



Hanger's Vice President of Prosthetics Kevin Carroll Honored with Roscrea People of the Year International Award

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Austin, Texas, January 26, 2012 – Hanger's Vice President of Prosthetics Kevin Carroll, MS, CP, FAAOP was honored with the Roscrea People of the Year International Award by *Roscrea People*, a community publication of Roscrea Co. Tipperary, Ireland. Carroll, who grew up in Roscrea, was selected for this esteemed honor for his innovative prosthetic work with amputees over his 30+ years as a practicing prosthetist, visionary researcher, and skilled educator. In the awards' 25-year history, this is only the second time the international honor has been awarded.

"The Roscrea People Awards always seek out a person who goes that extra inch or who does something extraordinary," noted George Cunningham M.Litt., FSA, the founder of the Roscrea People Awards and editor of *Roscrea People* magazine. "With Kevin's international notoriety for his work in the field of prosthetics, he was a perfect candidate. We are very proud of Kevin in this small midland town of Roscrea Co. Tipperary, and would like to show it."

Carroll is the co-developer of the patented Hanger ComfortFlex™ Socket System and the first prosthetic tail for a dolphin, the story of which debuted September 23, 2011 in a 3D feature film titled, *Dolphin Tale* starring Morgan Freeman, Ashley Judd, and Harry Connick, Jr.

"We are very proud of Kevin's dedication to advancing the field of prosthetics and enhancing human physical capability," said Hanger CEO Thomas F. Kirk. "It is thrilling to see him honored internationally, especially by a respected organization in his native Ireland."

An American Board Certified Prosthetist and a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthotics and Prosthetics, one of the highest honors of the profession, Carroll is a member of the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics, a professional advisor for the Amputee Coalition, a member of the National Association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers, and a member of the British Association of Prosthetics and Orthotics (BAPO). Born and raised in Roscrea in County Tipperary, Carroll's practice began in his native country of Ireland in 1978 at the National Medical Rehabilitation Center in Dublin. Carroll has appeared on news broadcasts such as *Dateline*, *20/20*, *CBS Early Show*, *NBC Nightly News*, *ABC's Good Morning America*, and the *Discovery Channel*.

"I am extremely honored to be selected as the recipient of this award and would like to thank *Roscrea People* and the selection committee for thinking of me so far away on the other side of the Atlantic," stated Carroll. "Although I wasn't able to receive the award in person, I was certainly there in spirit and happy my brother Gerry was able to accept on my behalf."

The Roscrea People Awards were presented January 18, 2012 at a formal gala evening in Roscrea Co. Tipperary, Ireland.

About Roscrea People – *Roscrea People* was founded by George Cunningham as a community co-operative monthly "good news" paper in November 1974. The organization uses any profit from its projects to buy books for schools, public libraries and charities, and since 1987 they have donated more than 45,000 new books. For more information, visit <http://roscreapeople.ie/magazine/>.

About Hanger Prosthetics & Orthotics – With 670+ patient care centers nationwide, the certified clinicians of Hanger Prosthetics & Orthotics provide patients with the latest in orthotic and prosthetic solutions, including microprocessor devices for those with limb loss and neuromuscular technologies for those with paralysis due to stroke, MS and other debilitating conditions. For more information, visit www.hanger.com.

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