PRESENTATION OF THE 2017 JOAN WALD BAKEN AWARD

Division of Physical, Health, and Multiple Disabilities Council for Exceptional Children



The Joan Wald Baken Award

- •Established in 1997 to honor the memory of the devoted member of DPHD who dedicated herself to individuals with physical and health disabilities.
- •Up to two awards are given annually to individuals whose accomplishments represent exemplary advocacy and educational practice.
- The recipient must be involved in directly impacting individuals with physical and health disabilities in schools, hospitals, clinics, homes

2017 Recipient of the Joan Wald Baken Award

Dr. Adine Usher



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 Ed.D., 1996 - Special Education, Teachers College, Columbia University

Advisor/lecturer/Cerebral Palsy Consultant:
 Special Education Department, The Graduate
 School, Bank Street College of Education, 1995-2002.

Dr. Adine Usher

 Dr. Adine Usher started her career as a teacher of the neurologically impaired at Manorhaven School, Port Washington, NY

She has worked as a classroom teacher, administrator, adjunct instructor, consultant, and advisor in the field of physical and health impairments.

Contributions to the field

- Dr. Usher has advocated for students with physical and health impairments and has consulted with over two dozen schools and organizations. This includes consultations with schools and organizations around the world.
- She has also has administrative experience serving as a director and coordinator for special education programs.
- Dr. Usher has provided staff development and guest lectures at a dozen different universities, professional organizations, and the New York City

Contributions to the field

- She has numerous publications in the field of physical and health impairments and has received various professional awards.
- Dr. Usher has served as a lecturer/instructor at the Bank Street College of Education and Columbia University

Service in the field

- Dr. Usher is a member of the American Academy of Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine and the Council for Exceptional Children with affiliation in the Division for Physical and Health Disabilities
- She also has civic and education affiliations with:
 - Collaborative Consortium (founding member)
 - The Jenelle Foundation, Inc., President (provides post-surgical care for impoverished, disabled students in Guyana, S.A.).
 - The Mayor's Advisory Group: Technology for students with complex physical disabilities: NYC, Department of Education.
 - Bank Street College of Education: Future School Leaders Academy, Northern Westchester, BOCES, Board member
 - Board of Trustees, The Henry Viscardi School (for children with complex physical disabilities), Albertson, NY
 - Ralph Lauren Center for Cancer Care and Prevention

Making a difference...

- "an extraordinary educator... we are proud to have this amazing woman as part of our HVS community"
- "a true educator who truly comprehends the unique learning needs of individual children and how their physical disability impacts their learning style"
- "a wealth of information when it comes to special education. It has been a pleasure to have worked with her, learned from her, and to have gained insight into new trends and services that benefit the education of our students"

Making a difference...

- "She appreciates the knowledge and skills of physical therapists and recognizes the value in team work when educating children with special needs"
- "She has exemplified the depth of knowledge and caring for students, parents, and professionals that serves as a role model for all of us. One example that deeply touched me was her attendance at the funeral at one of our young students. As a member of the HVS school board she may have never had any interaction with this particular child, but her presence at this very sad time was moving and much appreciated"

Fun facts about Dr. Adine Usher

- She is a classical pianist who plays frequently in the community.
- She is an avid sailor (since college)
- Attends concerts (she likes all kinds of music)
- She loves art galleries and does a lot of foreign travel (which nearly always involves visits to programs for students with CP).
- She does needlework, wood craft and ceramic work
- Reading, is a constant for her- historical novels and non-fiction on social justice and human rights.
- Topping it all off is being around her very funny grandchildren ages 1-15.