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Certified Occupational Therapist Wins Prestigious NBCOT Impact Award

Gaithersburg, MD: The National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, Inc. (NBCOT®) announces that Michael Ang, OTD, OTR/L, CNS, CBIS, HTC, PAM, SWC, CKTP, CAPS, a certified occupational therapist from Pasadena, CA, has won the 2020 NBCOT Impact Award. This award recognizes certified occupational therapy (OT) practitioners who demonstrate exceptional professional commitment through their dedication, hard work, and outstanding OT skills to improve their clients' overall life satisfaction.

Michael's colleague, Rose Manansala, a physical therapist, nominated him for the award because of his "burning desire to make sure his clients aspire for things that are improbable." Rose witnessed firsthand Michael's incredible creativity and ingenuity in making one client's goal a reality. The client, who was recovering from a brain injury, said he wanted "to fly a plane." The complexity of the goal was undeniable, but Michael's professional expertise and commitment to client-centered care drove him to provide his client a life worth living. Michael designed, constructed, and implemented a series of simulated airplane systems for the client to use during OT sessions. The client thrived during the therapy sessions and after discharge from OT, he finally achieved his goal. One day, the client called and said, "I flew an airplane. Thank you, Michael."

Michael earned his national OT certification in 2009. He is an associate professor for the master's and doctoral OT programs at West Coast University. He created the Outpatient Occupational Therapy Program at St. Vincent Medical Center in Los Angeles and developed the Certified Neuro Specialist continuing education course. He has advanced practice certifications in neurorehabilitation, hand therapy, physical agent modalities, and swallowing interventions, and is a certified neuro specialist.

For more information about the NBCOT Impact Award, visit <https://www.nbcot.org/awards>.

About NBCOT

The National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, Inc. (NBCOT®) is a national not-for-profit organization that provides certification to over 180,000 occupational therapy professionals. NBCOT develops, administers, and continually reviews its certification process based on current and valid standards that provide reliable indicators of competence of occupational therapy practice. Above all else, our mission is to serve the public interest. Initial certification from NBCOT is a requirement for licensure in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico. We also work with state regulators and employers to provide information on credentials, professional conduct, and regulatory issues. NBCOT's certification programs have received and maintained accreditation from the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).

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