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CCAPS Lifetime Achievement Award

Louise Douce, Ph.D.

2004 Recipient

Louise Douce completed her doctoral degree and internship at the University of Minnesota. She has been at the Ohio State University for 27 years, serving first as a psychologist, then as training director, and has been the director since 1987. She has also been an adjunct faculty member since 1981. Dr. Douce has made incredible long lasting contributions to the field in many areas – through her service to professional organizations, through her scholarly work publishing and presenting research, and through her professional mentoring. With outstanding contributions in each of these areas, her influences touch almost all professionals in the field in one way or another. Dr. Douce has held positions of leadership in APA Division 17 (Society of Counseling Psychology), ACCTA (Association of Counseling Center Training Agencies), AUCCCD (Association of University and College Counseling Center Directors), and ACPA. As part of ACPA she helped create the vision to develop the Standing Committee on LGBT Affairs, which celebrates its 20th anniversary this year. Even outside of ACPA, Louise has proven to be a leader in the area of LGBT issues; both as a noted scholar in the area and as a mentor to many new professionals.

Her record of publications and presentations is voluminous and she continues to be a leader in the field, recently testifying to Congress about college student mental health issues in support of the Garret Lee Smith Memorial Act. Louise has received numerous awards, including:

Public Service Award, presented by Standing Committee for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Awareness of American College Personnel Association, 1990.

Founders' Award for dedication, perseverance and commitment to the advancement of women in higher education 1975-1995. Presented by Women's Student Services, Office of Student Life, The Ohio State University

John D. Black Award, 2001, for outstanding achievement in the practice of counseling psychology

Woman of the Year 2001, Division 17 Section for the Advancement of Women

Distinguished Service Award, 2002. The Academy of Counseling Psychology.

Lifetime Achievement Award. Association of University and College Counseling Center Directors, AUCCCD.

Phillip A. Tripp Distinguished Service Award, 2004. Ohio College Personnel Association, OCPA/ACPA

Dr. Douce also stands out even in light of all these accomplishments because of her passion for mentoring. Many speak of her mentoring and training as being paramount to their professional development, describing her approach to training as having a focus and intensity that was profoundly challenging and deeply supportive.

Louise effectively engages in both a personal way and on a global level effecting change and growth. As one of her nominating letters asserts, "I have been inspired by Louise's clinical and supervisory acumen, her ability to quickly and articulately identify problems and creatively solve them and her ability to facilitate positive change and build

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bridges in our communities. And, I have been deeply touched by her humanity, her accessibility, and her spirit. Louise puts her heart and soul into her life's work and moves others to do the same." This sentiment is shared by many and highlights the very reason why Dr. Douce is definitely worthy of this lifetime achievement award.

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