

**Daniel E. Williams, Ph.D., ABPP, ABPBC**  
**2019 Lifetime Achievement Award - Acceptance Speech**

I would like to say that I subscribe to that old adage, “brevity is the “soul” of wit”,

I would also like to say that unlike Joe (Coyne), Jesuits were not the major influence in my life, rather the Vincentians (St. John’s University) and Maryknoll (Nuns in Elementary school) were major influences in my development.

I am humbled and thrilled that the New Jersey Psychological Association presented me with this prestigious honor, for which I am most grateful.

I would also like to acknowledge the support and encouragement that I have always received from my wife of 62 years. Last, but not least, I owe a special thank you to my daughter, Dr. Denise Johnson who has always supported me and who nominated me for this award.

To be honored by an organization with the stature and reputation of NJPA is one of the superlatives of my life. NJPA is recognized by the American Psychological Association as one of the premier state Psychological Associations. NJPA has been actively involved in improving the quality of life for the citizens of New Jersey by supporting legislation that that governs the profession.

NJPA played a major role in the formation of the Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology. It continues to support the State Board of Psychological Examiners. At this time, in order to renew their licenses, Psychologists have to complete Continuing Education courses and NJPA offers many of these courses.

NJPA also encourages “Inclusion” and “diversity” in the ranks of Psychologists in undergraduate and graduate Psychology programs. As an activist Professor of Psychology and a licensed Psychologists, this has been my agenda for the 55 years of my professional life.

s/Daniel E. Williams