

**HONORS AND AWARDS:**  
**Award for Distinguished Contribution**  
**Elaine McNiece**

The Award for Distinguished Contribution is presented to individuals, agencies, businesses, or organizations in recognition of significant and sustained contribution to the Council that have enhanced education in communication sciences and disorders.

This year's recipient made the Committee's work easy. Named an ASHA an ASHA Fellow, this Council member has served the Council, the Association and the profession in many ways. At the state level, this year's recipient has served on the state association's task force on the use of support personnel; as chair of its honors committee, as vice president for membership services, treasurer, president-elect, and president of the state association. Among the funded grants that served the population of the state were those that targeted increasing minority professionals, training and monitoring the use of SLP assistants, and upgrading bachelor's level SLP service delivery.

Nationally, this person has been a member of ASHA's Congressional Action Committee, its Task Force on Public Policy Advocacy by Consumers; served two terms as a Legislative Councilor, and as a member of the CAA.

For our Council, this year's recipient has served as a discussion group leader, as a member of the Publications Committee, as Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee, as Chair of the Archives Committee, as President-Elect then President of the Council, and as Chair and Co-Chair of the Annual Conference Program Committee, providing some of the most memorable banquet entertainment in recent years.

Is it any wonder then that we thank this woman for her many contributions and for making it so easy for the Committee on Honors and Awards to name Dr. Elaine McNiece this year's recipient of the Council's Award for Distinguished Contributions.