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PRESENTATION OF 1974 BOYCE R. WILLIAMS AWARD TO DR. JEROME D. SCHEIN, DIRECTOR, N.Y. UNIVERSITY DEAFNESS RESEARCH & TRAINING CENTER. L. to R., Dr. Boyce R. Williams, Dr. Schein, President Larry G. Stewart, Frank J. Gattas.



PRESENTATION OF 1974 PRWAD CONFERENCE BELL-RINGER AWARD TO DR. CRAIG MILLS, DIRECTOR, FLORIDA DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION. L. to R., President Larry G. Stewart, Dr. Mills, Dr. Boyce R. Williams.

THE BOYCE R. WILLIAMS AWARD*

Presentation Made By ROBERT R. LAURITSEN

The person receiving the 1974 Boyce R. Williams Award is a professional who has been involved with deaf people personally, with programs for deaf people, with organizations of and for deaf people, and in a wide variety of governmental activities concerned with a multiplicity of issues concerning the deaf community at local, state, regional, national, and international levels. He practices total communication, both in English and in a "foreign" language.

In the early stages of his academic and career development, there was no real indication of the person's future involvement with deafness and deaf people. As an undergraduate and graduate student at a leading midwestern institution for higher education he completed his studies through the doctoral level. Following receipt of his doctorate, he began a college teaching career in his field of specialization, which was not directly concerned, if at all, with deafness. His interest, however, was not merely in teaching, but included research.

After two years at two different universities, a research and teaching opportunity presented itself in the field of deafness. This person lost no time in accepting the position in which he continued for eight years. During this time, he became actively involved in research work in deafness and published an extensive array of articles in the field, helped to found a major quarterly publication, served as an editor for *DSH Abstracts* for four years, and, in short, became a recognized leader in the field of the psychological aspects of deafness.

Following this period of his career, the 1974 Boyce R. Williams Award recipient served as the chief college administrative officer at a midwestern university. Although he was not specifically engaged in the field of deafness, his interest and work in the field continued as is evidenced by his continued research and publishing efforts.

Perhaps because of the new challenge offered by the nature of his present position, our recipient left the position just mentioned and undertook the responsibility of a program concerned totally with a broad range of activities involving the deaf community. He is currently in that position and the 1974 Boyce R. Williams Award recipient is well known as the Director of the New York University Deafness Research & Training Center, Dr. Jerome D. Schein.

**This PRWAD Award is made biennially during PRWAD Conference meetings to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the rehabilitation of deaf people. Selection of the recipient is made by a committee appointed by the President.*