Standards Committee

Long Range Planning Committee

Multiple years on the planning committee for these annual meetings

Professional Development and Advocacy Committee

Executive Board

President Elect, President and Past President

He is active in AAA, the Acoustical Society of America, Sertoma International and the Council on Academic Accreditation. He is a prolific scholar, an exemplary teacher, a mentor to students and colleagues alike, a leader and a friend. He is John Ferraro of the University of Kansas Medical Center.