

NHADACA AWARDS

NHADACA Awards are presented annually at the NHADACA Annual Meeting (the 3rd Friday of November). The award recipients are nominated by the NHADACA membership and selected within the following criteria.

Counselor of the Year Award: The Counselor of the Year is a current, active member of NHADACA employed as an addiction counseling professional for not less than three years. This person works with clients/patients for a sustained period with individual or group contact to foster recovery from addictive disorders. This person demonstrates to the satisfaction of his/her peers, full compliance and support of the NAADAC Code of Ethics. Additionally, the following areas of competence and skill should be used to identify candidates for this award. The recipient demonstrates outstanding performance in some or all of the following competence areas: assessment, treatment planning, case management, communications, administrative skills, individual/group/family counseling, referral, professional relationships and professional integrity.

Thomas McTague Lifetime Achievement Award: The recipient of this award has a minimum of 15 years in the addiction counseling profession or administration. This person is making or has made a sustained and significant contribution to the advancement of addiction counseling.

Lifetime Advocacy Award: The recipient of this award has worked a minimum of 15 years in the addiction counseling profession or administration. He/She possesses a strong dedication to the addiction profession as demonstrated by his/her involvement in, and commitment to, a variety of key organizations.

Legislative Advocacy Award: The recipient of this award is currently a member in good standing of the Association and has demonstrated ongoing advocacy for issues related to the profession and or the public who may benefit from the services of the professional addiction counselor. This work may be related to protecting the rights of the client, advocating for improved access to treatment or establishing public standards of care. He/She has kept the members of the association informed on current legislative events as well as led the association in establishing a public voice in appropriate issues of concern.

Kathleen Taylor Legislator Award: This award is made to a NH legislator who has made a visible or measurable contribution to support the workforce development of the addiction profession or has supported the public's need for prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery services through advocacy.

President's Award: The President's Award is basically an opportunity to recognize the contributions of an individual or group to the addiction profession. It is presented to an individual, institution, or corporation in recognition of a long and continued commitment. It reflects the Association's appreciation for their support of the addiction profession. The recipient is identified by the President with the Executive Committee confirming the

selection. There is no requirement to present this award each year and no limit to the number of recipients in a given year. Unlike other awards, this award is given at the discretion of the President, who determines the purpose and requirements of the award. It is recommended that it be given based on achieved merits as they apply to the support or professional development of the recipient and his/her contributions to the addiction profession.

NHADACA Award Recipients

2018

Counselor of the Year Award – Chelsey Lemke
Thomas McTague Lifetime Achievement Award – Nicholas Pfeifer
President’s Award - Sharon Drake

2017

Counselor of the Year Award – Jill Burns
Thomas McTague Lifetime Achievement Award – Ray McGarty
Lifetime Advocacy Award - Al Matkowsky
Legislative Advocacy Award - Suzann Thistle
Kathleen Taylor Legislator Award - Senator Jeanne Shaheen
President’s Award - Cheryl Wilkie

2016

Counselor of the Year Award – Amy Kelley
Thomas McTague Lifetime Achievement Award – Chester Annis
Kathleen Taylor Legislator Award - Honorable Tina Nadeau
President’s Award - Peter Evers

2015

Counselor of the Year Award – Nancy Nemcovich
Thomas McTague Lifetime Achievement Award – Connie McGraw
Legislative Advocacy Award - Meredith Hamel
Kathleen Taylor Legislator Award - Rep. Molly Kelly
President’s Award - Abby Shockley

2014

Counselor of the Year Award – Barry Timmerman
Thomas McTague Lifetime Achievement Award – Elaine Davis
Lifetime Advocacy Award - Annette Escalante
Legislative Advocacy Award - Charles Bussison
Kathleen Taylor Legislator Award - Rep. Bill Butinsky
President’s Awards - Merwyn McTague and 2013-2014 Staff and Board of Directors

2013

Counselor of the Year Award – Regent Champigny
Thomas McTague Lifetime Achievement Award – David Parisi

Lifetime Advocacy Award - Jacqui Abikoff
Legislative Advocacy Award - Peter DalPra
Kathleen Taylor Legislator Award - Gov. Maggie Hassan
President's Award - Jacqui Abikoff

