



Texas Association for College Admission Counseling

Enacted in 1987, the status of Honorary Lifetime Membership was established by the Executive Board to recognize inspired leadership and extraordinary service to students in the college admission process.

Our honoree would not be recognized with tonight's TACAC Honorary Lifetime Member Award had she not accumulated what our profession would recognize as a requisite, sterling resume of professional leadership, service, and excellence. That alone makes her a shoe-in for this award, but that alone fails to recognize her most remarkable traits—integrity and faith. Our footprints tend to be small if we do not open our eyes to the power of integrity in all we do and do not open our hearts to the fulfillment of placing others ahead of ourselves.

There isn't a person within the admissions profession in the State of Texas who hasn't been positively influenced and mentored by tonight's recipient. Nor is there a person in the profession more loved. Our honoree's counseling and admission flock is now a legion of good, ethical, and fun-loving people scattered across our good, ethical and fun-loving field, all doing their best to benefit students and consequently the world. All of them can remember some key piece of advice from our recipient, and none of them would be as effective had they not known her. In an industry where one can easily get lost in numbers, our honoree constantly reminds us that these numbers are actually people and that we are in the business of positively changing lives. Just as she's changed all of ours.

Tonight's Honorary Lifetime Member was, in fact, a founding member of TACAC in 1979. We can't possibly enumerate all of the honors that she has received both in Texas and nationally, but her recent appointment as a Trustee for the College Board attests to her exemplary career. While our honoree is a peerless professional, her ultimate strength is that she genuinely loves those around her. I have experienced that support myself, and it is my great personal and professional honor to celebrate **Nan Davis**.