

# Diane Cordry Golden, Ph.D.

Diane Cordry Golden is a 1974 graduate of Smith-Cotton High School and was class valedictorian. While at Smith-Cotton she participated in numerous clubs and organizations, including National Honor Society, Girls State, German Club, and Speech and Debate. She also participated in band, track, volleyball, cheerleading, and swimming. Dr. Golden received her bachelor's and doctoral degrees from the University of Missouri and her master's degree from Central Missouri State. She graduated with all three degrees as Summa Cum Laude. Her career began as a Clinical Instructor in Audiology at the University of Missouri in 1978. Since then, she has served as a consultant to the Missouri Department of



of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and has been the Assistant Director of Special Education for DESE, Special Education Coordinator at Raytown Schools, and Director of Missouri Assistive Technology. She currently serves as Policy Coordinator for the Missouri Council of Administrators of Special Education and Project/Policy Coordinator for the Association of Assistive Technology Act Programs.

Through the years, Dr. Golden has given over 80 professional presentations and has been published over 30 times in professional journals, manuals, and periodicals, including the Encyclopedia of Clinical Neuropsychology, The Journal of Special Education Technology, and Assistive Technology Quarterly. She has also drafted bill language and was instrumental in passing a variety of pieces of legislation that have benefitted Missourians with disabilities. Among these have been a statute requiring newborn hearing screening, the elimination of sales tax on hearing aids and other communication devices, and a statute that made Missouri the first state to provide adaptive telephones and computer equipment to individuals with disabilities. Dr. Golden has provided testimony at Congressional hearings regarding accessible voting equipment and provisions for individuals with disabilities to vote privately and independently.

Dr. Golden has received dozens of state and national appointments. She currently serves on the Voting System Assessment Project Technical Advisory Committee for Los Angeles County and on the National Center on Accessible Instructional Materials Advisory Committee for the U.S. Department of Education. Past appointments have included the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, the Missouri Advisory Commission for Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists, and the Technical Guidelines Development Committee for the Help America Vote Act. Among her many honors are the Harrie M. Selznick Award from the Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE), the Missouri CASE Distinguished Service Award, the Missouri Academy of Audiology President's Award, and the Missouri Council of the Blind Outstanding Achievement Award.

***Inducted in Smith-Cotton Academic Hall of Fame, 2013***