



NAADAC 2017 Advocacy in Action Reception October 1, 2017 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Welcome & Opening

Gerard Schmidt, LPC, MAC, NAADAC President &

Cynthia Moreno Tuohy, NCAC II, CDC III, SAP, NAADAC Executive Director

NAADAC Legislator of the Year Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (PA-08)

Representative Brian Fitzpatrick, from the 8th Congressional district of Pennsylvania, is being honored for his work combatting drug and opioid abuse and addiction during his first term in office, including work as a vice-chair of the Bipartisan Heroin Task Force, introduction of the Road to Recovery Act and INTERDICT Act, call to President Trump to declare the opioid crisis a national state of emergency, his work with the Congressional Addiction, Treatment, and Recovery Caucus, and his work to save Medicare and reform our healthcare system through bipartisan solutions.

NAADAC Emerging Leaders Award Metropolitan State University Alcohol and Drug Counseling Student Association (ADCSA)

The Metropolitan State University Alcohol and Drug Counseling Student Association (ADCSA) serves students at all levels through the work of enthusiastic students and advisors and has engaged in advocacy work at the campus, state, and national levels. It provides a peer support environment focusing on good communication and empowerment, enhances students' educational experiences to help promote the addiction profession, provides leadership and community service opportunities, and recruits and supports students from under-represented backgrounds. Over the past several years, ADCSA has co-sponsored oncampus Recovery Advocacy Seminars and held naloxone trainings on campus. In addition, its members have participated state public policy briefings and visited their state legislators to support such efforts as "Good Samaritan" protection, naloxone availability, funding for recovery schools and the recent Department of Human Services effort to reform the substance use disorders service delivery system.

