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School Administrator Receives State Honors in Williamsburg

(Fredericksburg, VA) – The Virginia Association of Independent Specialized Education Facilities (VAISEF) held its annual Spring Conference on April 20-22, 2016. The annual conference took place at the Kingsmill Resort in Williamsburg. The theme for the 2-day event was “Having Impact in Our Classrooms.”

VAISEF is an association of Virginia private providers of specialized education and services for children and youth with special needs, and their families. Its mission is to enhance the capabilities of its members to provide quality specialized education and services by offering an accreditation process and by providing information, training, and networking opportunities and to increase opportunities for members to provide services by advocating for a full continuum of services and by advocating for an increased role of the private sector, and

by networking with state and local agencies.

Ms. Patricia St. Clair, M.Ed., Program Coordinator at the Gladys H. Oberle School, a Fredericksburg private provider of specialized education and service for special needs children, and a member of VAISEF, was recognized at the statewide conference by the VAISEF Board of Directors. Ms. St. Clair received the “*President’s Award with Distinction*” honoring her for her hard work and service to the association. “I was so surprised when I was recognized for my work on the VAISEF accreditation committee,” said St. Clair. “I had no idea I would be the recipient of this award and it’s nice to receive recognition for your work.”

For the past seven years, St. Clair has performed and led a number of site reviews across the state to ensure VAISEF schools remain in compliance with the set standards. “Performing site reviews is a great experience and they allow me opportunities to gather ideas for making improvements to our school,” St. Clair added.

“The entire staff here at the Gladys H. Oberle School is so proud of Tricia and she is very deserving of this prestigious award presented by the VAISEF Board of Directors,” said Pamela Simms, M.Ed., Vice President of Education Services for Employment Resources Incorporated, and Program Director of the Gladys H. Oberle School.

Employment Resources Incorporated is a private not-for-profit organization with offices located in Fredericksburg, Virginia that serves the city of Fredericksburg and multiple cities and counties in the region. ERI operates the Gladys H. Oberle School in Fredericksburg, an accredited alternative private special education day school for high school age children which includes The Wilson Center for Vocational Studies programs. Its mission is to provide youth and young adults with the education and skills they need to become successfully employed, self-sufficient and contributing members of their community.

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