

“There is no more difficult art to acquire than the art of observation, and for some men it is quite as difficult to record an observation in brief and plain language.”

- Sir William Osler

Hi Everyone

This month's pay-it-forward honor goes to Emmett Francoeur. Wonderful choice and well-written acknowledgment.

Have a great weekend everyone

Michael

In Developmental Pediatrics, we pride ourselves on the constancy of our inter-professional practice. We know however that we succeed in this only with the help of our collaborators in the Allied Health Services. That is why I am nominating **Dr. Caroline Erdos** from Speech and Language Therapy for this week's Departmental Acknowledgment.

Caroline epitomizes the gentle, kind, compassionate therapist we all come to expect from our rehab colleagues. She however takes this partnership to another level by simultaneously bringing her tough analytic skills to every patient evaluation. She is as hard on herself as she is on her fellow professionals as her “bear-trap” mind lets no one away with loose thinking or flippant generalizations. Almost always this leads to new insights for the trainees and her fellow staff but most importantly fleshes out recommendations for the child's school or daycare, leading to a more substantive and high-quality report for our little patients.

These abilities did not arrive haphazardly. Caroline received her Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology from McGill in 2011 with a thesis entitled “Predicting language and literacy outcomes of typically-developing and at-risk English-speaking elementary students in French Immersion programs”. This culturally rich field of study speaks directly to so many problems presented by our clientele in the Child Development Program and therefore enhances our consultations in children with learning disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, and Early Developmental Impairment. Her research background will hopefully bring a whole new dimension to the clinical development of all in the Allied Health Services. Her commitment to sharing her knowledge in School Commissions around Montreal brings prestige to the Montreal Children's Hospital.

The “cherry on top” is that Caroline is a delight to work with and is well-loved by her patients and colleagues.