**Press Release:** *Council for Exceptional Children’s Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities* gives award to top Special Education paraprofessional

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The awards committee for *Council for Exceptional Children’s Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities* announced today that the 2022 Paraprofessional of the Year will be given to Sue Krennich. Ms. Krennich is currently a paraprofessional in the Comprehensive Development Class at Gallatin High School in Gallatin, Tennessee. Previously, she worked at Johnsburg Junior High School in Johnsburg, Illinois. Administrators of both schools praised her unparalleled dedication to her students and her support for encouraging student success both academically and socially. In addition to her regular instructional responsibilities, she has taken on leadership roles in Special Olympics and in mentoring other paraprofessional educators.

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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