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Dear David and VASP members

What a wonderful surprise to receive your Lifetime Achievement Award. I feel much honored to have received this award from the organization that has meant so much to me throughout my career as a School Psychologist and researcher. I wish I had been able to be there at the VASP Spring meeting to thank you all in person. I was also very flattered that you nominated me for the NASP Lifetime Achievement Award, and at the same time, felt that the recipient of that award, Patti Harrison, was very deserving. As a nominee for the NASP award, I was certainly in good company. I will proudly display my VASP award in my new office at home in Colorado.

My husband, Stewart, and I are settling down into our new life in Colorado. We are both obsessed with remodeling a home in Carbondale (which is about 40 miles from Aspen). The house was pretty much gutted and is now being rebuilt with some additions. If we had known how much was involved, and how many decisions would be necessary, we might have chickened out, but in the end it should be quite nice. It is located on a pond that feeds into several streams for flyfishing right out the back door. We are also close to hiking and skiing and other outdoor activities. Carbondale is a nice small town that reminds me of Shelburne with a western flair. My son, David and his wife and two grandchildren (Owen, 9 and Skye, 6), live about 10 miles away in Glenwood Springs. They were the main impetus for the move to Colorado. It is good to know now that Stewart and I will be part of the lives of our grandchildren as they grow up. And of course, their mom and dad love the frequent free babysitting. So far, no behavior contracts have been necessary for either child and we have not completed any ASEBA forms on them!

I am now retired as Research Professor Emerita at the University of Vermont, but am continuing to work part-time with Tom Achenbach and the Research Center staff. I just completed a manuscript for the second edition of my book, *Clinical Interviews for Children and Adolescents*, which will be published by Guilford Press this fall. You should be able to see it at the Guilford booth at NASP in Seattle. David Ritter and I are also going to write a revision of our chapter on multidimensional assessment of emotional and behavioral disorders for NASP's forthcoming *Best Practice in School Psychology VI*. So I am continuing to keep busy with school psychology writing interspersed with fun in the great outdoors.

I wish you all a happy relaxing summer and again thank you all for the honor you have bestowed upon me. I do miss our VASP meetings and the wonderful collegiality of our special group. I hope I will see at least some of you at NASP next February. If you are ever in our part of Colorado, please do look us up.

Sincerely,

Stephanie