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USM Teacher Wins Award of Excellence

(Hutchinson, Kan.) Dr. Sue Ann Kline, an adjunct professor of education at University of Saint Mary, in Leavenworth, and former executive director of the Autism Asperger Resource Center, affiliated with the University of Kansas Medical Center, is the winner of this year's Award of Excellence. Dr. Kline was honored on Saturday, Oct. 27, at the annual conference of the Kansas Federation of the Council for Exceptional Children, in Hutchinson.

This award honors an individual who has made significant contributions in the education of children with disabilities, through development of new concepts, approaches or programs, new techniques for diagnosis or rehabilitation, and improved psychological or educational evaluation procedures.

Dr. Sue Ann Kline is one of the most important thinkers today in the area of emotional and behavior disorders, said Robb Scott, Kansas CEC vice president. Kline has experience teaching at all age levels, and has worked as a special education consultant across the state as well as advising Kansas lawmakers.

She has authored professional articles and presented more than 75 conference sessions and more than 200 in-service workshops on topics related to students with special needs.

There are 64,000 children in Kansas public schools who receive federally funded special education services, said Scott. These exceptional learners and educators like Kline who blend best practices and innovative theory to support the progress of those students deserve our undivided attention throughout the year. The 370 members of Kansas CEC hope this award helps to raise awareness across the state and motivates communities to express their gratitude to educational leaders who are improving the ways teachers instruct exceptional children.

ABOUT KANSAS CEC Kansas CEC is the Kansas affiliate of the Council for Exceptional Children, a national and international organization dedicated to improving educational outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities, students with disabilities, and/or the gifted. For additional information, contact Robb Scott or visit www.kansascec.org.