



2026

*31st Annual  
Completion Ceremony*

**May 14, 2026**

*Academic Programs in Addiction  
Prevention, Treatment, & Recovery Services*

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***Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technologies***

University of Nevada, Reno  
School of Public Health

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# Run of Show

## Master of Ceremonies

**Terra Hamblin, MA, NCC, BC-TMH**  
Academic Program Manager, CASAT

## Remarks

**Karla Wagner, PhD**  
UNR Foundation Professor,  
Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs

**Nancy A. Roget, MS**  
Former CASAT Executive Director

**Jennifer Ross, PhD, MFT**  
Senior Project Manager Workforce Development  
Director Community Behavioral Health  
Collaborative, CASAT

## Awards of Honor

*Meri S. Shadley*  
*Community Partners*

*Gary L. Fisher from*  
*Scholarship to Service*

## Presentation of Candidates

## Closing Remarks

## Recipients:

**Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows**  
Accepting: Anne Garlow, Director of Family Services

**Rich Shannon, MA, LMFT, LCADC, NCC**  
Owner/private practice: Rich Shannon Therapy

## CASAT Instructors

## Master of Ceremonies

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Adaobi Anakwe

Adrienne Renwick

Alyson Mullen

Amy Shanahan

Anne-Elizabeth Northan

Ashley Darby

Clare Fite

Danica Pierce

Denise Quirk

Erik Schoen

Heather Haslum

Jennifer Leach

James Von Busch

Jordan Baez

Joshua Dickson

Kaitlyn Witt

Kevin Quint

Lauren McCarthy Gough

Leigh Tenkku Lepper

Marcia Baker

Mary Minten

Maryellen Evers

Sandra Lowery

Scott Reiner

Stephanie Asteriadis Pyle

Taylor Tremayne

Temoca Dixon

T. Daniel Fred

Teresa Sacks

Wendy Woods

## *Inspiration from Special Guests*

*"At Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows we strive to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens!"*

*—Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows*

*"Awareness creates opportunity for change."*

*—Unknown* Quote selected by awardee, Rich Shannon

# Candidates for Program Completion

## Advanced Certificate in Addiction Treatment and Prevention Services

Moses Achoka	Jennifer Howell (Fialho)	Lauren Pagni
Tiffany Bacon	Desiree Melton	Maite Smith
Karina Blasing	Kathryn Padmos	

## Undergraduate Practicum in Addiction Treatment or Prevention Services

John "Garrett" Horne	Alaina Bernadette Poell Nunez	Kyra Irene Whybrew
Yahaira Natali Magana-Vizcaino	Alexandra Blake O'Connor	Jasmine Wong-Fortunato
Kenyon Taylor Moore	Elizabeth Blair Spaulding	
Gabriella Marie Nash	Hahle Taylor	

## Peer Support Specialist in Behavioral Health Undergraduate Certificate

Sapphire Cook	Emily Hart	Michael Perkins
Jessica Copeland	Roxanne Kumar	
Brad Francis	Nicolas Maldonado	

## Minor in Addiction Treatment Services / Undergraduate Certificate

Conor Anderson	Kendra Gregg	Matthew Polley*
Ke'Niyah Angelo	Andrea Gregory	Adella Puentes*
John Apodaca*	Jamie Hatfield*	Angelina Quesada*
Isabella Berry	Tyler Hockersmith	Ashley Ramirez
Abigail Braik	Abby Huel	Miguel Ramos*
Alexandra Camp	Rita Imus*	Tanner Ridenour
Jane Carbajal Infante	Joby Mae Jimenez	Debra Ridgeway
Nevaeh Castillo	Adriana Kazzouh	Heather Rocke Tabatt*
Isabel Cervantes	Madison Kirkpatrick	Leelah Rohrback
Kendall Collins	Karlye Lenihan	Courtney Rouse
Daniella Cristando	Yahaira Magana Vizcaino	Jackson Sayre*
Delilah De Jesus Sanchez	Hannah Mardock	Thomas Shumway
Jocelyn De La Torre	Crystal Marquez Orozco	Aedre Soderberg
Karissa DePaola	Nichole McDermott*	Darla Stephens-Boscarello*
Ashley Dillon	Hunter McDuffie	Kayla Sullivan
Sophie Eigenman	Crystle McEntire	Hahle Taylor
Ashira Estrada	Natalia Mendoza	Alicia Thomas
Nimra Fawad	Mekhi Mercer*	Leeza Torres
Holden Feest	Abigail Michaud	Leah Turner
Diana Flores*	Kenyon Moore	Bailey Welsh
Drew Fong	Luis Moreno	Casamaro White
Jaylin Ford	Shylee Moxey	Fiona White
Jeremiah Fred	Gabriella Nash	Kyra Whybrew
Olivia Funderburk	Alaina Nunez	Guadel Wilson*
Adrianna Gamez Diaz	Stephen Ordorica	Jasmine Wong-Fortunato
Genesis Garcia	Austin Ormonde	Ashley Wozniak
Skylar Geck	Rachel Pagano	Kelsey Wyman
Sierra Gerhard	Marissa Phillips	Hannah Zirnis
Marina Giovannetti	Makenzie Pina	
Chesnee Grant	Jacob Pitts	

