



The CoARC 2021 AWARDS



The Distinguished RRT Credentialing Success Award and the President's Award for Excellence Criteria

The President's Award for Excellence and the Distinguished RRT Credentialing Success Award is presented as part of the CoARC's continued efforts to value the RRT credential as a standard of professional achievement. From a program effectiveness perspective, the CoARC views the RRT credential as a measure of a program's success in inspiring its graduates to achieve their highest educational and professional aspirations.

In selecting programs for this recognition, the CoARC Board used objective criteria based on key accreditation metrics documented in the 2020 Annual Report of Current Status RCS. The CoARC extends its sincere congratulations to you, your faculty, students, and graduates for meeting these rigorous criteria.

The Distinguished RRT Credentialing Success Award - programs were required to: (1) have three or more years of outcomes data; (2) hold accreditation without a progress report; (3) document RRT credentialing success of 90% or above, and (4) meet or exceed established CoARC thresholds for TMC high cut score and retention.

The President's Award for Excellence in Credentialing Success - programs were required to: (1) have three or more years of outcomes data; (2) hold accreditation without a progress report; (3) document RRT credentialing success of 100%, and (4) meet or exceed established CoARC thresholds for TMC high cut score and retention.

Keep in mind that the conferral of this achievement award does not imply the CoARC's recommendation, endorsement, or ranking of your program in relation to other CoARC accredited programs. Publications or announcements of this award shall not imply such recommendation, endorsement, or ranking. The primary responsibility of CoARC is to accredit programs based on their compliance with established accreditation standards.



2021 Distinguished RRT Credentialing Success Award Recipients



American Career College-Anaheim
Bellarmine University
Bluegrass Community & Technical College
Boise State University
Borough of Manhattan Community College
Butte College
Carteret Community College
Central New Mexico Community College
Central Piedmont Community College
Chippewa Valley Technical College
Cincinnati State Tech Community College
Collin College
Columbia State Community College
Concorde Career College - Portland
Cuyahoga Community College
Dallas College
Dalton State College
Dixie State University
Dona Ana Community College
Durham Technical Community College
Erie Community College
Florida A & M University
Foothill College

Forsyth Technical Community College
Georgia State University (MS)
Greenville Technical College
Grossmont College
Gwynedd Mercy University
Harrisburg Area Community College
Hartnell College
HCCS: Coleman College for Health Sciences
Henry Ford College
Hillsborough Community College
Hudson Valley Community College
Indiana Respiratory Therapy Ed Consortium
Ivy Tech Community College-Terre Haute
Ivy Tech Community College-South Bend/Elkhart
Ivy Tech Community College-Central IN
Kalamazoo Valley Community College
Kirkwood Community College
Lakeland Community College
Lincoln Land Community College
Long Island University
Los Angeles Valley College
Louisiana State University Health Science Ctr
Louisiana State Univ Health Sc Ctr at New Orleans
Macomb Community College
Madison Area Technical College
Madisonville Community College
Manchester Community College
Middle Georgia State University
Millersville University
Mohawk Valley Community College
Monroe County Community College
Moraine Valley Community College
Mott Community College
Mountain Empire Community College



Napa Valley College
Nassau Community College
Naugatuck Valley Community College
Newman University
North Shore Community College
Northern Kentucky University
Northern Virginia Community College
Northwest Arkansas Community College
Oakland Community College
Ohlone College
Orange Coast College
Oregon Institute of Technology
Ozarks Technical Community College
Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences
Pickens Technical College
Pima Medical Institute - Las Vegas
Pitt Community College
Polk State College
Quinsigamond Community College
Reading Area Community College
Rock Valley College
Rose State College
Rush University Medical Center
Salisbury University
San Joaquin Valley College - Bakersfield
San Joaquin Valley College -
 Rancho Cordova
San Joaquin Valley College - Temecula
Santa Fe College
Sinclair Community College
Skyline College
South Plains College - Lubbock Campus

Springfield Technical Community College
St. Louis Community College - Forest Park
St. Petersburg College
Stanly Community College
Stark State College
Stony Brook University
Tarrant County College
Temple College
The Ohio State University
The University of Montana-Missoula College
Tidewater Community College
University of Missouri-Columbia
University of Rio Grande/Rio Grande CC/
 Buckeye Hills Career Center
University of Southern Indiana
University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston
University of Toledo
Victor Valley Community College
Volunteer State Community College
Weatherford College
Weber State University
Weber State University - Univ of Utah Campus
West Chester University/Bryn Mawr Hospital
Westchester Community College
Youngstown State University





2021 President's Award for Excellence in Credentialing Success Recipients



American River College
Augusta University
Broward College
CHI St. Alexius Health/University of Mary (MS)
Columbus State Community College
Delaware Technical and Community College
Florida SouthWestern State College
Georgia State University
Gwinnett Technical College
Indian River State College
Kapiolani Community College
Kettering College
Mansfield University
Mayo Clinic College of Medicine / University of Minnesota
Midlands Technical College
South Dakota State University /Monument Health Rapid City Campus
Mt. San Antonio College
Roane State Community College
Robeson Community College
St. Johns River State College
SUNY Upstate Medical University
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
University of Missouri at Mercy Hospital
Victoria College
Weber State University - Davis Campus
Wilkes Community College

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**CoARC Louis Sinopoli, PhD, RRT, FAARC
Faculty Educational Research Grant**



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**Tabatha Dragonberry, DHSc, MBA, RRT,
RRT-NPS, RRT-ACCS, CPFT, AE-C, C-NPT
Assistant Professor / Director of Degree Advancement
Programs at UT Health San Antonio**

PROJECT TITLE

"Does spaced practice via mobile enhance the student experience?"

**CoARC George Burton, MD
Student Education Research Scholarship
Sponsored by Kettering National Seminars**



2021 RECIPIENT

**Hua Zhong
Graduate Student at Rush University Medical Center**

PROJECT TITLE

"Effects of Pulmonary Dead Space on Covid-19 pneumonia associated ARDS"

**The Dr. H. Fred Helmholtz
Education Lecture Series Award**



2021 RECIPIENT

**Ellen A. Becker, PhD, RRT, RRT-NPS, RPFT,
AE-C, FAARC
Professor, Division of Respiratory Care
Rush University**

**H. Fred Helmholtz Lecture - "Do We Give Up Too Soon?
Helping All Learners Achieve Excellence"**

Bonner Smith Outstanding Service Award



**2021 Bonner Smith Outstanding
Service Award Recipient**

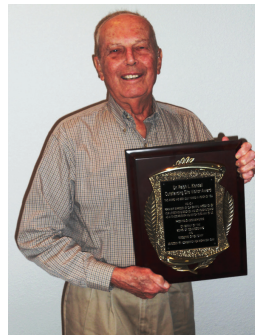
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CoARC Commissioner**

**Vice Chairman and Professor of
Anesthesiology**

Loyola University Medical Center

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***Dr. Ralph Kendall Outstanding  
Site Visitor Award***



**2021 Dr. Kendall Outstanding  
Site Visitor Award Recipient**

**Diane Oldfather, MHEd, RRT,  
FAARC**

**Adjunct Professor  
Liberty University**

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