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Long Beach School Psychologist Wins Statewide Award

Judith McBride has made her mark on the practice of school psychology.

Dr. McBride was recognized for her contributions to the profession by being named the winner of the Sandra Goff Memorial Award, the California Association of School Psychologists' (CASP) lifetime achievement award, at its annual convention.

Named for the first executive director of CASP, this special recognition was established in 1980, and is awarded for distinguished service to CASP and the profession of school psychology in California. Only one award is given each year; in some years, it is not given at all. It is presented to recognize exemplary service, long-term contributions to school psychology in a variety of settings, and an influence which extends throughout California and beyond.

Dr. McBride joined the staff of the Long Beach Unified School District in 1990, and later became the district's lead psychologist. In this position, she continued to expand the role of school psychologists and added to the interventions and resources available to students at risk. She collaborated with other departments from the Long Beach Unified School District to establish a summer intervention program for minority students with disabilities. She demonstrated a continuing commitment to eliminating assessments that are biased against racial and language minority youth. She also successfully sought to recruit a diverse and highly qualified group of school psychologists, to match the makeup of her district. She retired from Long Beach Unified in 1999, and has since devoted much of her resulting "free" time to supporting school psychology students and interns.

Dr. McBride joined the staff of California State University, Long Beach in 1992, and has continued her role as trainer and visionary. She infuses all of her instruction with a perspective toward education that values all children, their differences and their inherent diversity. She has been instrumental in urging school psychologists throughout California to shift away from the role of test-oriented practitioners. Her students have described her as a "talented communicator" who gives students "the gift of clarity and understanding."

Dr. McBride presents workshops on anger management and violence prevention, and is a strong advocate for active intervention programs. Her "Think First" presentations have been eagerly attended, as have her presentations on the video-based revision of the elementary program, called "Anger Coping." Both of these programs have had a positive impact in countless districts upon the lives of children and those who work with them.

The California Association of School Psychologists, with about 3,000 members, is the largest state school psychologists association in the country. It provides continuing education, resource and referral and advocacy to school psychologists throughout the state. Formed in the early 1950s, the association works to ensure safe learning environments for all K-12 students.

For more information on CASP and on school psychology, please visit our web site at www.casponline.org. For a photo of Dr. McBride, please contact Heidi Holmblad at 916/444-1595 or at communications@casponline.org.