Academy Announces The Elaine Schlosser Lewis Memorial Award for Research on Attention Deficit Disorders

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The late Elaine Schlosser Lewis is pictured above with a special student.

The Academy is pleased to announce the Elaine Schlosser Lewis Award for Research on Attention Deficit Disorders. This exciting new award will promote and acknowledge cutting edge research on the subject of ADHD and be offered for the best paper on the subject in the Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

The annual award is made possible by Bernard and Susan Mendik of New York, who are eager to advance knowledge about and treatments available for ADHD. Mr. and Mrs. Mendik’s donation honors Owen Lewis, M.D., and recognizes his commitment to helping children and adolescents suffering from ADHD.

The award is named in memory of Dr. Lewis’ mother, Elaine Schlosser Lewis, a special education teacher and advocate for children with ADHD. Dr. Lewis chose to name the award in his mother’s honor to acknowledge her outstanding work with teachers, pediatricians and parents on behalf of children and adolescents with ADHD.

The first award will be presented to Dennis P. Cantwell, M.D., by Dr. Lewis during the Opening Plenary of the Academy’s 41st Annual Meeting on Thursday, October 27, 1994. (The award recognizes Dr. Cantwell’s significant contributions to, and lifetime body of work in, ADHD.) Dr. Cantwell is well known for his role as a clinical practitioner, teacher and administrator. His early research was one of the first studies to demonstrate the family genetic relationship between ADHD in childhood and antisocial disorders in adult life. Dr. Cantwell is currently the Joseph Campbell Professor of Child Psychiatry at the UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute and Hospital. Future awards will be selected by a committee comprised of the Academy’s President, Journal Editor, and the previous award winner.

The Academy Council joins with the membership in thanking Mr. and Mrs. Mendik for their generous support and in congratulating Dr. Cantwell on this award!

Award Winners