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EDITOR'S PICK

ASC memory care expert named distinguished educator of the year

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Melanie Perry



American Senior Communities (ASC) Director of Memory Care Support Services Melanie Perry was named one of four top Memory Care Educators in the U.S. for 2018.

The honor was recently announced in Sparta, N.J., by the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners (NCCDP). Winners were selected from several hundred nominations from around the country.

The NCCDP honors dementia educators for outstanding efforts in meeting the challenging standards of facilitating quality dementia education.

Perry leads American Senior Communities' Memory Care Support Services, which includes Auguste's Cottage Memory Care Centers at most of the company's 90 senior health communities statewide. She designed and implemented the original Auguste's Cottage program.

Perry is a Certified Dementia Practitioner and Certified Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Care Trainer (CADDCT). She holds two master's degrees, one in general psychology from the University of St. Francis in Ft. Wayne and masters of science in mental health counseling, with an emphasis in gerontology, from Nova Southeastern University.

She has been the featured speaker at several state level conferences in the Midwest and is published. She is engaged in several notable professional associations. She is a distinguished speaker for the Central Indiana Alzheimer's Association Speaker's Bureau and chairs the Education Committee for the Indiana Person Directed Care Coalition.

Jennifer Krupa, director of lifelong living at the Center for Lifelong Learning at Lorain County Community College in Elyria, Ohio, was named the 2018 CADDCT Educator of the Year.

The other three Distinguished Educators of the Year are: Gina Saunders, corporate director of Memory Care and Programming, Maplewood Senior Living, Westport, Conn.; Michael Pane of Deerfield Episcopal Retirement Community, Asheville, N.C.; and Roxanne Galloway, vice president of Humanities, Ethica Health and Retirement Communities, Newnan, Ga.

The National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners was formed in 2003 and has thousands of members throughout the United States and many countries. The organization provides Alzheimer's disease and dementia care education globally and issues dementia certifications to healthcare professionals and frontline staff.

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