

Professionals from throughout the Nation Selected for 2006 Awards

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NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals, selected the winners of its 2007 annual awards. The awards, meant to recognize excellence in the addiction profession, have been awarded to a diverse group.

Mel Schulstad Professional of the Year

The Mel Schulstad Professional of the Year award was created in November 1979 and is named after the first President of NAADAC. The award recognizes an individual who has made outstanding and sustained contributions to the advancement of the addiction counseling profession.

This year's recipient, Larry Ashley, EdS, LADC, CPGC, is a college professor, researcher and therapist with thirty years of experience in substance abuse and trauma. Due to his extensive clinical experience coupled with opportunities for local, national and international speaking engagements, Professor Ashley is considered to be a leading expert on post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and issues related to addictions. He has a special interest on the impact of war on soldiers world-wide. He is currently the [University of Nevada, Las Vegas](#) (UNLV), Addiction Specialist and Undergraduate Coordinator.

William F. "Bill" Callahan Award

This award is presented for sustained and meritorious service at the national level to the profession of addiction counseling.

Carol Colleran, the winner of the 2007 William F. "Bill" Callahan award, is a renowned alcohol and drug counselor, who specializes in the treatment of addictive disorders in the older adult. She is the distinguished pioneer of specialized treatment for this population and is the Director of Public Policy and National Affairs at the [Hanley Center](#) at St. Mary's in West Palm Beach, Fla. As a member of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Task Force of the National Council on Aging, she helped develop the 1999 "Engaging the Aging Services Network in Meeting Substance Abuse and Mental Health Needs of Older People." In 1988, Carol participated in a comprehensive study, "Under the Rug: Substance Abuse and the Mature

Woman," for the Center of Alcohol and Substance Abuse at Columbia University in New York, where she was a member of the advisory board. The author of two books and numerous articles, Carol has also produced videos in cooperation with The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and participated in the award winning PBS video series, "The Doctor Is In," produced by the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center.

Lora Roe Memorial Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselor of the Year

This award is presented to a counselor who has made an outstanding contribution to the profession of addiction counseling.

Maureen McGlame has worked in the addiction counseling profession for over 30 years. She was one of the first clinicians at St. Elizabeth's Comprehensive Addictions Program in Brighton (SECAP). She moved from a senior level at SECAP to founding an addictions clinic for the Family Counseling Guidance Clinic, and is currently a senior clinician at Massachusetts General Hospital's Addiction Clinic. One of her major contributions has been the founding of COASA - Children of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse - dedicated to building positive lives and opportunities for children and youth. COASA is a project of [Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps](#) - dedicated to caring for children who face some of life's greatest challenges - and an affiliate of NACOA, the National Association for Children of Alcoholics. McGlame is dedicated to helping individuals find recovery and well being for their families.

NAADAC's 2007 annual awards were presented at the NAADAC annual conference, co-hosted with the [Tennessee Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors](#) (TAADAC) and the [National Association of Lesbian and Gay Addiction Professionals](#) (NALGAP), on September 8, 2007, in Nashville, Tenn..

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