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University Park, January 25, 2005 – Dr. Jay Lubinsky of Governors State University is being awarded Honors of the Association by the Illinois Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ISHA).

It is the association's highest honor.



Dr. Jay Lubinsky

The award is for more than 25 years' contribution to the ISHA and other professional organizations and to the professions of speech-language pathology and audiology.

Barbara Roseman, chair of the Honors Committee for ISHA, said, "Jay has established an exceptional record of contributions to the professions through his clinical service, teaching, service to ISHA and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), and university leadership."

She added that Lubinsky has distinguished himself on regional, state, and national levels.

"Jay truly exemplifies the highest ideals of volunteerism and service to the professions," said Georgia McMann, director of Certification Administration for ASHA. "He is a wonderful choice to receive the honors of ISHA."

Throughout his career, Lubinsky has served in several capacities on state and national levels – at all times advancing education and standards for the profession.

He served as a charter member, and eventually chair of ASHA's Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) in 1999 and 2000.

As a member of CAA, Lubinsky took part in developing the new standards for educational program accreditation that went into effect in 1999. Patti Tice, director of Credentialing for ASHA, said that, while chair, Lubinsky played a significant role in a multi-year effort to revise the association's certification standards in speech-language pathology. He also worked to develop new criteria for the approval of technical training programs for speech-language pathology assistants.

Lubinsky, who has been a Governors State University professor for 30 of the institution's 35 year history, currently serves as chair of the Department of Communication Disorders in the university's College of Health Profession. He said, "The Illinois Speech-Language-Hearing Association is filled with dedicated, talented professionals. It's an honor simply to be a member and to be able to participate in its activities. To receive the highest honors of that association is truly humbling."

ISHA will present the award to Lubinsky at its 2005 Convention in Rosemont, February 12.