**Linda Duncombe Memorial Award for Mental Health**

**Objective**: To recognize an exceptional occupational therapy practitioner who promotes the role of occupational therapy and student interest in the practice of mental health.

**Criteria:**

1. Minimum of five years of practice as OT or OTA and currently practicing in the area of mental health.
2. Currently licensed as an occupational therapy practitioner in the Commonwealth of

 Massachusetts

1. Takes initiative to expand current knowledge and skills and continuing competency within mental health through self-study, and/or participation in workshops, seminars, task force, SIG’s or other professional affiliations
2. Exemplary clinician and professional role model who promotes evidence-based, ethical, and occupation-based interventions to advance the role of occupational therapy in the area of mental health practice.
3. Positive evaluations from students who completed their fieldwork experiences with this fieldwork educator

NOTE: Please comment on each criterion for this award in the content of a recommendation/nomination letter, citing specific examples of the nominee’s behavior and/or accomplishments relative to each criterion.