Awarded

Susan Miller, principal and founder of Voicetrainer LLC—a voice and communication consulting firm in Washington, D.C.—received the University of Texas at Dallas Distinguished Alumni Award in March 2013 from the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences. The award recognizes her 20-year career in speaking-voice refinement and injured-voice treatment ...

Rozella de Jesus Sutadisastra, the first ASHA-certified Filipino, received a College of Allied Medical Professions Big 50 Award in recognition of her pioneering endeavors in the field of speech-language pathology, and her contributions in developing the Philippines’ first speech-language pathology program: the Department of Speech Pathology of the University of the Philippines, Health Science Center, College of Allied Medical Professions. The award was given in December 2012 at the college’s 50th foundation celebration.

In the news

Three SLPs—Craig Coleman, assistant professor at Marshall University, Huntington, W.Va.; Tommie L. Robinson Jr., director of the Scottish Rite Center for Childhood Language Disorders in Washington, D.C., and ASHA past president; and Lisa Scott, director of clinical education in Florida State University’s School of Communication Science and Disorders in Tallahassee—were quoted in a USA Today story (Sept. 18; bit.ly/usa-today-stuttering) about the value of early speech-language treatment for children who stutter. They talked about the importance of early intervention services, even though many children who stutter will recover spontaneously ...

Jennifer Hamilton, an SLP in Fort Myers, Fla., was featured in a Fort Myers News-Press story (July 28) about her private practice, Speech Matters LLC (www.speechmatters2us.com). The company—founded by high school sweethearts who reunited as adults—has grown by more than 130 percent in two years, in a community that was one of the hardest hit by recent foreclosures across the country.

Named

Dolores E. Battle, professor emerita at Buffalo State College in New York and ASHA past president, was elected as an honored member of the International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatrics, the purpose of which is to advance knowledge in human communication disorders worldwide ...

Li-Rong Lilly Cheng, director of the Chinese Studies Institute at San Diego State University, was chosen as president-elect of the IALP. She will serve on the IALP Executive Committee for the 2013–2016 term ...

Yvette D. Hyter, an associate professor of speech-language pathology at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Mich., was elected to the IALP Board for the 2013–2016 term. She will also serve as chair of the IALP’s Child Language Committee through 2016.

Published

ASHA is proud to present the recipients of the association's 2013 Awards of Excellence. These outstanding individuals have made significant contributions to speech-language pathology, audiology, and speech, language, and hearing sciences. Their work has drawn well-deserved accolades from their colleagues, students and clients.

2013 Honors of the ASSOCIATION

The Honors of the Association, ASHA's highest distinction, recognize members for distinguished contributions to the discipline of communication sciences and disorders. Recipients are known throughout the nation and the world for a lifetime of innovative clinical practice, insightful and rigorous research, creative administration, effective legislative activity, outstanding teaching, or other distinguished professional contributions.

Li-Rong Lilly Cheng
SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, CALIF.

Throughout her career, Lilly Cheng has been a national and international ambassador for communication sciences and disorders, focusing on issues of inclusion, diversity and cultural competence. “She has not only contributed to the knowledge base and discussion, she has influenced the way we speak about culture, language and diversity,” says Alex Johnson, provost and vice president for academic affairs at the Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions. “Most important,” he adds, “she has been relentless in keeping these issues at the forefront of the discipline—thereby influencing curriculum, clinical education and service to patients across the spectrum of age, disability and setting.” She has presented more than 100 papers, workshops and seminars on Asian language and cultural characteristics, cross-cultural communication, and bilingualism to conferences in the United States, China, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Saipan, Canada, Israel and England. She started the first medical speech-language pathology program in Belleville, Ontario, at the Belleville General Hospital, and later helped to establish The Speech and Hearing Association of Taiwan and The Asian Pacific Speech and Hearing Science Foundation. A professor at San Diego State University, she has published extensively, including dozens of chapters and many refereed research articles in national and international journals. She has also served on the editorial boards of numerous journals. An ASHA Fellow and recipient of the ASHA Certificate of Recognition for Special Contributions in Multicultural Affairs, Cheng has altered and enhanced the association’s work through her volunteer service and efforts on multicultural issues through the International Affairs Board, Multicultural Issues Board, Council for Clinical Certification and the Legislative Council.