\*Candidates for an Undergraduate Certificate

### CASAT Completions: 1995 – 2026

Master's Degree with Specialization .....	45	Undergraduate Minor/Certificate .....	2,242
Advanced Graduate Certificate .....	99	Peer Support Specialist Certificate .....	90
Undergraduate Practicum .....	438		

**Total: 2,914**

## *Support our Students*

### **Nancy A. Roget Scholarship Endowment for Behavioral Health Workforce Academic Programs**

Donations to the scholarship support students pursuing academic pathways dedicated to substance use prevention, treatment, recovery, and behavioral health services. Your donation will help students achieve their educational goals and serve individuals and families impacted by substance use disorders.

*To donate, scan the QR Code below:*



*"For more than three decades, CASAT has prepared dedicated behavioral health professionals as they strengthen care in Nevada and communities across the country. Their work is felt every day in the lives of individuals and families they serve. Building on this impact, the Nancy A. Roget Scholarship for Behavioral Workforce Academic Programs will help carry this work forward by supporting future graduates as they continue to grow, lead and expand care for those affected by substance use disorders."*

*- School of Public Health Dean Muge Akpınar-Elci*

## *Special Thanks, Debbie L. Leone*

For more than 20 years, Debbie Leone has been one of those people that every program quietly depends on and deeply appreciates.

Debbie's story with CASAT began in March 2005 with two short consecutive contracts providing administrative support to our staff. What started as a short-term commitment quickly became something much greater. By 2010, Debbie had moved into supporting CASAT's academic program, becoming an integral part of building and sustaining it as it grew.

She brought warmth to the work that others might have treated as routine. She showed up reliably, communicated thoughtfully, and treated every person she worked with, whether a student worker or a senior colleague, with genuine respect. That kind of presence is harder to find than it sounds, and it shaped the culture of our programs in ways we may not always have said out loud.

Debbie contributed to CASAT Academic's growth not through grand gestures, but through years of steady, skilled, behind-the-scenes effort. She helped build something lasting, and the infrastructure and relationships she supported are part of what allowed our programs to thrive.

Thank you, Debbie, for your 20+ years of dedication, your professionalism, and the quiet but meaningful difference you made every single day. CASAT is better for having you, and we are deeply grateful.

*-Thank you!*



# *2025-2026*

## *Practicum and Service-Learning Community Partners*

*Boys & Girls Club of  
Truckee Meadows*

*Bristlecone*

*Carson Tahoe Health  
BHS*

*Catholic Charities of  
Northern Nevada*

*Community Counseling  
Center*

*Food Bank of Northern  
Nevada*

*Join Together Northern  
Nevada (JTNN)*

*Life Change Inc*

*Mallory Crisis  
Stabilization Center*

*National Alliance on  
Mental Illness Northern  
Nevada*

*Nevada Department of  
Veteran Services*

*Nevada's Recovery and  
Prevention (NRAP)*

*Northern Nevada HOPES*

*Northern Nevada Youth  
Empowerment Program  
(NYEP)*

*Quest Counseling  
and Consulting*

*Ridge House*

*Safe Embrace*

*Step 1 Recovery*

*STEP2*

*The Empowerment  
Center*

*The Life Change Center*

*Vitality Unlimited*

*Volunteers of America*

*Wake Up Nevada*

*Willow Springs Center*

*Thank  
you!*