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2008 CCAPS Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr. Steve Brown

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The CCAPS Lifetime Achievement Award honors and rewards the exemplary achievements of an individual's significant and continuous contributions to the field of college and university counseling and psychological services. This award recognizes the depth and breadth of an individual's impact on the profession of university and college counseling and psychological services and the sustained contribution to the profession over time. The recipient must be a member of CCAPS who has received the highest degree more than 20 years prior to nomination.

Since his graduation from Oklahoma State University in 1984 with a Ph.D. in counseling psychology through his 20+ years at the former Counseling and Testing

Center at the University of Georgia (including 14 years as director there) to his current position as director at the East Tennessee State University Counseling Center, Steve Brown has exemplified dedicated service to university students and leadership in the field of college mental health. Steve's myriad publications, presentations and consultations have contributed significantly to the areas of career counseling, values clarification, ethics, working with impaired professionals, couples counseling and leadership of college counseling centers. He has also been a long time site visitor for IACS and in that role has provided guidance to counseling centers across the country. As well, Steve has served as president of the Association of University and College Counseling Center Directors (AUCCCD) as well as on the AUCCCD executive council, steering committee and hosted the 1991 AUCCCD conference. More recently, Steve was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by AUCCCD last year. Steve has also been honored as the past recipient of the American College Counseling Association Meritorious Service Award and the Georgia College Counseling Association Advocacy for College Counseling Award.

Most significant are Steve's contributions to the Commission for Counseling and Psychological Services (CCAPS) of ACPA. As a longtime and dedicated member of CCAPS, Steve has been responsible for mentoring new professionals into the Commission through encouraging early involvement and connection with CCAPS. In terms of his service in CCAPS, Steve has served as directorate body member, Convention Program Chair and host for the 75th Annual Convention, and past Commission Chair. In fact, Steve served a record of two consecutive terms as Chair during the critical restructuring years of the Association and was influential in making the commission what it is today.

In sum, many wonderful, positive descriptors could be used to describe Dr. Steve Brown—there are far too many to list here....but some which seem to emerge often include: boundless energy and vibrancy, selfless commitment to the welfare of others, respected mentor and colleague, commitment to his values (most notably, social justice), shared decision making, respect for all and a respected mentor, and a wonderful, healthy sense of fun. Therefore, it is my privilege and honor to award the 2008 CCAPS Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. Steve Brown.

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