

# The 2023-2024 NCDA Awards

Each year during the annual NCDA Global Career Development Conference, NCDA honors those who exemplify excellence in career development.

The following awards were presented at the 2024 NCDA Career Development Conference in San Diego, California.

For more information about the NCDA awards and winners visit: [https://www.ncda.org/aws/NCDA/pt/sp/membership\\_awards](https://www.ncda.org/aws/NCDA/pt/sp/membership_awards).



## Diversity Initiative Award

This award recognizes an individual who, through their initiatives and commitment, has demonstrated a high degree of cultural responsiveness within the domain of career related activities.

*The award goes to . . .*

### CHERYL LOVE

Dr. Love is a Career Counselor and a College Specialist for the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences; School of Education; and School of Public Policy in the University of

California, Riverside Career Center. In this role she also serves as the Liaison to the African Student Programs, the Black Student Success Initiative, Basic Needs, UCR Transfer Work Group, and the Kessler Scholar Program. Congratulations Dr. Love!

## Exemplary Career Center

This award was established to recognize career center programs for their commitment to thoughtful, innovative, and effective initiatives that support career development.

*The award for Exemplary Career Center in Education, Government, and Business goes to . . .*

### FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION (FDIC) - CAREER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The FDIC implemented the Career Management Program (CMP) in June 2000. The CMP provides career planning, counseling, coaching, career assessment, developmental programs, reference tools, workshops, and other resources to FDIC employees to assist them in reaching their full professional potential while maximizing their contribution to the Agency. The CMP is unique to the Federal government as it also provides these services to employee spouses/domestic partners and children who are age 16 and older.

## The International Practitioner of the Year Award

The NCDA International Practitioner of the Year Award recognizes one member who has made a significant contribution to the advancement of NCDA's mission in their respective country.

*The award goes to . . .*

### EFFROSYNI (SINI) PARAMPOTA

Sini Parampota is an international career guidance practitioner, researcher, and consultant based in Qatar. As the first NCDA credentialed career practitioner and FCD instructor in her country, she was instrumental in advancing best practices and building a robust career development ecosystem in the State of Qatar.



## The Presidential Awards

The Presidential Awards recognize exceptional contributions which advance the growth, reputation, and impact of NCDA.

*The awards go to . . .*

**DEB OSBORN**

**STACY VAN HORN**

**DAVID REILE**

**JULIA MAKELA**

**DEANNA KNIGHTON**

**MELINDA GIBBONS**

**MARY ANN POWELL**

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## The Merit Award

The NCDA Merit Award honors individuals who have made significant contributions to the field of career development including education and mentoring of career counseling students, development of or leadership in exemplary career programs, conducting significant

research in the field, and/or advocacy efforts to inform and persuade policy makers about career development.

*The Merit Award goes to . . .* **DIANDRA J. PRESCOD**

Dr. Prescod is an Associate Professor and Program Coordinator of Counselor Education at the University of Connecticut. Dr. Prescod's research focuses on effective career development interventions for STEM undergraduate students and underrepresented students in higher education. She has over 10 years of counseling experience, over 80 academic presentations, numerous publications in academic journals, and \$3M in external funding.



## Outstanding Career Practitioner Award

The Outstanding Career Practitioner Award recognizes practicing career counselors, consultants, or teachers for outstanding performance in day-to-day service. Each of the following areas are considered:

years of service, quality of service, and participation and leadership in career development professional associations.

*The award goes to . . .* **V. CASEY DOZIER**

Dr. V. Casey Dozier is the Program Director for Career Advising, Counseling, and Instruction at the Florida State University (FSU) Career Center, alongside her role as an Associate Teaching Professor at FSU. Dr. Dozier is also a Co-Director for the Center for the Study of Technology in Counseling and Career Development, where she fosters the integration of research, theory, and practice. Her extensive qualifications include being a Nationally Certified Counselor and Licensed Psychologist in Florida.

## Outstanding State Divisions Awards

The state division award is for exemplary programming and leadership at the state and regional level.

*The award goes to . . .*

**THE MICHIGAN CAREER DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

## NCDA Board Distinguished Service Awards

The NCDA Board Distinguished Service Awards are presented annually to outgoing NCDA Board of Directors members.

**LAKEISHA MATHEWS, Past President**

**STACY VAN HORN, Trustee 2021-24**

**DAVID FORD, JR., Trustee 2021-24**

**MARTY APODACA, Presidential Gavel 2024-25**

## Outstanding Articles of the Year

The **Career Convergence Recognition Award** recognizes an individual's contribution to the Career Convergence web magazine as determined by the editorial team. This award was presented to . . .

**Anush Hansen** for the article, *Values Clarity: Why it Matters in Career Development*. The article appeared in the August 2023 issue.

The **Career Developments Magazine Recognition Award** acknowledges the high quality of material included in the magazine each year and recognizes an individual contribution as determined by the editorial team. This award was presented to . . .

**Sheetal Patel** for the article, *ePortfolios, Folio Thinking and Design Thinking for a Lifetime of Career Skills and Navigation*. This article appeared in the Winter 2023 issue.

The **Career Development Quarterly Award** is selected by the Research Committee and this year's award was presented to . . .

**Chelsea E. Brehmer and David R. Strauser** for their article, *Community Integration as Reentry: Understanding Function, Vocational Identity, and Core Self-Evaluations*. The article appeared in the September 2023 issue.

## Legislative Award

This award was established to recognize national, state, or local legislators or practicing career counselors, consultants, or career educators for outstanding performance in career development advocacy. The award is selected by NCDA's Awards Committee in collaboration with a representative from NCDA's Government Relations Committee.

*The award goes to . . .*

**SENATOR MARGARET HASSAN**

Senator Margaret "Maggie" Hassan (D-NH) is a strong supporter of labor, education, and Veterans' issues, among others. She has introduced or co-sponsored major legislation that would help expand the American workforce and access to education. Of particular interest to NCDA members, Senator Hassan introduced a bill to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) to establish a career pathways grant program, a program that could directly benefit career development practitioners. The Senator is also on the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP), the key committee that oversees much of NCDA's policy interests. As a member of the Senate HELP Committee, Senator Hassan plays a major role in issues related to labor, education, pensions, Veterans, social security, and spending.



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