2012

Counselor of the Year Award – Corey Gately
Thomas McTague Lifetime Achievement Award – Amy Pepin
Lifetime Advocacy Award - Susan Latham
Legislative Advocacy Award - Peter DalPra
Kathleen Taylor Legislator Award - Sharon Carson, District 14
President's Award - Mary Dube and Rosemary Shannon

2011

Counselor of the Year Award – Fred Daggett
Thomas McTague Lifetime Achievement Award – Suzann Caldon
Lifetime Advocacy Award – Joseph Kilcullen
Kathleen Taylor Legislator Award – Charlotte Houde Quimby
President's Award – Lisa Peakes

2010

Counselor of the Year Award – Dawn Tonkin
Thomas McTague Lifetime Achievement Award – Dianne Pepin
Lifetime Advocacy Award - Lindy Keller
Legislative Advocacy Award - Jacqui Abikoff
Kathleen Taylor Legislator Award - Carol Shea-Porter
President's Award - Denise Devlin

2009

Counselor of the Year Award – Bob Dorley
Thomas McTague Lifetime Achievement Award – Lindsay Freese and posthumously to Steve Kenny
Lifetime Advocacy Award - Peter DalPra
Legislative Advocacy Award - Jacqui Abikoff
Kathleen Taylor Legislator Award - Laurie Harding
President's Award - Tricia Lucas

2008

Counselor of the Year Award – Paula Briggs
Thomas McTague Lifetime Achievement Award – Charles Bussison
Lifetime Advocacy Award - Patricia Dutton
Legislative Advocacy Award - Faces and Voices of Recovery
Kathleen Taylor Legislator Award - Ricia McMahon
President's Award - Suzann Caldon

2007

Counselor of the Year Award – Pat Tucker
Lifetime Advocacy Award - Rosemary Shannon
Legislative Advocacy Award - Peter DalPra
Kathleen Taylor Legislator Award - Suzanne Harvey
President’s Award - Lindsay Freese and Dianne Pepin

2006

Counselor of the Year Award – Tim Comings
Thomas McTague Lifetime Achievement Award – Pat Dutton and Jacqui Abikoff
Lifetime Advocacy Award - Denise Devlin
Legislative Advocacy Award - Jacqui Abikoff
President’s Award - Raymond McGarty

2005

Counselor of the Year Award – Janice Watson
Thomas McTague Lifetime Achievement Award – Dan Lennon and Estelle Accalia
Legislator Special Friends of Recovery Award - Kathleen Taylor
Legislative Advocacy Award - Peter Petulla
President’s Award to Barry Timmerman

2004

Counselor of the Year Award- Kathleen Dumont
Thomas McTague Lifetime Achievement Award – Mary Dube and posthumously to William Lovett
Legislative Advocacy Award - Mayor Bob Baines and Jacqui Abikoff

2003

Counselor of the Year Award – Joseph Kilcullen
Thomas McTague Lifetime Achievement Award – Thomas Kenney
Legislative Advocacy Award – Dover Youth to Youth
President’s Award – Amelie Gooding

2002

Counselor of the Year Award – John Colby
Thomas McTague Lifetime Achievement Award – Michael Torch
Legislative Advocacy Award - Jon Hunt, Martha Fuller Clark and FOR-NH
President’s Award – Al Matkowsky

2001

Counselor of the Year Award – Lynne Towle
Thomas McTague Lifetime Achievement Award – David Parisi and Peter Swenson
Legislative Advocacy Award – Rep Kathleen Taylor, Sen. Katie Wheeler and Sen. Lou D’Allesandro
President’s Award – Merwyn McTague

2000

Counselor of the Year Award – Melanie Otis
Thomas McTague Lifetime Achievement Award – John Ciaramella
Legislative Advocacy Award – Rep. William Leber and Sen. Ned Gordon
President’s Award – Don Boucher

1999

Counselor of the Year Award – Regis Lemire
Thomas McTague Lifetime Achievement Award – Regis McNulty
Legislative Advocacy Award – Bill Butynski
President’s Award – Tom Kinney

1998

Counselor of the Year Award – Janice Manwaring
Thomas McTague Lifetime Achievement Award – Marcel Duclos
Legislative Advocacy Award – Senator Judd Gregg
President’s Award – Laurel Buccino

Information on file is incomplete prior to 1998. If you, or someone you know, received an award between 1986 and 1998, please let us know so that we may officially acknowledge it.