

ACM Celebrates Frontline Heroes in Substance Use Disorder Crisis

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As part of National Recovery Month, Allegany College of Maryland's Human Service Associate Program will host a **Frontline Heroes: Celebrating Area Addiction Professionals** program on Thurs., Sept. 27, 2018 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Held in the Dr. W. Ardell Haines Student Lounge at ACM's College Center, the program honors area addiction professionals and gives special recognition to seven Allegany College of Maryland Human Service program alumni. Current professionals in addictions counseling, prevention and treatment are encouraged to attend and be recognized.

"We know that prevention works, treatment is effective and people do recover – thanks in part to the thousands of addictions professionals who go unrecognized for their contributions," explained Professor Cherie Snyder, ACM's Human Service Associate Program director. "We believe this is the first event of its kind in our area."

The event will begin with a light reception followed by awards ceremony and remarks from 2018 ACM Human Service Graduate Stefan Keiser. Keiser is an addiction counselor and person in recovery whose inspiring story is a tribute to those working in the field. All are welcome to attend.

Honorees include seven alumni:

- **Annette Clark, '00**, MS Human Services, Assistant Professor in Human Service Program/Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor at the Allegany College of Maryland with 15 years of service in addictions;
- **Chris Delaney, '79**, BS in Business Administration, Program Director of Behavioral Health Prevention/Certified Associate Counselor at the Allegany County Health Department with 32 years of service in addictions;

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- **Maggie Gatian, '04**, Certified Supervised Counselor at the Cumberland Treatment Center with 13 years of service in addictions;
- **Karl Glocker, '07**, MSW, LCSW-C at the Potomac Behavior and Occupational Therapy with 14 years of service in addictions;
- **Chris Hoppert, '97**, Drug Abuse Treatment Specialist at the Federal Correctional Institute with 15 years of service in addictions;
- **Theresa Sutherland, '13**, Certified Supervised Counselor at the Joseph S. Massie Unit with 25 years of service in addictions; and
- **Les Walker, '92**, Mental Health Associate at the Allegany County Health Department with 32 years of service.

“For over 30 years, ACM’s Human Service Associate Degree program has prepared entry-level addictions counselors and professionals for difficult but essential positions in our community. Through this event, the College recognizes alumni who are long-time rock stars in area prevention, treatment and recovery programs,” added Snyder.

Recovery Month is an annual celebration sponsored each September by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). National Addiction Professionals Day, celebrated on September 20, 2018, was started by the National Association for Addiction Professionals in 1992 to commemorate the hard work that addiction professionals do on a daily basis.

For more information about ACM’s Frontline Heroes event or its addictions counseling coursework, call 301-784-5556 or visit allegany.edu/humanservice .

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