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## CCAPS Award for Outstanding Lifetime Achievement

**Thomas M. Magoon, Ph.D.**

**2003 Recipient**

Thomas M. Magoon was born in Lancaster, New Hampshire in 1922. Like many New Englanders, he developed a passion for ice hockey, which remains to this day. He enrolled in Dartmouth College in 1940 and graduated in 1947 with degrees in psychology and education following a stint in the army during World War II. He then worked as a psychology instructor at Colgate University before pursuing a graduate degree in counseling psychology at the University of Minnesota. His Minnesota training in "dust bowl empiricism" helped him become one of the foremost researchers in the counseling field.

In 1955, Dr. Magoon joined the staff of the University of Maryland Counseling Center, and in 1960 was named Director, a position he held until 1988. Tom also joined the faculty at Maryland and was involved in both the Counseling and Personnel Services Department and the Department of Psychology. He maintained a half-time appointment in the academic departments and was active in both Counseling Psychology and College Student Personnel. Tom is currently Professor Emeritus in both departments as well as Director Emeritus at the Counseling Center. The Counseling and Personnel Services Department honors Tom annually at this convention by bestowing the Thomas M. Magoon Distinguished Alumnus award to a department graduate who has exemplified Tom's spirit of achievement and innovation.

Perhaps "innovation" is the word that best describes Tom Magoon. Aside from developing the "Innovations in Counseling" program that has become a standard at ACPA since the early 1960's, and in some sense literally "writing the book" on the subject with his 1964 manuscript, Tom's career has been a search for, and the implementation of, novel ideas. Among these innovations is the establishment in 1962 of the National Counseling Center Data Bank, an annual survey of counseling center directors, asking for, among other things, innovative and novel programs and activities. Tom also was responsible in the late 50's for forming the American Board of Professional Standards in Vocational Counseling, an organization which later became the International Association of Counseling Services (IACS). Other innovations include "alternative treatment modes" (counseling beyond the one-to-one), campus outreach and consultation (or, as he called it, "upstream from the counseling center"), and the development of a uniquely structured counseling center. Tom recognized students' need for services beyond the psychological and vocational before many of his colleagues. The result was his overseeing the development of a counseling center that now includes a Learning Assistance Service, a Disability Support Service, a Testing and Research Unit, and a Parent Consultation and Child Evaluation Service.

Tom has also provided exemplary service in national organizations and won many awards in the counseling and psychology fields. Among his many honors has been the

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Outstanding Psychologist Award from the Maryland Psychological Association, the ACPA Professional Service Award, the Leona Tyler Award from Division 17 of the American Psychological Association, and he was an ACPA Diamond Honoree in 1999.

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