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Eighteen Educators Complete Fellowships in Advanced Leadership Training

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Bethesda, Maryland – Eighteen Leadership Fellows from occupational therapy education programs completed their formal training program in advanced leadership development on October 3, 2009 in Denver, Colorado. This is the third class of leadership fellows completing the program sponsored by The American Occupational Therapy Foundation and the American Occupational Therapy Association.

The leadership fellows completed a ten month curriculum that included leadership assessment, self-evaluation, and group sessions that were held online and in face-to-face formats. The advanced training program, featuring a Mentoring Circles © process, emphasizes open communication, visioning, modeling, and enabling and encouraging others.

Ruth Ann Watkins, President of the American Occupational Therapy Foundation, was present during the closing ceremonies and noted that "The fellowship program has been transformational for these academic leaders, but it will also benefit the profession, their educational settings, and the students they serve."

The 2009 Leadership Fellows (and their affiliated institutions) include:

Dorothy Peterson Bethea, Ed.D., (Winston-Salem State University, N.C.)

Karen Ann Cameron, Ph.D (Alvernia College, Pa.)

Jeanne Sheehan Corcoran, O.T.D., (Salem State College, Mass.)

Mary Beth Craig-Oatley, Ed.M., (Daytona State College, Fla.)

Kate DeCleene, O.T.D., (University of Indianapolis, Ind.)

Rebecca I. Estes, Ph.D., (University of South Alabama)

Joanne M. Gallagher, Ed.D (Worcester State College, Mass.)

Mary Gavacs, M.Ed., (Mercyhurst College, Pa.)

Cynthia Grapczynski, Ed.D., (Grand Valley State University, Mich.)

Belkis Landa-Gonzalez, Ed.D., (Barry University, Fla.)

Claudia Leonard, O.T.D., (Western New Mexico University)

Debora S. Oliveira, M.S., (Florida A&M University)

Christine Peters, Ph.D., (Stony Brook University, N.Y.)

Karen Picus, Ed.D., (Touro University, Nev.)

Regula H. Robnett, Ph.D., (University of New England, Maine)

Karen Romanowski, M.S., (Madison Area Technical College, Wis.)

Terra Ruppert, Ph.D., (Lone Star College, Texas)

John A. White, Jr., Ph.D., (Pacific University, Ore.)

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