**Press Release:** *Council for Exceptional Children’s Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities* announces 2022 early career award recipient

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The awards committee of the *Council for Exceptional Children’s Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities* announced today that the 2022 Tom E.C. Smith Early Career Award will be given to Dr. Annemarie Horn. Dr. Horn is an Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator of the Special Education Adapted Curriculum K-12 MSEd program in the Department of Communication Disorders and Special Education at Old Dominion University. This award is presented to those in the beginning stages of their career that are contributing to teacher education in a significant way. Dr. Horn has been described as an innovative, dedicated, and influential teacher educator and researcher who successful bridges research and practice in all aspects of her work. One nominator, Dr. Robert A. Gable described Dr. Horn as “the consummate teacher educator, in that she has worked tirelessly to establish a work ethic that reflects a desire to continue to develop and refine her ability to instill in her students the competencies necessary to impact positively the lives of students with developmental disabilities.”

This prestigious award is presented by *The Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities (DADD),* a special interest association within the *Council for Exceptional Children*, the largest international professional organization in the world dedicated to supporting the needs of students with disabilities. Originating in 1963, DADD is a leading voice in the field of education for students with autism, intellectual disability, and other developmental disabilities through research dissemination, active participation in the creation of nationally-recognized professional practice standards, and robust professional networking. The award ceremony will take place at DADD’s annual conference in Clearwater, Florida, in January 2022.

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