Section History

The Section on Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics was founded in 1960 to enable members who are interested in developmental-behavioral pediatrics to promote ideas and programs that improve the well-being of infants, children, adolescents, and their families.

Membership in the section is open to Fellows and Affiliate members of the American Academy of Pediatrics who are actively involved in developmental-behavioral pediatrics.

Visit the section’s Web site at www.dbpeds.org to obtain articles, newsletters, and membership to the section’s e-mail discussion list.

Legacy

The Dale Richmond/Justin Coleman Award is generously supported by the Dale Richmond/Justin Coleman Endowment.

The mention of my child’s name
May bring tears to my eyes,
But it never fails to bring
Music to my ears.

If you are really my friend
Let me hear the beautiful music
of my child’s name
It soothes my broken heart
And sings to my soul.

From presentation
“Death of A Child:
Pediatric and Family Care”
by
William Lord Coleman,
MD, FAAP

Past Award Recipients

2005 Samuel J. Meisels, EdD
2004 Margaret C. Dunkle
2003 David Elkind, PhD
2002 Marie Bristol-Power, PhD
2001 Edward Christophersen, PhD, ABPP
2000 Frances Page Glascoe, PhD
1999 Marian Wright Edelman, LLB, JD
1998 Robert Coles, MD
1997 William Harris, PhD
1996 Judith Wallerstein, PhD
1995 Stephanie Coontz, MA
1994 James Garbarino, PhD
1993 Ruby Heurn, PhD
1992 Deborah Klein Walker, EdD
1991 Margaret C. Heagarty, MD
1990 Felton Earls, MD
1989 Leon Eisenberg, MD
1988 Robert J. Haggerty, MD
1987 Albert J. Solnit, MD
1986 Paul F. Wehrle, MD
1985 Elizabeth Boggs, PhD
1984 Vince L. Hutchins, MD
1983 Edwin W. Martin, PhD
1982 C. Arden Miller, MD
1981 George Tarjan, MD
1980 Sibylle Escalona, PhD
1979 Morris Green, MD
1978 Lawrence T. Taft, MD
1977 Lisbeth Bamberger Schott, MD
1976 Edward Zigler, PhD
1975 Jerome Kagan, PhD/Orville Brim, PhD
1974 Bettye Caldwell, PhD
1973 Urie Bronfenbrenner, PhD

The Dale Richmond/Justin Coleman Award

For Outstanding Contributions in the Field of Child Development and Behavior

Nancy D. Wiseman, 2006 Recipient
American Academy of Pediatrics
Section on Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics
National Conference and Exhibition
Sunday, October 8, 2006
Atlanta, GA
One of his fellow students described his activities: "The food co-ops of the sixties—at least in college communities—straddled the wide range of concerns and motives in the air. Dale embraced these aspirations, specifically community service through non-profit, non-exploitative, collective, alternative institutions. Dale contributed his sincere and generous energy into picking up the bulk order when it came from the farmers, divvying up the eggs into dozens, carving up the large blocks of cheese into conventional sizes, and sorting them all into units for each member’s weekly pick-up. He did it all, Dale maintained an amazingly mature perspective, derived from his political understanding and commitment, and his quiet, respectful kindness."

Before completing his plans to enter graduate school in political science, Dale returned to Chicago in the fall of 1971 to assure the continuity of this community-based project. On this visit, he was killed during a street robbery in the vicinity of the University.

Dale was the son of Rhee and Dr. Julius B. Richmond. Dr. Richmond is a founding member of the AAP Section on Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics, and the first national director of the national Head Start program. Known for his work in introducing psychosocial development into pediatric education, research, and services, he is the first physician to hold simultaneously the office of Surgeon General and Assistant Secretary for Health in the Department of Health and Human Services (Carter Administration, 1977-1981). Dr. Richmond received the AAP C. Anderson Aldrich Award in Child Development (1966) and the AAP Excellence in Public Service Award (1990). A member of numerous AAP committees over the years, Dale also helped found the AAP Section on Community Pediatrics. He also served on the former AAP Committee on Scientific Program and on the editorial board of Pediatrics.

Justin also was an outstanding athlete (hockey, basketball) ending his career as a member of the Ivy League Co-championship Lacrosse Team. After college, he worked in the Clinton White House for two years including serving on the Advance Team, the Presidents’ legal defense team, and in the Staff Office.

Justin was a beloved and valued member of President Clinton’s inner team. After the White House, he continued to work on Clinton’s Advance Team.

At Justin’s memorial service, President Clinton stated, “Justin Coleman was one of the finest young people I have ever known. And I will always be grateful for the time he spent with me—even if Justin had lived to 127 years, he could not have lived more.”

Justin had been accepted to the University of Virginia Law School, but deferred twice as he took time off in order to explore his inner and spiritual self. He lived in San Francisco and Australia and climbed mountains on three continents.

In his mountain journal Justin wrote, “Going to the mountains away from all the noise and rush of everyday life brings clarity and perspective. Up there you are better than you know you are.”

In September 2003 he returned to Australia to visit friends and was critically injured in a car accident, Justin passed away 23 days later. His organs were donated so others might live and to honor his generous spirit, which was as he would have wanted.

Justin was the son of Dr. William and Julie Coleman and the brother of Chandra Coleman. Dr. Coleman is a Professor of Pediatrics at the Center for Development and Learning at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is active in various leadership positions in the AAP and writes and speaks on behavioral and psychosocial-family issues. Chandra Coleman promotes activities to raise awareness of organ donation. Chandra Coleman helps keep Justin’s spirit alive by maintaining his website: www.justincoleman.org. Justin was a very loving son and brother. He was also a supportive, giving, and loyal friend. Numerous friends and colleagues have mentioned the lasting influence of his spirit and deeds.

Dr. Julius Richmond knew Justin and it was Dr. Richmond’s loving and generous offer to rename this award for Dale and Justin. The Executive Committee of the Section on Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics concurred. Dale and Justin were unusually politically conscious and active, and they shared a deep desire to improve the social condition through public service and acts of kindness. They would have been good friends.

His family is honored that his spirit and name live on through this award.

The Life of Dale K. Richmond (1950-1971)
Born shortly after World War II, Dale Richmond’s life was shaped by events of the post-war period. His life characterized a lively intellect, curiosity, and compassion. His interests were broad, encompassing the sciences, humanities, and sports. He developed a deep interest in the Civil War. One of his early aspirations was to follow in the footsteps of Carl Sandburg as a biographer of Abraham Lincoln.

His deep concern for those in need fostered his compassion. During his student days at the University of Chicago, he joined in the protests against Vietnam; however, he did not limit his activities to protests. With fellow students, he set out to work with people living in the low income neighborhood around the University to develop a food purchasing cooperative, which was very much valued by the residents of the area.

Justin was raised in Albuquerque NM, Durham NC, Boston MA, and Chapel Hill NC. He completed secondary school at Choate Rosemary Hall School, followed by his baccalaureate degree in political science at Brown University. He was curious both intellectually and spiritually, an independent thinker, and a wonderful communicator, listener and writer. Justin also was an outstanding athlete (hockey, basketball) ending his career as a member of the Ivy League Co-championship Lacrosse Team. After college, he worked in the Clinton White House for two years including serving on the Advance Team, the Presidents’ legal defense team, and in the Staff Office.

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