

Division for Early Childhood's 2019 Award Winners

Dreaming of a Bigger Tomorrow. . . Building Our Future Through Collaboration and Partnership

The DEC Award for Mentoring
Jennifer Ledford, Ph.D., BCBA-D
Assistant Professor
Peabody College, Vanderbilt University



**The J. David Sexton Doctoral
Student Award**
Elizabeth Pokorski, Ph.D., BCBA
Postdoctoral Researcher
Supporting Transformative Autism Research (STAR) Initiative
University of Virginia



Kathleen W. McCartan Award
Jill Lucas
K-2 Special Education Teacher
UNLV Endorsement in Early Childhood Special Education



**The Mary McEvoy Service
to the Field Award**
Eva Horn, Ph.D.
Professor
Coordinator of Early Childhood Unified Program
Investigator Schiefelbusch Life Span Institute
University of Kansas



**The Rose C. Engel Award For
Excellence in Professional Practice**
Claire Tredwell, Ph.D.
Administrative Faculty
Director, UNLV/CSUN Preschool
Lynn Bennett Early Childhood Education Center
College of Education, University of Nevada, Las Vegas



**The Merle B. Karnes
Award for Service**
Erin Barton, Ph.D., BCBA-D
Associate Professor
Vanderbilt University



The Merle B. Karnes Award for Service
Diana J. LaRocco, Ed.D.
Dean, School of Social and Educational Sciences and
General Education
Director, Universal Design for Learning Initiatives
Goodwin College, East Hartford, CT



The DEC Parent/Family Award
Roxane Romanick, MSW
Executive Director
Designer Genes of North Dakota: A Down
Syndrome Network



Special Board Award
Ruth Ryder
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education,
US Department of Education

