Massachusetts Educator to Receive Special Education Lifetime Achievement Award from Council for Exceptional Children

Arlington, Va., April 10, 2017 – Dr. David H. Rose, founder and chief education officer of the Center for Applied Special Technology, has been selected to receive the 2017 CEC J. E. Wallace Wallin Special Education Lifetime Achievement Award from the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), the world’s leading special education professional association.

The CEC J. E. Wallace Wallin Special Education Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes an individual who has made continued and sustained contributions to the education of children and youth with exceptionalities.

At the Center for Applied Special Technology in 1984, Rose and his colleagues first conceived of creating a flexible curriculum that could serve as a complete solution to students' varied learning needs. The result was the framework for Universal Design for Learning, or UDL.

Since that time, Rose has spent over 30 years publishing, advocating and teaching on this subject. He has written or co-edited dozens of publications comprising some of the most frequently referenced scholarly works on redesigning learning environments in the field.

Rose has played a major role in shaping public policy on the state and national levels, helping to make UDL a widely used framework that is supported by federal education law. The principles of UDL have been embedded into teacher preparation programs, incorporated into educational software, and translated into 12 languages.

Rose will be recognized during the CEC 2017 Convention & Expo’s Opening General Session, the largest annual gathering of members of the field of special education on April 19, at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston. For more information, visit www.cec.sped.org/convention.

Learn more about the Council for Exceptional Children at www.cec.sped.org.