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## **Ann Rancourt and Rachel Stevens selected for Hamilton Relay 2018 Better Hearing and Speech Month Recognition Award for the District of Columbia**

Hamilton Relay and the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia are proud to honor Ann Rancourt and Rachel Stevens as the 2018 Better Hearing and Speech Month Recognition Award winners for the District of Columbia. Today, honorees received their award at a ceremony and reception hosted by Hamilton at the Public Service Commission.

Recognizing a need, Ann Rancourt and Rachel Stevens co-founded Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) Young Professionals. Their goal is to provide opportunities for young professionals with hearing loss to get together to share their struggles as well as successes in living with hearing loss. HLAA Young Professionals meet monthly and participate in a variety of activities including happy hours, attending sporting events, movies and museum visits. Since its inception in January 2017, the group continues to increase in membership, expanding opportunities for interaction, providing a vibrant environment in which to socialize, support and share with one another.

“I am proud of our work in conjunction with Hamilton Relay and the honorees to ensure that telecommunications services in particular are accessible to all,” said Betty Ann Kane, Chairman of the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia. “The mission of the Public Service Commission is to ensure that utility services are provided to all in a non-discriminatory basis.”

### **About Hamilton Relay**

Hamilton Relay provides contracted Traditional Relay and Captioned Telephone services through 24 contracts to 18 states, the District of Columbia and the Island of Saipan, and is a provider of Internet-based Captioned Telephone services nationwide. More information is available at [www.hamiltonrelay.com](http://www.hamiltonrelay.com).

### **About Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia**

The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia is an independent agency established by Congress in 1913 to regulate electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies in the District of Columbia.

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