Prestigious “Friends of Vision” Award

Dr. Kari Chiasson, Associate Professor and Graduate Director of Early Childhood Special Education and Visual Impairment in UND’s College of Education and Human Development, was recently awarded the “Friends of Vision” award by the Dakotas chapter of the Association for Education and Rehabilitation (AER) for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Dr. Chiasson was nominated for the award as a result of her service to the state of North Dakota in her lengthy career in vision impairment. As one nominee stated, “She has never stopped working to provide appropriate services for the visually impaired in her many roles in North Dakota.”

Employed as a professor at UND since 2004, “Kari has tirelessly worked with current and future teachers of the visually impaired, to make sure they are ready to face the challenges they will encounter. During a time when teacher education programs for visual impairment were going under, Kari worked with others in the field to make sure that UND’s program met all the standards to keep it up and running. She has influenced students from around the United States and Canada.”