

Remarks of Dr. Michael Williams in presenting the Bartlett Distinguished Service Award

It is my distinct honor and pleasure to acknowledge this recognition that the Ohio School Psychologists Association has bestowed on Dr. Vera C. Edwards as the 2000 recipient of the Clyde V. Bartlett Award. My only regrets are that Dr. Edwards is not here to personally receive this recognition or to realize the great sense of appreciation from her countless protégés, like myself whose letters of support compelled the OSPA Awards Committee to select her as this year's award recipient. I stand before you today on behalf of Dr. Edwards' many protégés who doubtlessly consider her, a woman who had no children of her own, to have been their "professional mother", as I do --- a "professional mother who gave birth and nurtured us into the professionals we are today. We thank OSPA for granting her this coveted award and we take this opportunity, in dramatic public fashion, to thank Dr. Edwards for all of the tireless contributions and sacrifices she made for the benefit of others, as a most worthy role model and servant of humanity.

Accepting the award, at the request of Dr. Edwards' family, is
Justine Clarke-Lomax