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AMMC'S BRANTLEY RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FROM ASU

PARAGOULD, AR Shanon Brantley, a speech-language pathologist at Arkansas Methodist Medical Center (AMMC) and an adjunct professor at Arkansas State University (ASU) was recently presented with the Jane H. LeBlanc Distinguished Alumnus Award. She was honored for her continued service in the education of upcoming speech-language pathologists, for teaching the graduate level dysphagia (difficulty or pain swallowing) course at ASU and for providing clinical supervision. In addition, Brantley was recognized for frequently exceeding the number of required continuing education hours in advanced speech therapy coursework and maintaining certifications and training in the most up-to-date approaches and techniques in treating speech therapy disorders.

“Receiving this award from ASU was a huge honor,” Brantley said. “I’ve always kept ASU close to my heart and have a lot of great memories of ASU. It’s the greatest honor.”

Richard Neely, Ph.D. and department chair presented the award named in honor of Leblanc, an audiologist and lifetime member of the National Speech-Language Hearing Association, to Brantley, at the second annual Jane H. LeBlanc Conference in Communications Disorders held in Jonesboro.

Brantley holds a master’s degree in communications disorders from ASU and received her bachelor of science education from ASU in 1997.

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At AMMC, Brantley evaluates and treats voice, swallowing, cognition and speech-language disorders.

A Jonesboro native, she has been married to her husband Larry for 16 years. They have two children.

A recognized healthcare leader, Arkansas Methodist Medical Center in Paragould is a state-of-the-art nonprofit institution providing world-class medical services and compassionate care to residents throughout the Northeast Arkansas and Southeast Missouri region. Additional information about AMMC is available at: www.arkansasmethodist.org.