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## ArkSHA Honors and Awards

### Frank R. Kleffner Award:

ArkSHA is proud to announce Daniel C. Tullos, Ph.D., CCC-SLP as the recipient of the 2015 Frank R. Kleffner Award.

Daniel Tullos was nominated by the faculty of Harding University.

Through his service to speech-language pathology in the area of academics, Dr. Dan Tullos has had a far-reaching impact on the disciplines of audiology and speech pathology. He has held memberships from 13 different professional groups over the past 41 years, and has served on 16 different committees for ASHA, ArkSHA, the Canadian Speech and Hearing Association, and the Council of Academic Programs.



Dr. Tullos has spent most of his career training future clinicians at Harding, dedicating 36 years in continued service to the university. He has also championed the undergraduate Communication Sciences and Disorders education with clinical services providing impact across the state of Arkansas, training qualified undergraduates who have become dedicated and exceptional clinicians.

Dr. Tullos has been an advocate for raising the standards of the graduate program to continue to enhance and improve services. He has been instrumental in many multicultural works to expand students' clinical and cultural perspectives.

Dr. Tullos has played an integral role in ensuring success of Harding undergraduate and graduate students. He is the heart and soul of this program, which has grown from 50 undergraduate majors to more than 200 today under his direction. His loyalty to the school and the students has never wavered; he is a shining example to his faculty members. We feel that he is most deserving of this award. We are proud to serve under his leadership and look forward to the direction he will take us in the future.

## Scholarship Donation Form

We are able to offer scholarships to our student members each year thanks to your generous donations throughout the year, and our social and auction at the convention. You can donate in honor of or in memory of someone, if you choose. **Current students are the future of our industry, and we are glad we are able to support them when needed.**

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**P.O. BOX 24103  
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# ArkSHA Honors and Awards

## **Paula Gober Public School Award:**

Kamela Rowland, MS, CCC-SLP, was named as the 2015 recipient of the Paula Gober Public School Award.

Kami was nominated by Carol Fleming and Suzanne Proctor.

Kami Rowland has spent much of her career dedicating herself to researching treatments and strategies to meet the diverse needs of her students. As a former recipient of speech/language pathology services; Kami can relate to the struggles faced by her students and help them achieve success in the classroom and community. Hoping she has an a positive impact on the lives of those served,



Kami has developed a Peer Buddy System within her school. Additionally, she creates student driven Social Stories to address code-switching and executive functioning. Kami promotes team teaching to meet the written expression needs of her students. Her research has shown that the Strategic Instructional Model (SIM) for Sentence Writing Strategies has improved the written expression skills of her students as noted by their performance in the classroom and on state standardized assessments.

Everything Kami does is “student centered”. This comes from her ability to relate to her students and the importance to make an impact on their lives. What she does is personal. She is passionate because of the impact another speech-language pathologist had on her life. It is her “mission” to do the same for her students.

## **Honors of the Association Award:**

ArkSHA is proud to announce James Thurman, Ed.S. as the recipient of the 2015 Honors of the Association Award.

James Thurman was nominated by Sharon Ross.

Jim Thurman is one of the most influential speech-language pathologists in the state of Arkansas. His contribution to the profession over the past 42 years is significant and deserving of being recognized with Honors of the Association.

Through Jim’s long standing presence at the University of Central Arkansas, he has taught and mentored hundreds of the speech-language pathologists practicing in our state.

Jim is a Certified Brain Injury Specialist, who for the past 28 years has spent weekends working at Timber Ridge Ranch. Under his supervision, graduate students have provided diagnostic and treatment services for children and adults with head injuries at this facility. This experience is unique and many students have commented that this was one of their favorite clinical experiences. No doubt this is due to Jim’s enthusiasm, passion, and commitment to these clients and their families.



## **2015 ArkSHA Graduate Student Scholarship**

Ashlen Thomason received the 2015 ArkSHA Graduate Student Scholarship. Ashlen is an Ph.D. student in the Arkansas Consortium for the Ph.D. in Communication Sciences and Disorders (UALR, UCA, and UAMS).

We look forward to seeing the things that Ashlen will accomplish in the years to come!

