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Pat Kent Wins the 2014 Tools for Life Assistive Technology Innovation Award at the Institute Designed for Educating All Students (IDEAS) Conference

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St. Simon’s, Georgia | June 2014 – Pat Kent, Assistive Technology Specialist with the Douglas County School System was presented with the prestigious **2014 Tools for Life Assistive Technology Innovation Team Award** on **June 3, 2014** for outstanding design of **an inclusive classroom**. **Pat Kent** won the hotly contested prize over other nominees throughout Georgia.

The **Tools for Life Assistive Technology Awards Ceremony** has been a tradition within Georgia for the last **18** years. The **Assistive Technology Innovation Award** recognizes outstanding design of a program, project, product, building, space and/or inclusive classroom. This award was created by Tools for Life, Georgia’s AT Act to promote creativity and encourage AT & universal design principles for equal access of all people.

Pat Kent accepted the Assistive Technology Innovation Award in person in front of 700 educators and assistive technology professionals from throughout Georgia at IDEAS. Ann Kohler rose above the other nominees for a variety of reasons; including her ability to inspire, incorporate new ideas, and implement ingenious design solutions for her student’s achievements.

Ms. Kent received a unique hand-crafted bowl created exclusively for the Tools for Life AT Award Winners by Georgia artisan, Todd Runkle, www.toddrunklepottery.com. These beautiful pieces serve as a reminder of the knowledge, skills and abilities that overflow from Ms. Kent’s “bowl” as she assists students with disabilities in achieving their educational goals.

Tools for Life, Georgia’s Assistive Technology Act Program, is dedicated to increasing access to and acquisition of assistive technology (AT) devices and services for Georgians of all ages and disabilities so they can live, learn, work and play independently and with greater freedom in communities of their choice. Find out more at: www.gatfl.gatech.edu

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