



## Southern Association for College Student Affairs

*"Providing cooperative association and professional development  
for professionals engaged in college student affairs work."*

### **SACSA Award History and Descriptions**

#### **The Melvene Draheim Hardee Award**

The Melvene Draheim Hardee Award recognizes the impact Dr. Melvene Draheim Hardee had on the student affairs profession as well as the Southern Association for College Student Affairs.

In 1958, Dr. Hardee assisted in the formation of the Department of Higher Education at Florida State University. In 1959, she became a full professor and taught full time until 1985. In those 26 years, Dr. Hardee was the primary advisor to 123 doctoral candidates and assisted many more as a committee member. She advised over 120 masters' degree students in their work. To those who studied under her, she became known as "The Mentor." Dr. Hardee served the profession as charter member of SACSA, SACSA President, and both NASPA and SACSA named their dissertation of the year in her honor.

The Melvene Draheim Hardee Award recognizes contributions to student personnel work by a member of the Association. Recognition will be for achievement in one or more of the following areas:

- Development of a model program or concept that impacts student personnel work in the Southeast.
- Significant research and/or publication.
- Providing outstanding leadership in professional organizations and/or endeavors.
- Any unique and outstanding contribution to student personnel work that calls for acceptance and acknowledgement throughout the profession.

#### **The Howard Davis Sr. Award**

The Howard Davis Sr. Award recognizes outstanding service rendered to SACSA by a member of the Association. Recognition will be for achievements in one or more of the following areas:

- Performance of duty above the expected.
- Completion of a service to the Association that reflected faithful and competent achievement.
- Development of new programs or concepts with a positive impact upon the Association.

#### **The Bobby E. Leach Award**

The Bobby E. Leach Award recognizes a student affairs professional or graduate student who has contributed significantly to the development of multicultural relations on a college or university campus.

Dr. Leach was one of the first African Americans to serve on the SACSA Board of Directors as well as the first African American to serve as president of NASPA from 1985-86. He was a proud member and leader of both professional associations. Dr. Leach was a dynamic personality and role model for many young professionals and graduate students. Dr. Leach served as associated dean of students at Wofford College, Dean of Students at Southern Methodist University and as Vice President for student Affairs at Florida State University. He was a much admired professional who left a lasting memory of excellence and commitment to the field of student affairs.

Criteria are as follows:

- Currently active in SACSA (one year minimum membership).
- Must have been significantly involved at least two years in efforts, which have contributed to improvement of multicultural relations on his/her campus.

### **The Joe Buck Service Award**

The Joe Buck Service Award recognizes the long-term membership and service of Dr. Joseph A. Buck, Vice President for Student Affairs at Armstrong Atlantic State University to the Southern Association for College Student Affairs. Dr. Buck currently serves as SACSA's inaugural Executive Director, a position for which he has volunteered since 2001. Prior to this role, Dr. Joe Buck has served SACSA with distinction since 1973. His accomplishments include:

- SACSA Scholar, 2003, 2002
- Local Arrangements Chair, 2000, 1990, 1980
- SACSA Foundation participant.
- H. Howard Davis, Sr. Award Recipient, 1988
- SACSA President, 1984-1985
- SACSA Historian, 1976, 1975
- Chair, By-Laws Committee, 1987, 1986
- Chair, State of Georgia, Sexual Harassment Task Force. 1988, 1987
- Chair, Consultative Services Program, 1977, 1976

The Joe Buck Service Award shall be presented to a dependable and dedicated SACSA member who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to the Association. Criteria are as follows:

- Minimum of five years of SACSA membership.
- Demonstrated record of committee service and/or leadership.
- Has not served as an elected officer.
- Has not received prior award recognition from SACSA.
- Viewed by SACSA colleagues as a role model, mentor, and unsung hero of the Association.

### **The Ted K. Miller Award for Excellence**

CAS established the **Ted K. Miller Award for Excellence** to recognize outstanding accomplishments in advancing standards of practice and quality assurance in educational programs and services in higher education.

The Ted K. Miller Award for Excellence is named in honor of Ted Miller, CAS's first president from 1979-1989, a professor emeritus of the University of Georgia and the CAS publications editor until his retirement in 2004.

The enhancement of student learning and development remains at the very core of the mission of the Council for the Advancement of Standards. The Ted K. Miller Award is presented by CAS member associations to an individual based on the following criteria:

- Outstanding leadership or creative initiative are exhibited in the promotion of standards in higher education, and/or in the field of student learning and development.
- Significant publications and/or other professional activities have been accomplished in the field of standards, their application, and relevant assessment of student learning and development.

- CAS standards are reflected and the goals of CAS are promoted in publications and in facilitated assessment activities, and are significantly included in their work and/or through professional activities.